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**THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION RACE**  
 October 12-16, 2007

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani maintains his status as the most-preferred nominee among Republican primary voters nationwide. Former Senator Fred Thompson remains in second, slightly further behind Giuliani now than last month, and Senator John McCain's support is holding steady in third. Mike Huckabee, included in the choices in this poll for the first time, gets 4%.

**REPUBLICAN CHOICE FOR THE NOMINATION**

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

	Now	9/07	8/07	7/07
Giuliani	29%	27%	38%	33%
Thompson	21	22	18	25
McCain	18	18	12	15
Romney	12	14	13	8
Huckabee	4	--	--	--

Giuliani leads among moderate primary voters, while Thompson leads among white evangelicals, a key GOP voting bloc. Among conservatives, Giuliani and Thompson are neck and neck at 24% each. McCain runs second among moderates behind Giuliani, and third among conservatives and white evangelicals.

**KEY GROUPS: WHERE THE RACE STANDS**

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

	All	Conservs.	Moderates	White Evangelicals
Giuliani	29%	24%	32%	26%
Thompson	21	24	18	29
McCain	18	16	23	15
Romney	12	14	10	7
Huckabee	4	5	2	6

However, Giuliani's backers have growing reservations about their candidate. Today six in ten of his backers like him but have their doubts; in August more described their support as strongly in favor of him.

**STRENGTH OF CANDIDATE SUPPORT**

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

	Giuliani supporters		All GOP voters	
	Now	8/07	Now	8/07
Strongly favor	30%	47%	40%	47%
Have reservations	60	45	50	43
Dislike others	7	7	7	8

27% of Republican primary voters would definitely vote for Giuliani in the general election in 2008 if he became the Republican Party's presidential nominee, while 11% say they definitely will not vote for him. Among white evangelicals, those who say they would definitely vote for him (18%) are fewer than those who say they definitely would not (22%). Most voters - including most Republican primary voters and most white evangelicals - say they would either consider voting for him or that it is too early to say.

**IF GIULIANI WON THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION, WOULD YOU...?**

(Among registered voters)

	All voters	GOP prim voters	White Evangelicals
Definitely vote for him	10%	27%	18%
Consider voting for him	26	36	27
Definitely not vote for him	29	11	22
Too early to say	34	26	32

18% of Democrats would at least consider voting for Giuliani, while most of them, 51%, definitely would not. 33% of Independents would at least consider voting for him. Only 24% of Independents definitely would not.

All the major candidates for the Republican nomination are seen positively by Republican primary voters, although Giuliani is the only one with a net favorable rating from registered voters overall. Many voters have yet to make up their minds, particularly when it comes to Thompson, Romney, and Huckabee.

**ASSESSING THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES**

(Among registered voters)

	All	GOP Prim voters
Giuliani: Favorable	35%	48%
Not favorable	27	20
Undecided/DK	37	32
McCain: Favorable	27%	37%
Not favorable	28	22
Undecided/DK	44	41
Romney: Favorable	13%	28%
Not favorable	22	16
Undecided/DK	63	56
Thompson: Favorable	16%	32%
Not favorable	18	11
Undecided/DK	65	56
Huckabee: Favorable	7%	12%
Not favorable	10	9
Undecided/DK	82	79

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This poll was conducted among a random sample of 1282 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone October 12-16, 2007. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher,

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q1-21 RELEASED SEPARATELY

q22 I'm going to name some 2008 presidential candidates and ask you what you think of them. If you haven't heard much about someone I name, just tell me.  
 Is your opinion of Rudy Giuliani favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Rudy Giuliani yet to have an opinion?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				Rep.	Sep07a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Primary Voters	
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Favorable	35	45	23	37	48	33
Not favorable	27	18	38	25	20	25
Undecided	29	30	28	29	26	28
Haven't heard enough	8	7	9	10	6	14
Refused	1	0	2	0	0	0

q23 Is your opinion of John McCain favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about John McCain yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	27	37	19	26	37	26
Not favorable	28	23	33	28	22	28
Undecided	28	26	28	30	27	29
Haven't heard enough	16	14	18	16	14	16
Refused	1	0	2	0	0	1

q24 Is your opinion of Mitt Romney favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Mitt Romney yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	13	26	5	10	28	11
Not favorable	22	14	28	23	16	20
Undecided	22	20	21	26	22	21
Haven't heard enough	41	39	44	41	34	46
Refused	2	1	2	0	0	2

q25 Is your opinion of Fred Thompson favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Fred Thompson yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	16	30	6	12	32	13
Not favorable	18	10	24	21	11	14
Undecided	20	18	21	20	18	23
Haven't heard enough	45	41	48	47	38	49
Refused	1	1	1	0	0	1

q26 Is your opinion of Mike Huckabee favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Mike Huckabee yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	7	10	4	7	12	
Not favorable	10	9	13	10	9	
Undecided	11	11	9	13	11	
Haven't heard enough	71	70	73	70	68	
Refused	1	0	1	0	0	

q27-31 RELEASED SEPARATELY

q32 Suppose the race for the Republican Party's presidential nomination in 2008 comes down to a choice among John McCain, Rudy Giuliani, Mitt Romney, Fred Thompson, and Mike Huckabee. Who would you most like to see nominated -- McCain, Giuliani, Romney, Thompson, Huckabee, or would you rather see someone else nominated?  
 IF SOMEONE ELSE, ASK: Who would you like to see nominated?

	** REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS **	Sep07a*
	%	%
McCain	18	18
Giuliani	29	27
Romney	12	14
Fred Thompson	21	22
Huckabee	4	1
Paul	0	1
Someone else /None	9	7
Undecided (Vol.)	4	6
DK/NA	3	4

\*Does not include Mike Huckabee in the question.

q33 Would you describe your support for (Candidate's Name) as strongly favoring (Candidate's Name), or do you like him but with reservations, or do you support him because you dislike the other candidates?

	Giuliani Supporters		Aug07a
	%		%
Strongly favor	40	30	47
Like but with reservations	50	60	43
Dislike other candidates	7	7	8
Don't know/No answer	3	3	2

q34-60 RELEASED SEPARATELY

q61 If Rudy Giuliani is the Republican Party's nominee for president in 2008, would you definitely vote for him in the general election in 2008, would you consider voting for him, would you definitely not vote for him, or is it too early to say?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				Rep.
	*** Party ID ***				Primary
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Voters
	%	%	%	%	%
Definitely vote	10	23	1	8	27
Consider voting	26	36	17	25	36
Definitely would not vote	29	10	51	24	11
Too early to say	34	32	30	41	26
DK/NA	1	0	1	2	0

q62 Is your mind made up or is it possible you could change your mind and vote for Rudy Giuliani in November 2008 if he is the Republican Party's nominee?

Mind made up	86	78	92	77	83
Could change	12	19	7	20	15
Depends (vol.)	1	2	1	2	1
DK/NA	1	1	0	1	1

	<b>UNWEIGHTED</b>	<b>WEIGHTED</b>
Total Respondents	1282	
Total Republicans	406	375 (29%)
Total Democrats	426	425 (33%)
Total Independents	450	481 (38%)
Registered Voters	1143	1033 (81%)
Republican Primary Voters	372	319 (25%)