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Florida Statewide Survey 2008 Presid ential General Election

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Forida Survey<br>2008 Presidential General Eection

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San Diego - A statewide poll of Florida voters for the 2008 Presidential General Election released today by Datamar Inc., shows that U.S. Senator Barack Obama and Arizona Senator John McCain are in a tie. Senator McCain has gained $2.3 \%$ and Senator Obama has lost $2.5 \%$ from the previous survey of October 26. Senator McCain has shown a steady improvement over a period of three weeks, with each week gaining over $2 \%$. The findings are based on an October 29 - 30, 2008 survey of Florida voters.


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Q1. Are you a registered voter in Florida?


Q2. In what political party are you registered to vote?

|  | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| Democratic | 44.2 |
| Republican | 39.2 |
| Another party | 10.5 |
| No political party | 6.1 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Q3. Are you?

|  | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| Male | 47.0 |
| Female | 53.0 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Q4. What is your age, please?

|  | Percent |
| :---: | ---: |
| $18-34$ | 18.0 |
| $35-49$ | 27.0 |
| $50-64$ | 27.5 |
| $65+$ | 27.4 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Q5. How many years of formal education have you completed?

|  | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| High school graduate or less | 16.1 |
| Some college/trade school | 35.8 |
| Graduated college or more | 48.1 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Q6. Are you or is anyone in your household a member of a labor union, such as trade union, service employee union, public employee union, or teachers union?

|  | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| Yes | 17.4 |
| No | 81.2 |
| Don't know | 1.4 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Q7. What do you consider to be your ethnic group?

|  | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| Cuban | 4.4 |
| Mexican | 1.5 |
| Hispanic | 4.3 |
| Latino | 1.8 |
| Other | 87.9 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Q8. What do you consider to be your race group?

|  | Oct. 27 <br> Percent | Oct. 30 <br> Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| White | 81.9 | 83.7 |
| Black/African-American | 12.4 | 10.4 |
| Asian/Other | 5.7 | 5.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Q9. What is your marital status?

|  | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| Married | 66.7 |
| Separated/divorced/widowed | 19.3 |
| Never married | 14.0 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Q10. Are you first generation American- you emigrated from another country, second generation-your parents emigrated from another country, third generation-your grandparents emigrated from another country, fourth generation, fifth generation, or don't know?

|  | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| First generation | 14.1 |
| Second generation | 12.0 |
| Third generation | 20.8 |
| Fourth generation | 16.9 |
| Fifth generation or older | 28.7 |
| Don't know | 7.5 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Q11. What is your household income?

|  | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| Less than $\$ 40,000$ | 29.5 |
| $\$ 40,000-80,000$ | 40.0 |
| $\$ 80,000-120,000$ | 19.7 |
| 120,000 or more | 10.8 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Q12. Overall, which of the following generally best describes you politically? Very liberal, somewhat liberal, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or don't think of yourself this way?

|  | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| Very liberal | 10.5 |
| Somewhat liberal | 24.4 |
| Somewhat conservative | 28.6 |
| Very conservative | 20.5 |
| Don't know | 16.0 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Q13. When it come to social issues, which of the following best describes you politically? Very liberal, somewhat liberal, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or don't know?

|  | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| Very liberal | 11.9 |
| Somewhat liberal | 24.9 |
| Somewhat conservative | 26.7 |
| Very conservative | 21.7 |
| Don't know | 14.8 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Q14. When it come to economic issues, which of the following best describes you politically? Very liberal, somewhat liberal, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or don't know?

|  | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| Very liberal | 7.9 |
| Somewhat liberal | 18.9 |
| Somewhat conservative | 33.7 |
| Very conservative | 25.2 |
| Don't know | 14.3 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Q15. Overall, what do you think is the most important problem facing the country today? immigration, the environment, the economy, the war in Iraq, taxes, health care, or other?

|  | Oct. 13 <br> Percent | Oct.26 <br> Percent | Oct. 31 <br> Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Immigration | 7.4 | 5.4 | 7.2 |
| Environment | 3.1 | 3.8 | 3.2 |
| Economy | 62.9 | 63.2 | 58.5 |
| War in Iraq | 10.5 | 9.0 | 10.3 |
| Taxes | 5.6 | 6.5 | 7.5 |
| Health care | 4.7 | 4.4 | 5.7 |
| Other | 5.9 | 7.6 | 7.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |



Turning our attention to the upcoming November 2008 presidential general election,
Q16. Have you already voted?

|  | Percent |
| :---: | ---: |
| Yes | 51.4 |
| No | 48.6 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Q17. If the election were held today, for whom would you vote? The choices are: Democratic Party candidate U.S. Senator Barack Obama, Republican Party candidate U.S. Senator John McCain, other candidate, or are undecided?

|  | Oct. 13 <br> Percent | Oct. 26 <br> Percent | Oct. 31 <br> Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| John McCain | 42.1 | 44.4 | 46.7 |
| Barack Obama | 47.1 | 49.2 | 46.7 |
| Other candidate | 3.8 | 3.0 | 2.3 |
| Undecided | 6.2 | 3.3 | 4.2 |
| Total | 100.00 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
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Q18. If the election were held today, who would you prefer to be vice president? Sarah Palin the Republican Party candidate, Joe Biden the Democratic Party candidate, someone else, or do you have no preference?

|  | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| Sarah Palin | 45.5 |
| Joe Biden | 45.6 |
| Someone else | 6.2 |
| No preference | 2.6 |
| Total | 100.0 |

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Methodology: Findings are from a October 29 - 30, 2008 survey using a comprehensive predictive model of registered voters, based on election cycles and other factors of voters in Florida. The survey was conducted using an automated telephone dialer and the voice of a professional announcer.
The targeted-registration-based-sampling (TRBS)* selection criteria were based on election cycles and other voter factors in Florida. Datamar proprietary algorithms were used to generate random samples from the target group for calling.

Where necessary, responses were weighted according to age, gender, region, and political party.

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[^0]:    ? "targeted-registration-based-sampling", "TRBS" and "(TRBS)" are service marks of Datamar Inc.

