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EARLY LEADS IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES AS EXPECTED; REPUBLICAN PRIMARY LEADERS MORE OF A SURPRISE

With no incumbent running in the November 2008 presidential election, the field is wide open for candidates of both major parties. With most candidates declaring their intention to run for president early in the year, the presidential primary season (and fundraising) has begun much earlier than any primary season before. The list of candidates are long, but leaders have emerged in each party, according to a new Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll.

This could be an exciting primary season for many voters – with many states frontloading the election calendar. On February 5 of next year, there will be as many as 15 or more states holding their primaries or caucuses, including large, diverse states such as California and New York. But the current batch of candidates, especially among Democrats, are more diverse than the country has seen before and voters are becoming more interested early on. For the Democrats, there is a former first lady now U.S. senator from New York, a Latino governor and former UN ambassador from New Mexico, an African-American U.S. senator from Illinois and a former vice president turned leading environmentalist that has not declared his candidacy (although many Democrats would like him to). For the Republicans, the leading major candidates are all white men, but with some interesting histories that may or may not sit well with the conservative base of the party -- a Mormon and former governor of Massachusetts, a twice-divorced former mayor of New York who is estranged from his children, and non-declared candidates – a former U.S. Senator from Tennessee/actor on a popular TV series, and a twice-divorced former Representative from Georgia and Speaker of the House who divulged on a Christian news show that he was having an extra-marital affair while trying to impeach President Bill Clinton for lying about the very same thing.

Polls from other organizations are showing that the electorate is very much engaged in the upcoming election. About half of respondents in a recent Pew Research Center poll said they were closely following news of the presidential campaign, compared to 27% who said that at about the same time in 2004. That poll also found that there is much more interest among Democrats than Republicans.

In a generic presidential horserace, if the election were held today, the poll shows the Democratic party with a 10 point advantage over the Republican party. This enthusiasm by Democrats is also shown by the huge amounts of money raised by Democratic candidates -- more so than by Republican candidates. The first quarter candidate contributions were announced last week and it had Democrats surpassing Republicans in overall donations by \$30 million. On the Democratic side: Hillary Rodham Clinton received about \$26 million in contributions, followed by Barack Obama with about \$25 million (although his contributions came from 100,000 donors vs. 50,000 for Clinton) and John Edwards with \$14 million. On the Republican side: Mitt Romney received about \$21 million in donations followed by Rudy Giuliani at \$15 million and John McCain with a disappointing \$12.5 million. Clinton is aggressively wooing the women's vote, and it shows in the primary match-up with a large gender gap emerging. Obama is actively in pursuit of the black vote (he splits

their vote with Clinton) and John Edwards is seeking and getting union endorsements. And all Republicans are trying to show that they are more conservative than their opponents to win over GOP conservative voters. But the major issue on everyone's minds is Iraq. Candidates cannot ignore this subject. Iraq plays an important role especially for Democrats. Some Democrats want an immediate withdrawal of troops while others are in favor of a timed targeted withdrawal. Although Republicans appear to be in support of the president and his mission in Iraq, and perhaps out of pragmatism and wanting to win in 2008, more than three out of five Republican voters want their party's nominee to move the country in a new direction rather than following the president's policy. The direction of the country may also be an issue in the election. Republican voters are generally more upbeat than their Democratic counterparts. Nearly half of Republicans said the country is going in the right direction, while slightly more than one in 10 Democrats believe that. Voters overall are pessimistic about the country's direction.

Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

	<u>All Voters</u>	<u>Rep Voters</u>	<u>Dem Voters</u>
Right direction	27	47	11
Wrong track	65	43	84
Don't know	8	10	5

Republican Primary

Rudy Giuliani is the candidate to beat these days – he is popular among Republican primary voters (which includes Republicans and independents who usually vote Republican). His leadership after the September 11th attacks has overshadowed any negative reports on him, and has helped him get the lead over his fellow Republican candidates. Republican women are more enamored with the former New York mayor than they are with any other candidate. Surprisingly, Fred Thompson, who has not declared his candidacy yet, comes in second. John McCain, who will be 72 years old if he wins, is not doing well. His fundraising may well be only part of his disappointment. He comes in a distant third in a Republican primary match-up. Among the religious right of the party, Fred Thompson comes in first, while Giuliani comes in second. Mitt Romney comes in fourth (although he has raised more money than any other Republican candidate). He is strongly wooing the conservatives, but received just 6% of the religious right, 6% of voters who consider themselves born again and less than one in 10 conservatives. The other Thompson – Tom – is in low single digits, as are Tom Tancredo, Mike Huckabee and Sam Brownback. The latter two candidates mentioned are both conservatives and vying for that base, but so far they have not resonated with this group. There is only 14% who are undecided about their vote.

If the Republican primary or caucus for president were being held in your state today, for whom would you vote:

	-----REPUBLICAN VOTERS-----					
	<u>REPVOTR</u>	<u>LIB/MOD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRIGHT</u>
Sam Brownback	2	1	2	2	2	2
Newt Gingrich	7	6	8	9	5	9
Rudy Giuliani	29	31	28	26	32	17
Mike Huckabee	3	1	4	2	4	6
Duncan Hunter	2	3	1	—	3	—
John McCain	12	11	12	15	8	10
Mitt Romney	8	8	9	10	7	6
Tom Tancredo	2	3	1	2	2	2
Fred Thompson	15	8	18	18	12	21
Tom Thompson	3	7	2	2	5	1
Someone else	3	5	2	3	3	6
Don't know	14	16	13	11	17	20

When Republican voters were asked who they would support if the list was narrowed down to Giuliani, McCain and Romney, nearly half (48%) said they would support Giuliani, 25% would support McCain and 20% would vote for Romney. Interestingly, half of religious right voters said they would support the New Yorker, as well as nearly half of conservatives, since Giuliani is in favor of a woman's right to choose to have an abortion, in favor of gay rights and supports gun control.

Giuliani is also the candidate that a plurality of Republican voters believe would be the strongest one to beat a Democratic candidate in November 2008; three in 10 believe he would also be best qualified to be president; more than a quarter said he cares more about people like them than the other candidates; and a fifth believe he is the most ethical. The other candidates fall behind Giuliani on these attributes.

President Bush is not a unifying force – six out of 10 want the next Republican nominee to campaign on a platform of moving the country in a new direction, rather than in continuing the policies of the president (30%).

Most important issue: Almost two in five Republicans want their candidates to address the war in Iraq, economic growth (28%), stronger immigration laws (13%), and healthcare (12%). The Democratic voters, in contrast, are more anxious for their candidates to address the situation in Iraq, 63%, including 49% who want to set a timetable to withdraw troops, economic growth (22%), healthcare (22%) and education (10%). In contrast to Republicans, just 1% of Democrats say they want their candidate to discuss stronger immigration laws. President Bush and the Democrats are much more in alignment about how to handle the illegal immigration situation, which includes a guest worker program, than the president is with his own party.

Bush Job Ratings: Depending on who you talk to, the president's rating could be positive, or his ratings could be extremely poor. Among Republican voters, 74% approve of the way the president is handling his job, 75% approve of his handling the economy and 66% approve of the way the president is handling Iraq. On the opposite side of the aisle, 89% of Democratic voters disapprove of the president's job performance, 82% disapprove of his handling the economy and 91% disapprove of the president handling the Iraqi situation. Among voters, overall, he receives very negative marks. The intensity gap – between strong approval and strong disapproval – has remained.

Democratic Primary

If the primaries or caucuses were held today, Hillary Rodham Clinton would have a 10 point advantage over Barack Obama and more than twice as many votes as John Edwards. Al Gore, who is not a candidate, receives 13%. Clinton's support by women has been written about extensively and this poll bears out her advantage with this group -- there is a large gender gap. African-Americans are among former President Bill Clinton's biggest fans and they are giving his wife the edge over Obama by seven points. Both candidates are vying for this group and will have to earn their vote. They cannot be taken for granted. Edwards barely receives any support from this group.

If the Democratic primary or caucus for president were being held in your state today, for whom would you vote:

	-----DEMOCRATIC VOTERS -----						
	<u>DEMVO</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD/CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
Joe Biden	1	1	1	1	1	2	—
Hillary Rodham Clinton	33	35	32	27	36	30	41
Chris Dodd	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
John Edwards	14	9	18	12	15	19	3
Al Gore	13	16	9	16	11	12	9
Barack Obama	23	26	21	26	21	20	34
Bill Richardson	3	3	4	6	2	4	—
Someone else	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Don't know	13	10	15	10	14	12	12

When the list was narrowed down to Clinton, Edwards and Obama, Clinton still maintained a 10 point advantage over Obama, plus a 22 point advantage over Edwards. In a three-way race, Clinton received 42% of the vote, Obama had the support of 32% and Edwards received 20%. Black voters still supported the NY Senator by nine points over Obama and the gender gap is almost as large as it is when read all the candidates. A third of senior citizens are supportive of Clinton, while almost a quarter support Edwards. Thirteen percent would give Obama their vote. The highly educated (college degree or more) are splitting their vote between the top two vote getters, while the affluent (household incomes of more than \$60,000) give Obama a six point lead. The less educated are supporting Clinton.

Among the top three candidates, 42% of Democrats thought Clinton was the strongest one to beat a Republican in November 2008, while 27% believed it would be Obama and 22% thought it was Edwards. Among blacks, nearly three out of five gave the nod to Clinton. Women also think Clinton is the strongest candidate – eight points more than men. Men are divided between Clinton (37%) and Obama (31%). Almost a quarter think Edwards is the candidate to beat a Republican next November.

Nearly two out of five Democratic voters also believe Clinton is the best qualified to be president. Almost a quarter believe Gore is, although he is not running. Just about one in 10 think Obama is the best qualified, followed by 8% for Edwards. Among black voters, 51% believe Clinton is the one candidate best qualified, followed by 20% for Gore and 17% for Obama.

In terms of who is the most ethical or truthful, voters split their vote among the leading candidates. But Clinton maintains a six point lead over Obama as the candidate that voters think cares more about them. Sixteen percent thought that of Edwards.

Regardless of your choice for president at this time, which Democratic presidential candidate do you think would be the strongest one to beat the Republican candidate in November 2008: Is it Hillary Rodham Clinton, John Edwards or Barack Obama?

	<u>DEMVO</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
No one in particular / all	2	3	1	2	4
Hillary Rodham Clinton	42	37	45	36	58
John Edwards	22	24	21	26	10
Barack Obama	27	31	26	27	27
S/Else	1	1	1	1	1
Not sure	6	4	6	8	—

Regardless of your choice for president at this time, which Democratic presidential candidate do you think is the best qualified to be president: Is it Joe Biden, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Chris Dodd, John Edwards, Al Gore, Barack Obama, Bill Richardson, or is there someone else who you think is the best qualified?

	<u>DEMVOTR</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
No one in particular / all	2	2	2	2	—
Joe Biden	4	5	3	5	—
Hillary Rodham Clinton	38	32	42	36	51
Chris Dodd	—	1	—	1	1
John Edwards	8	8	8	10	2
Al Gore	24	28	21	23	20
Barack Obama	11	12	11	9	17
Bill Richardson	3	5	2	4	—
Someone else	3	—	4	3	—
Not sure	7	7	7	7	8
Refused	—	—	—	—	1

All Voters

The poll asked voters to think ahead to the 2008 presidential general election by giving them hypothetical match-ups of the three top Democratic and Republican candidates at this time. The sample was split randomly so that one set of voters (603) were asked about five presidential match-ups, while the other sample (643) was asked about the remaining four. The margin of sampling error for both groups is 4 percentage points.

Clinton vs. Republicans: Giuliani takes a six point lead over Clinton, while Clinton edges McCain by 3 points (45% to 42%), and takes a seven point advantage over Romney, although they were all within the poll's margin of error.

Independents in all three cases support the Republican over the New York Senator. Men give McCain a 13 point lead, while women give Clinton a 15 point advantage. White voters support McCain by 11 points, and not surprisingly, blacks overwhelmingly support the Democrat.

Romney takes a six point lead with men, while women are still Clinton's biggest supporter (19 point advantage). White voters are somewhat split – 39% for Clinton, 42% for Romney.

Women marginally support Clinton when pitted against Giuliani (48% to 42%), while men are solidly behind the Republican (54% to 35%), as are whites (54% to 35%).

Edwards vs. Republicans: If Edwards could get past the top two contenders in his party's primaries, he does well when tested against the top three Republican candidates. Edwards takes a commanding 20 point lead over Romney, with support from independents (43% to 28%), men (45% to 34%), women (54% to 28%) and whites (46% to 34%).

He splits the vote with Giuliani, 45% for Giuliani vs. 43% for Edwards, well within the poll's margin of error, but leads the Republican among independents (47% to 40%) and women (47% to 42%). Giuliani edges Edwards among men (48% to 40%) and white voters (47% to 42%).

Edwards ekes out a small lead against McCain (44% to 40%), also within the margin of error, and holds the support of women (47% to 33%). He splits the white vote (45% for McCain, 41% for Edwards), while men give McCain a six point advantage.

Obama vs. Republicans: Obama beats all three top Republican candidates. He takes an eight point advantage over McCain (48% to 40%), a 19 point lead over Romney (50% to 31%) and takes a small lead over Giuliani (46% to 42%), although within the poll's margin of error.

In the match-up with McCain, independents give Obama a 5 point lead and women give the Democrat a 19 point advantage. White voters are split (46% for McCain, 42% for Obama) as are men (47% for McCain, 41% for Obama).

In the horserace with Romney, Obama gets the support of independents (44% to 23%), men (44% to 33%), women (56% to 28%) and white voters (46% to 36%).

And in the Obama vs. Giuliani match-up, Obama narrowly leads Giuliani 46% to 42%, (within poll's margin of error). Roughly half of independents and women are backing the Democrat. White voters are more inclined to support Giuliani than Obama and men are divided over their support.

If the 2008 November general election were held today, for whom would you vote?

Clinton	45%	Clinton	44%	Clinton	42%
McCain	42	Romney	37	Giuliani	48
Other	10	Other	11	Other	6
Don't Know	3	Don't Know	8	Don't know	4
Edwards	44%	Edwards	50%	Edwards	43%
McCain	40	Romney	30	Giuliani	45
Other	9	Other	9	Other	6
Don't know	7	Don't know	11	Don't know	6
Obama	48%	Obama	50%	Obama	46%
McCain	40	Romney	31	Giuliani	42
Other	5	Other	7	Other	6
Don't know	7	Don't know	12	Don't know	6

Voters were then asked if they could vote for a presidential candidate who is in general agreement with them on most issues and is either an African-American, a Mormon, 72 years old, twice-divorced or a woman. More than two-thirds of voters said they could vote for all of these candidates, but 11% said they could not vote for a Mormon, and 14% said they could not vote for a 72 year old. Just 6% said they could not vote for a candidate who is twice-divorced, a woman (4%) or an African-American (2%). However, 16% of all voters who consider themselves part of the religious right could not vote for a Mormon. Among religious right Republicans – 12% said they could not vote for a Mormon and 6% said they could not support a candidate that is twice divorced.

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AMONG DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS

DEM	Democratic primary voters
LIB	Self-described liberals
M/C	Self-described moderates and conservatives
MEN	Males
WOM	Females
WHT	Whites (non-Hispanic)
BLK	Blacks (non-Hispanic)

AMONG REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS

REP	Republican primary voters
L/M	Self-described liberals and moderates
CON	Self-described conservatives
MEN	Males
WOM	Females
RELIG	Religious right

AMONG ALL VOTERS

REG	Registered voters
DEM	Self-described Democrats
IND	Self-described Independents
REP	Self-described Republicans
LIB	Self-described Liberals
MOD	Self-described Moderates
CON	Self-described Conservatives
MEN	Males
WOM	Females
WHT	Whites (non-Hispanic)
BLK	Blacks (non-Hispanic)

Note:

- Because certain questions are asked of all the above 'voters' categories, they are repeated and may not follow the numerical order.
- (vol.) indicates a volunteered response
- '–' indicates of less than 0.5%

AMONG DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS

Q1. Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

	<u>DEM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Right direction	11	9	13	18	7	9	13
Wrong track	84	87	81	80	86	85	82
Don't know	5	4	6	2	7	6	5

Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE)
Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>DEM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Approve (net)	10	3	16	12	9	10	9
Approve strongly	5	1	8	6	5	4	6
Approve somewhat	5	2	8	6	4	5	3
Disapprove (net)	89	97	83	88	90	90	88
Disapprove somewhat	13	12	15	15	12	14	4
Disapprove strongly	76	85	68	73	78	77	84
Don't know	1	—	1	—	1	—	3

(ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)

Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>DEM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Approve (net)	14	7	20	23	9	15	10
Approve strongly	5	2	7	8	2	4	—
Approve somewhat	10	5	14	14	7	11	10
Disapprove (net)	82	89	75	75	85	81	90
Disapprove somewhat	22	27	19	27	20	22	23
Disapprove strongly	59	62	56	49	65	59	67
Don't know	4	4	5	2	6	4	—

Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation in Iraq? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE)
Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>DEM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Approve (net)	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>
Approve strongly	4	2	6	4	4	4	3
Approve somewhat	4	0	7	5	3	5	1
Disapprove (net)	<u>91</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>95</u>
Disapprove somewhat	7	6	8	7	6	6	8
Disapprove strongly	84	92	77	83	85	83	87
Don't know	<u>1</u>	—	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you
(approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>DEM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Approve (net)	<u>45</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>42</u>
Approve strongly	9	11	8	12	8	11	4
Approve somewhat	36	38	33	32	38	36	37
Disapprove (net)	<u>47</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>50</u>
Disapprove somewhat	23	23	23	28	20	23	23
Disapprove strongly	24	17	29	24	23	23	28
Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

(ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS)

Q13. What do you think should be the most important issue for the presidential candidates to address when campaigning?

(UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTD)

	<u>DEM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Iraq war (net)	63	63	64	56	67	68	61
Iraq war/situation in Iraq	49	43	55	44	52	54	46
Set a timetable in Iraq/withdraw troops	13	19	7	12	13	13	14
Strategy change/redeployment of troops	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Support Bush strategy/troop surge	—	—	1	—	1	1	—
Mideast foreign policy	3	6	—	3	3	4	1
Budget deficit	5	5	4	4	6	7	—
Economic growth	22	17	28	23	22	25	20
Foreign trade policy	1	2	1	2	1	1	1
Jobs/unemployment	8	7	9	7	9	6	19
Minimum wage increase	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Tax cuts	1	1	2	2	1	1	2
Tax reform (overall)	1	2	—	1	1	1	1
Abortion	1	—	2	2	—	—	3
Disparity between rich and poor/income gap	1	2	—	1	1	1	1
Education	10	12	9	8	11	9	16
Energy policy/alternative energy/improve power systems	2	1	2	4	1	2	2
Environmental protections/global warming/clean water and air	5	10	1	6	5	7	—
Family/moral values	2	3	—	2	1	2	—
Gay rights/same sex marriage	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Health care/universal health care/care for uninsured	22	24	21	18	24	23	10
Medicare	3	4	3	5	2	3	7
Poverty and homelessness	3	3	4	4	3	2	7
Prescription drug prices	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Social security	3	2	4	2	3	2	3
Veteran's benefits/medical care in military facilities/Walter Reed	1	1	1	2	1	—	4
Immigration reform (create guest worker program/path to citizenship)	3	1	4	4	2	2	1
Stronger immigration laws/tougher on illegal immigrants	1	—	1	1	—	1	—
Homeland security-ports/borders/power plants/infrastructure	1	—	1	—	1	1	—
Patriot act	1	1	1	3	—	2	—
Terrorism	5	5	4	7	3	5	4
Restore trust and honesty in government	4	4	3	3	4	2	7
Nothing in particular	2	1	3	2	2	1	1
Other	2	2	2	3	1	—	3
Don't know	1	—	2	1	2	1	—

Q14. If the Democratic primary or caucus for president were being held in your state today and the candidates were New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Connecticut Senator Chris Dodd, former North Carolina Senator John Edwards, Delaware Senator Joe Biden, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, Illinois Senator Barack Obama and former Vice President Al Gore, for whom would you vote: Clinton, Dodd, Edwards, Biden, Richardson, Obama or Gore? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>DEM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Clinton	33	35	32	27	36	30	41
Obama	23	26	21	26	21	20	34
Edwards	14	9	18	12	15	19	3
Gore	13	16	9	16	11	12	9
Richardson	3	3	4	6	2	4	—
Biden	1	1	1	1	1	2	—
Dodd	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Someone else (vol)	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Don't know	13	10	15	10	14	12	12

(ORDER OF STATEMENTS ARE ROTATED)

Q15. When you decide which candidate to support for your party's presidential nomination, which of the following is most important to you: The kind of person the candidate is, or where the candidate stands on the issues, or whether the candidate can win, or how much he or she represents what the party stands for, or whether the candidate will support the concerns of your area, or the candidate's fundraising abilities, or what?

	<u>DEM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Where they stands on issues	56	56	54	46	61	61	52
The kind of person	14	15	14	16	13	16	12
Supports local concerns	13	10	16	18	10	10	15
Represents party values	7	8	6	8	6	4	6
Can candidate win	6	7	4	7	5	5	8
Fundraising abilities	2	3	1	2	2	1	3
Some other reason	1	1	2	2	1	2	—
Don't know	1	—	3	1	2	1	4

(ORDER OF CANDIDATES' NAMES IS ROTATED)

Q16. What if the primary or caucus in your state was narrowed down to Hillary Rodham Clinton, John Edwards and Barack Obama? Regardless of your choice for president, if the election were being held today for whom would you vote: Clinton, Edwards or Obama? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>DEM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Clinton	42	38	45	37	44	37	50
Obama	32	39	26	37	29	31	41
Edwards	20	15	24	20	21	27	1
Someone else (vol)	—	1	—	1	—	—	1
Don't know	6	7	5	5	6	5	7

(ORDER OF CANDIDATES' NAMES IS ROTATED)

Q17. Regardless of your choice for president at this time, which Democratic presidential candidate do you think would be the strongest one to beat the Republican candidate in November 2008: Is it Hillary Rodham Clinton, John Edwards or Barack Obama?

	<u>DEM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Hillary Rodham Clinton	42	37	47	37	45	36	58
Barack Obama	27	29	25	31	26	27	27
John Edwards	22	25	20	24	21	26	10
No one in particular / all (vol)	2	1	2	3	1	2	4
Someone else (vol)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	6	7	5	4	6	8	—

(NEXT THREE QUESTIONS AND ORDER OF NAMES WITHIN EACH QUESTION ARE ROTATED)

Q18. Regardless of your choice for president at this time, which Democratic presidential candidate do you think is the best qualified to be president: Is it Joe Biden, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Chris Dodd, John Edwards, Al Gore, Barack Obama, Bill Richardson, or is there someone else who you think is the best qualified?

	<u>DEM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Hillary Rodham Clinton	38	39	38	32	42	36	51
Al Gore	24	27	21	28	21	23	20
Barack Obama	11	11	11	12	11	9	17
John Edwards	8	7	9	8	8	10	2
Joe Biden	4	3	3	5	3	5	—
Bill Richardson	3	4	2	5	2	4	—
Someone else	3	—	5	—	4	3	—
Chris Dodd	—	1	—	1	—	1	1
No one in particular / all (vol)	2	1	3	2	2	2	—
Don't know	7	7	8	7	7	7	9

Q19. Regardless of your choice for president at this time, which Democratic presidential candidate do you think is the most ethical or truthful: Is it Joe Biden, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Chris Dodd, John Edwards, Al Gore, Barack Obama, Bill Richardson, or is there someone else who you think is the most ethical or truthful?

	<u>DEM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Barack Obama	22	22	23	23	22	21	30
Hillary Rodham Clinton	21	19	23	17	23	17	36
John Edwards	18	17	19	12	21	24	4
Al Gore	15	18	11	22	11	12	15
Bill Richardson	4	5	4	7	3	5	—
Joe Biden	2	3	2	1	3	3	1
Chris Dodd	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
No one in particular / all (vol)	6	5	6	8	4	4	8
Someone else	1	—	2	1	1	2	—
Don't know	11	11	10	8	12	12	5

Q20. Regardless of your choice for president at this time, which Democratic presidential candidate do you think cares more about people like you: Is it Joe Biden, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Chris Dodd, John Edwards, Al Gore, Barack Obama , Bill Richardson, or is there someone else who you think cares more about people like you?

	<u>DEM</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Hillary Rodham Clinton	30	32	29	25	33	27	43
Barack Obama	24	29	20	33	19	19	42
John Edwards	16	15	17	13	19	23	2
Al Gore	8	5	10	7	8	8	6
Bill Richardson	3	2	3	6	1	3	—
Joe Biden	1	1	1	1	1	1	—
Chris Dodd	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
No one in particular / all (vol)	4	4	5	6	3	3	1
Someone else	1	—	3	2	1	2	—
Don't know	13	12	12	7	15	14	5

AMONG REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS

Q1. Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

	<u>REP</u>	<u>L/M</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Right direction	47	30	55	58	37	48
Wrong track	43	62	35	31	55	40
Don't know	10	8	10	11	8	12

Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE)
Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>REP</u>	<u>L/M</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Approve (net)	<u>74</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>80</u>
Approve strongly	38	21	46	43	34	47
Approve somewhat	36	35	36	36	35	33
Disapprove (net)	<u>24</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>19</u>
Disapprove somewhat	11	13	10	12	10	12
Disapprove strongly	13	26	8	9	18	7
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	—	—	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

(ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)

Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>REP</u>	<u>L/M</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Approve (net)	<u>75</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>80</u>
Approve strongly	45	18	56	57	33	55
Approve somewhat	30	31	30	26	35	24
Disapprove (net)	<u>23</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>17</u>
Disapprove somewhat	11	22	7	9	13	11
Disapprove strongly	12	28	5	7	16	7
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	—	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation in Iraq? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>REP</u>	<u>L/M</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Approve (net)	<u>66</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>79</u>
Approve strongly	42	20	52	53	32	60
Approve somewhat	24	23	24	24	23	19
Disapprove (net)	<u>32</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>21</u>
Disapprove somewhat	15	24	12	10	20	12
Disapprove strongly	17	28	11	11	22	9
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	—

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>REP</u>	<u>L/M</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Approve (net)	<u>25</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>11</u>
Approve strongly	7	4	8	6	8	3
Approve somewhat	18	33	12	14	21	8
Disapprove (net)	<u>71</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>88</u>
Disapprove somewhat	26	25	27	25	27	28
Disapprove strongly	45	32	50	54	36	60
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>

(ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS)

Q13. What do you think should be the most important issue for the presidential candidates to address when campaigning?

(UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	<u>REP</u>	<u>L/M</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Iraq war (net)	<u>37</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>32</u>
Iraq war/situation in Iraq	30	33	30	32	29	29
Set a timetable in Iraq/withdraw troops	3	6	2	1	6	2
Strategy change/redeployment of troops	1	1	—	—	1	—
Support Bush strategy/troop surge	3	2	3	3	3	2
Mideast foreign policy	2	—	2	3	—	—
Budget deficit	4	7	3	4	5	—
Economic growth	28	27	28	29	26	24
Foreign trade policy	3	2	3	4	1	—
Jobs/unemployment	5	6	4	5	4	4
Tax cuts	2	1	2	1	2	1
Tax reform (overall)	2	—	3	4	—	4
Abortion	5	4	6	4	6	8
Disparity between rich and poor/income gap	2	4	—	1	2	—
Education	6	11	4	2	11	3
Energy policy/alternative energy/improve power systems	3	5	2	1	4	2
Environmental protections/global warming/clean water and air	1	1	1	1	1	—
Family/moral values	4	1	6	4	5	8
Gay rights/same sex marriage	—	—	—	—	—	1
Health care/universal health care/care for uninsured	12	17	10	11	12	6
Medicare	3	5	3	—	6	2
Poverty and homelessness	3	5	2	3	4	3
Social security	7	13	4	6	7	1
Bi-partisanship/work with congress	2	—	3	2	2	6
Restore checks and balances in government	1	—	1	—	1	1
Veteran's benefits/medical care in military facilities/Walter Reed	1	3	—	2	—	—
Immigration reform (create guest worker program)	8	2	10	9	7	15
Stronger immigration laws/tougher on illegal immigrants	13	2	19	18	9	21
Homeland security-ports/borders/power plants/infrastructure	—	—	1	—	1	1
Patriot act	11	2	15	15	8	10
Terrorism	6	7	6	7	6	10
Other	1	2	1	1	2	1
Restore trust and honesty in government	3	6	1	3	3	2
Nothing in particular	2	4	2	2	3	1
Don't know	—	—	—	1	—	1

(ORDER OF CANDIDATE NAMES IS ROTATED)

Q21. If the Republican primary or caucus for president were being held in your state today and the candidates were Kansas Senator Sam Brownback, former House Majority Leader Newt Gingrich, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, California Congressman Duncan Hunter, Arizona Senator John McCain, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo, former governor of Wisconsin Tommy Thompson, and former Tennessee Senator and actor Fred Thompson, for whom would you vote: Brownback, Gingrich, Giuliani, Hucakabee, Hunter, McCain, Romney, Tancredo, Tommy Thompson or Fred Thompson? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>REP</u>	<u>L/M</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Giuliani	29	31	28	26	32	17
Fred Thompson	15	8	18	18	12	21
McCain	12	11	12	15	8	10
Romney	8	8	9	10	7	6
Gingrich	7	6	8	9	5	9
Hucakabee	3	1	4	2	4	6
Tom Thompson	3	7	2	2	5	1
Brownback	2	1	2	2	2	2
Hunter	2	3	1	—	3	—
Tancredo	2	3	1	2	2	2
Someone else (vol)	3	5	2	3	3	6
Don't know	14	16	13	11	17	20

(ORDER OF STATEMENTS ARE ROTATED)

Q22. When you decide which candidate to support for your party's presidential nomination, which of the following is most important to you: The kind of person the candidate is, or where the candidate stands on the issues, or whether the candidate can win, or how much he or she represents what the party stands for, or whether the candidate will support the concerns of your area, or the candidate's fundraising abilities, or what?

	<u>REP</u>	<u>L/M</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Where they stand on issues	56	58	55	57	55	61
The kind of person	23	26	22	24	22	21
Represents party values	10	1	13	11	9	8
Support local concerns	6	8	5	6	7	3
Fundraising abilities	1	1	1	—	2	2
Some other reason	1	—	1	—	1	1
Don't know	—	1	1	—	1	1

(ORDER OF CANDIDATES' NAMES IS ROTATED)

Q23. What if the primary or caucus in your state was narrowed down to Rudy Giuliani, John McCain and Mitt Romney? Regardless of your choice for president, if the election were being held today, for whom would you vote: Giuliani, McCain or Romney? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>REP</u>	<u>L/M</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Giuliani	48	46	49	51	45	50
McCain	25	28	24	23	27	20
Romney	20	16	21	20	19	22
Someone else (vol)	3	3	3	2	4	2
Don't know	4	7	3	4	5	6

(NEXT FOUR QUESTIONS AND ORDER OF NAMES WITHIN EACH QUESTION IS ROTATED)

Q24. Regardless of your choice for president at this time, which Republican presidential candidate do you think would be the strongest one to beat the Democratic candidate in November 2008: Is it Sam Brownback, Newt Gingrich, Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, John McCain, Mitt Romney, Tom Tancredo, Fred Thompson, Tommy Thompson or is there someone else who you think is the strongest one to beat the Democrat in November 2008?

	<u>REP</u>	<u>L/M</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Rudy Giuliani	41	45	40	37	46	36
John McCain	20	17	21	25	15	20
Mitt Romney	9	12	7	11	6	5
Fred Thompson	7	4	9	8	6	9
Newt Gingrich	4	2	5	3	5	7
Tommy Thompson	2	3	2	3	2	2
Duncan hunter	1	—	1	—	2	—
Sam Brownback	1	1	—	1	—	—
Mike Huckabee	—	—	1	—	1	—
Someone else	3	2	3	4	1	4
No one in particular / all (vol)	3	4	2	—	5	3
Don't know	9	10	9	8	11	14

Q25. Regardless of your choice for president at this time, which Republican presidential candidate do you think is the best qualified to be president: Is it Sam Brownback, Newt Gingrich, Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, John McCain, Mitt Romney, Tom Tancredo, Fred Thompson, Tommy Thompson or is there someone else who you think is the best qualified to be president?

	<u>REP</u>	<u>L/M</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Rudy Giuliani	30	34	28	29	30	20
John McCain	20	17	21	25	16	19
Newt Gingrich	11	5	13	9	12	15
Mitt Romney	9	15	7	8	10	5
Fred Thompson	8	3	10	11	5	12
Tommy Thompson	2	4	1	2	3	1
Mike Huckabee	2	—	3	1	4	5
Duncan hunter	1	—	1	—	2	—
Tom Tancredo	1	1	1	1	—	2
Sam Brownback	1	—	2	1	1	1
Someone else	2	4	2	1	3	4
No one in particular / all (vol)	3	4	2	1	4	3
Don't know	10	13	9	11	10	13

Q26. Regardless of your choice for president at this time, which Republican presidential candidate do you think is the most ethical or truthful: Is it Sam Brownback, Newt Gingrich, Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, John McCain, Mitt Romney, Tom Tancredo, Fred Thompson, Tommy Thompson or is there someone else who you think is the most ethical or truthful?

	<u>REP</u>	<u>L/M</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Rudy Giuliani	21	25	19	20	22	14
John McCain	15	11	17	18	13	11
Fred Thompson	11	8	12	11	10	15
Mitt Romney	10	7	11	11	8	10
Newt Gingrich	5	3	7	6	5	10
Tommy Thompson	4	4	4	5	3	3
Sam Brownback	3	1	4	4	2	6
Duncan hunter	3	2	3	3	3	—
Mike Huckabee	2	2	2	2	2	1
Tom Tancredo	1	2	1	2	0	2
Someone else	1	1	1	1	2	3
No one in particular / all (vol)	7	10	5	4	9	4
Don't know	17	24	14	13	21	21

Q27. Regardless of your choice for president at this time, which Republican presidential candidate do you think cares more about people like you: Is it Sam Brownback, Newt Gingrich, Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, John McCain, Mitt Romney, Tom Tancredo, Fred Thompson, Tommy Thompson or is there someone else who you think cares more about people like you?

	<u>REP</u>	<u>L/M</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Rudy Giuliani	26	27	25	22	30	25
John McCain	14	13	14	13	14	11
Fred Thompson	12	9	13	14	9	17
Mitt Romney	8	7	8	9	6	6
Newt Gingrich	5	3	6	6	4	9
Tommy Thompson	3	4	2	3	2	—
Sam Brownback	2	1	2	2	2	2
Duncan hunter	2	—	3	2	2	—
Mike Huckabee	1	3	1	—	3	—
Tom Tancredo	1	1	1	2	1	2
Someone else	2	2	2	3	2	5
No one in particular / all (vol)	7	8	7	6	8	5
Don't know	17	22	16	18	17	18

Q28. In your opinion, should whoever becomes the next Republican nominee campaign on a platform of continuing the policies of George W. Bush, or should he talk about moving the country in a new direction?

	<u>REP</u>	<u>L/M</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>RELIG</u>
Continue Bush policies	30	15	36	31	29	41
Move in a new direction	61	79	54	59	64	48
Don't know	9	6	10	10	7	11

ALL VOTERS

Q1. Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Right direction	27	12	25	50	14	19	43	37	19	29	15
Wrong track	65	83	68	40	81	73	47	54	73	64	78
Don't know	8	5	7	10	5	8	10	9	8	7	7

Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE)
Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Approve (net)	37	8	28	82	11	26	66	43	33	42	9
Approve strongly	18	5	8	45	4	9	36	22	15	21	5
Approve somewhat	19	4	20	37	7	17	30	21	17	21	4
Disapprove (net)	61	91	67	16	87	70	34	55	65	56	87
Disapprove somewhat	14	15	18	8	13	17	13	15	14	14	9
Disapprove strongly	47	75	49	8	74	53	21	40	52	43	78
Don't know	2	1	5	2	2	4	—	2	2	2	4

(ORDER OF NEXT TWO QUESTIONS IS ROTATED)

Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Approve (net)	40	13	34	81	12	26	71	49	32	45	13
Approve strongly	20	4	10	52	3	8	42	28	14	23	—
Approve somewhat	19	9	23	29	9	17	28	21	18	22	13
Disapprove (net)	56	83	62	17	84	71	25	49	63	51	84
Disapprove somewhat	19	23	22	10	27	22	11	21	16	18	21
Disapprove strongly	38	60	41	7	56	50	15	27	46	33	63
Don't know	4	4	4	2	4	3	4	2	5	4	3

Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation in Iraq? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE)
Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Approve (net)	<u>34</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>5</u>
Approve strongly	<u>21</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>2</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>
Disapprove (net)	<u>64</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>94</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>52</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>87</u>
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you
(approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Approve (net)	<u>35</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>39</u>
Approve strongly	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>27</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>31</u>
Disapprove (net)	<u>58</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>50</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>25</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>23</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>33</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>27</u>
Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>

(ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS)

Q13. What do you think should be the most important issue for the presidential candidates to address when campaigning?

(UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	<u>REG</u> <u>51</u>	<u>DEM</u> <u>60</u>	<u>IND</u> <u>57</u>	<u>REP</u> <u>38</u>	<u>LIB</u> <u>59</u>	<u>MOD</u> <u>56</u>	<u>CON</u> <u>44</u>	<u>MEN</u> <u>47</u>	<u>WOM</u> <u>54</u>	<u>WHT</u> <u>53</u>	<u>BLK</u> <u>52</u>
Iraq war (net)											
Iraq war/situation in											
Iraq	41	46	48	31	42	47	36	39	42	42	39
Set a timetable in											
Iraq/withdraw troops	8	13	7	3	16	6	4	6	10	8	12
Strategy											
change/redeployment											
of troops	1	1	1	—	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Support Bush											
strategy/troop surge	2	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	2	2	—
Mideast foreign policy	2	3	2	2	5	1	2	3	2	3	1
Budget deficit	4	6	3	3	5	3	4	4	5	5	1
Economic growth	25	22	28	26	17	32	25	27	24	28	18
Foreign trade policy	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	2
Jobs/unemployment	7	8	8	4	7	7	5	7	6	5	18
Minimum wage increase	1	1	—	—	3	—	1	—	1	—	6
Tax cuts	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2
Tax reform (overall)	2	1	2	2	1	—	2	2	1	2	—
Abortion	2	—	3	5	—	2	4	2	3	2	2
Disparity between rich											
and poor/income gap	1	2	1	—	1	2	—	1	1	1	1
Education	9	13	4	7	11	11	6	4	13	8	16
Energy policy	2	2	2	3	1	3	2	3	2	3	3
Environmental											
protections/global											
warming	3	5	3	1	9	2	1	4	3	4	—
Family/moral values	3	2	2	4	2	1	4	3	2	3	—
Gay rights/same sex											
marriage	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Health care/universal											
health care/care for											
uninsured	19	20	22	13	25	21	12	16	21	19	15
Medicare	3	4	1	4	4	2	3	2	3	2	6
Poverty and											
homelessness	3	4	2	4	4	3	3	3	4	3	6
Prescription drug											
prices	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Social security	4	4	4	6	4	6	3	4	5	4	3
Bi-partisanship/work											
with congress	1	—	—	2	—	—	2	1	1	1	—
Restore checks and											
balances in											
government	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Veteran's benefits	1	1	—	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	3
Immigration reform	4	1	5	8	1	3	8	6	3	5	1
Stronger immigration											
laws/tougher on illegal											
immigrants	6	—	4	14	1	1	13	8	3	5	—
Homeland											
security-ports/borders/power											
plants/infrastructure	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—
Patriot act	5	1	2	13	1	1	12	8	3	6	—
Terrorism	6	5	5	7	6	7	6	9	4	7	5
Other	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	4
Restore trust and											
honesty in government	4	4	5	3	7	2	3	3	5	3	10
Nothing in particular	2	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	2	2	1
Don't know	2	1	3	—	—	2	1	1	1	1	—

(ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS) (ORDER OF PARTIES ROTATED)

Q29. Thinking ahead to the 2008 presidential election, if the November general election for president were being held today, which party would you like to see win: the Democratic Party or the Republican Party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Democratic	49	95	45	2	82	55	21	42	54	45	82
Republican	39	2	29	93	9	28	70	47	33	44	10
Other party (vol)	1	—	3	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	—
Neither (vol)	2	—	7	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	2
Don't know	9	3	16	4	8	13	7	7	11	8	6

THE PRESIDENTIAL MATCH-UPS WERE ASKED OF A SPLIT SAMPLE

(ORDER OF NEXT FOUR QUESTIONS AND CANDIDATES WITHIN EACH QUESTION ROTATED)

Q30. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Clinton or McCain, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
HR Clinton	45	93	30	8	84	42	22	35	52	38	88
McCain	42	4	45	84	5	40	68	48	37	49	7
Someone else (vol)	10	2	16	7	6	14	9	14	7	10	5
Don't know	3	1	9	1	5	4	1	3	4	3	—

Q31. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Democrat, and Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Clinton or Romney, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
HR Clinton	44	93	29	6	83	46	18	37	51	39	86
Romney	37	1	43	77	4	31	65	43	32	42	4
Someone else (vol)	11	3	17	9	7	14	10	14	8	11	10
Don't know	8	3	11	8	6	9	7	6	9	8	—

Q32. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Democrat, and Rudy Giuliani, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Clinton or Giuliani, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Giuliani	48	5	53	88	10	45	74	54	42	54	4
HR Clinton	42	91	26	3	82	40	18	35	48	35	90
Someone else (vol)	6	2	13	6	4	10	4	8	4	7	6
Don't know	4	2	8	3	4	5	4	3	6	4	—

Q34. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were John Edwards, the Democrat, and Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Edwards or Romney, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Edwards	50	91	43	13	85	47	29	45	54	46	84
Romney	30	1	28	68	3	27	51	34	28	34	2
Someone else (vol)	9	4	13	8	4	13	9	11	7	9	9
Don't know	11	4	16	11	8	13	11	10	11	11	5

(ORDER OF NEXT FIVE QUESTIONS AND CANDIDATES WITHIN EACH QUESTION IS ROTATED)

Q35. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were John Edwards, the Democrat, and Rudy Giuliani, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Edwards or Giuliani, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Giuliani	45	18	40	80	26	46	57	48	42	47	20
Edwards	43	74	47	12	67	42	30	40	47	42	69
Someone else (vol)	6	6	6	1	4	7	6	6	5	6	9
Don't know	6	2	7	7	3	5	7	6	6	5	2

Q33. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were John Edwards, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Edwards or McCain, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Edwards	44	88	34	5	85	38	23	41	47	41	67
McCain	40	5	38	84	5	35	68	47	33	45	8
Someone else (vol)	9	6	13	4	4	17	4	7	11	7	21
Don't know	7	1	15	7	6	10	5	5	9	7	4

Q36. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Barack Obama , the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Obama or McCain, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Obama	48	84	42	9	76	60	19	41	54	42	88
McCain	40	11	37	81	13	27	70	47	35	46	5
Someone else (vol)	5	2	11	5	3	6	6	7	3	5	2
Don't know	7	3	10	5	8	7	5	5	8	7	5

Q37. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Obama or Romney, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Obama	50	84	44	13	79	57	25	44	56	46	85
Romney	31	7	23	70	11	21	53	33	28	36	5
Someone else (vol)	7	3	14	4	5	7	9	9	5	9	3
Don't know	12	6	19	13	5	15	13	14	11	9	7

Q38. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Rudy Giuliani, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Obama or Giuliani, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Obama	46	81	49	3	75	54	22	41	50	40	84
Giuliani	42	13	36	88	19	34	63	43	41	48	5
Someone else (vol)	6	3	7	4	1	4	11	8	4	6	7
Don't know	6	3	8	5	5	8	4	8	5	6	4

(ASKED OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS) (ORDER OF CANDIDATE ROTATED)

Q39. Suppose your party nominated a presidential candidate who is in general agreement with you on most issues, and is either a woman, or an African-American, or a Mormon, or 72 years old, or twice divorced. Could you vote for a presidential candidate who is a woman, or an African-American, or a Mormon, or 72 years old, or twice divorced, or are there any of these candidates that you could not vote for? (IF COULD NOT VOTE FOR) Which of them could you not vote for? (UP TO FOUR REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOM</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>BLK</u>
Could vote for all (vol)	68	64	69	70	65	74	67	68	68	71	56
Not for a woman	4	2	3	10	2	3	8	5	4	5	2
Not for an											
African-American	2	3	1	2	2	—	3	2	2	2	2
Not for a Mormon	11	15	8	10	17	9	11	7	15	11	16
Not for a 72 year old	14	19	12	10	15	14	12	12	15	12	18
Not for a candidate											
twice divorced	6	9	6	6	4	6	8	5	8	5	14
Not for any of them (vol)	2	—	4	1	1	1	2	2	—	1	3
Don't know	4	2	5	4	3	3	3	5	3	3	7

Methodology

The Los Angeles Times / Bloomberg Poll contacted 1,373 adults nationwide by telephone April 5 through 9, 2007. Included are 1,246 registered voters of which 557 are Democratic primary voters and 437 are Republican voters. The 2008 presidential election match-up questions were split among two random sub-groups of 603 and 643 voters respectively. Telephone numbers were chosen randomly from a list of all exchanges in the nation, and random digit dialing techniques allowed listed and unlisted numbers to be contacted. Multiple attempts were made to contact each number. Areas with higher concentration of African American households were disproportionately contacted in a separate random national sample to allow a more accurate analysis of that subgroup. Adults in both samples were weighted slightly to conform with their respective census proportions by sex, ethnicity, age, education, and national region. The margin of sampling error for all adults and all registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For Democratic primary voters it is plus or minus 4 points and for Republican voters it is plus or minus 5. For each of the split subgroups, the margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points. For certain other subgroups, the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results may also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented.