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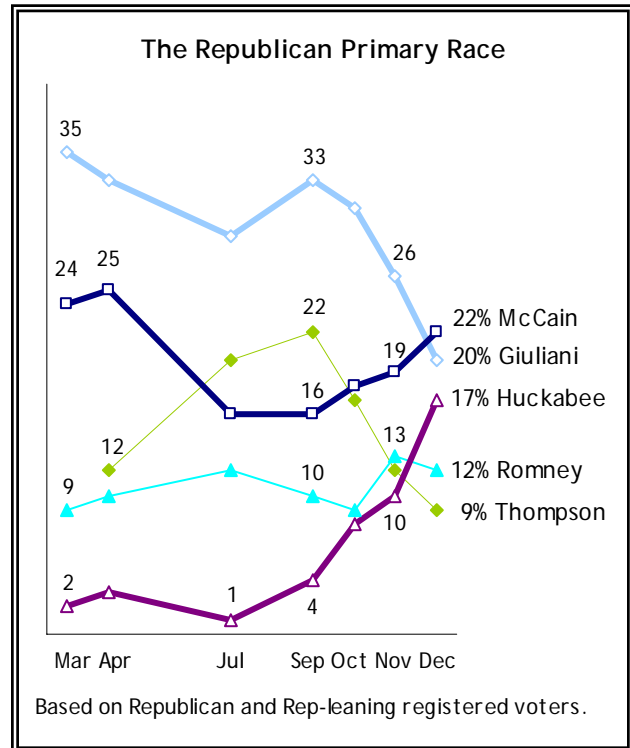
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On Eve of Iowa Caucuses

MCCAIN AND HUCKABEE CATCH UP TO GIULIANI NATIONWIDE

On the eve of the Iowa caucuses, Rudy Giuliani's once solid lead in nationwide polling of Republican voters has vanished. The latest nationwide survey by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press finds about equal levels of support for John McCain (22%), Rudy Giuliani (20%), and Mike Huckabee (17%).

The poll, conducted Dec. 19-30 among 471 Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters nationwide, finds that Giuliani's support has slipped 13 points since September. Huckabee has gained 13 points over that period, and McCain – who many analysts all but wrote off over the summer – has rebuilt his base nationwide from a low of 16% in September to 22% today.



The drop in support for Giuliani has occurred across all segments of the GOP electorate. While he continues to garner more backing from moderate and liberal Republicans (28%) than from conservatives (15%), both groups show double-digit declines from September. The growth in support for McCain is most notable among moderate and liberal Republicans, where he is up 10 points since September. Huckabee's gains were strongest among conservative Republicans, where he currently garners as much support as McCain (20%).

Feb. 5 Voters Knotted

The Giuliani campaign is making relatively little effort in Iowa and New Hampshire, instead focusing its resources on primaries to be held at the end of January and on Feb. 5. But among GOP primary voters in those 21 states, Giuliani and McCain each have the support of 21%, with Huckabee at 16% – virtually identical to results nationwide.

Religion has become a larger factor in GOP voter preference as Huckabee has become better known. He currently holds a slim edge among white evangelical Protestants (with 28%, compared with 21% for McCain, 16% for Thompson and 12% for Giuliani). McCain and Giuliani are virtually tied for the lead among white mainline Protestants, while Giuliani continues to lead among white Catholics.

Conservative Republicans	Sept %	Nov %	Dec %	Change Sept-Dec
McCain	15	18	20	+5
Giuliani	30	27	15	-15
Huckabee	5	13	20	+15
Romney	12	12	11	-1
Thompson	25	12	13	-12
N	321	341	302	

Mod/Lib Republicans	Sept %	Nov %	Dec %	Change Sept-Dec
McCain	15	22	25	+10
Giuliani	44	25	28	-16
Huckabee	2	5	11	+9
Romney	6	15	13	+7
Thompson	14	10	3	-11
N	139	154	165	

Based on Republican and Rep-leaning registered voters.

	McCain %	Giuliani %	Huckabee %	Romney %	Thompson %	N
December 19-30						
Total	22	20	17	12	9	471
Male	19	22	16	12	12	260
Female	24	18	18	11	6	211
18-49	22	23	18	7	8	195
50+	21	16	17	18	10	271
Conservative	20	15	20	11	13	302
Moderate/Liberal	25	28	11	13	3	165
White evangel Prot	21	12	28	8	16	160
White mainline Prot	27	24	4	17	10	109
White Catholic	15	31	17	8	5	90
<i>Household income</i>						
\$75,000 or more	22	24	14	12	7	163
\$40-\$74,999	20	22	19	8	10	121
Under \$40,000	26	19	22	12	8	121
<i>State primary is...</i>						
Jan 29 to Feb 5*	21	21	16	14	8	245
After Feb 5	21	20	20	8	11	195

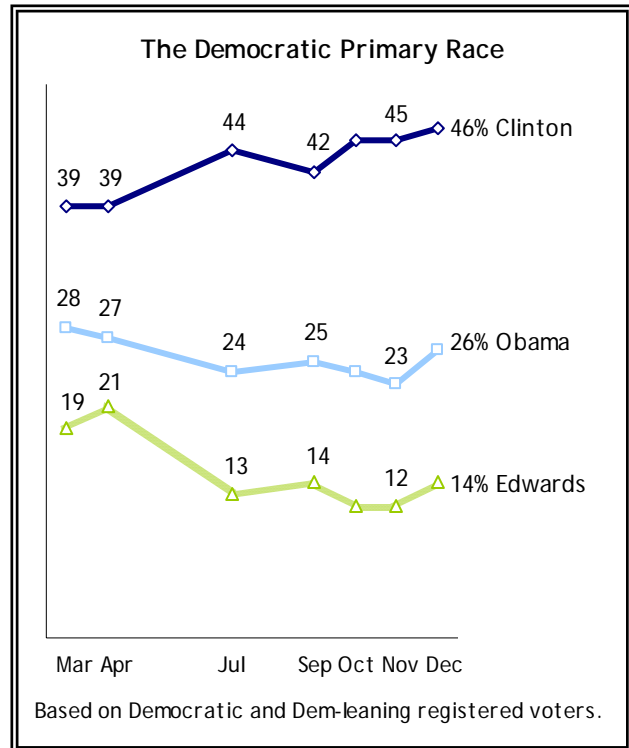
* Includes Florida (1/29), Maine (2/2) and 19 states with Republican primaries or caucuses on 2/5.

Based on Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters.

Hillary Maintains Wide National Lead

The Democratic contest has remained largely stable nationwide. Despite state polls that show very close races in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina, Hillary Clinton maintains a 20-point lead over Barack Obama among registered Democrats and Democratic-leaning voters nationwide (46% to 26%), with John Edwards holding at 14%.

Clinton continues to benefit from a modest gender gap, drawing somewhat greater support among women (49%) than among men (41%). She also leads Obama among white voters (46%, vs. 22% and 16% for Obama and Edwards, respectively). But Obama matches her among black voters (47% for Obama, 45% for Clinton).



ABOUT THIS SURVEY

Results for this survey are based on telephone interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International among a nationwide sample of 1,430 adults, 18 years of age or older, from December 19-30, 2007 (1,089 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 341 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 113 who had no landline telephone). Both the landline and cell phone samples were designed by Survey Sampling, Inc.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted using demographic weighting parameters derived from the March 2006 Census Bureau's Current Population Survey, along with an estimate of current patterns of telephone status in the U.S. derived from the 2006 National Health Interview Survey, using an iterative technique that simultaneously balances the distributions of all weighting parameters. The weighting procedure also accounted for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones had a greater probability of being included in the sample.

The Pew Research Center for the People & the Press will be releasing a detailed analysis of the landline and cell phone samples in the coming weeks.

For results Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters (N=471), one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling is plus or minus 5 percentage points. For Democratic and Democratic-leaning registered voters (N=556) the margin of error is plus or minus 5 percentage points.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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ASK OF DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING RVs [(PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) AND REGICERT=1] ONLY:

Q.13 I'm going to read you the names of some DEMOCRATIC presidential candidates. Which one of the following Democratic candidates would be your first choice for president? **(READ AND RANDOMIZE)**
[IF "Don't know" PROBE ONCE WITH: "Just as of today, would you say you LEAN toward ... (READ). IF STILL DK, ENTER.]

BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=556]:

Dec <u>2007</u>		WITH AL GORE								
		July <u>2007</u> [^]	April <u>2007</u> [^]	Mar <u>2007</u> [^]	Nov <u>2007</u>	Oct <u>2007</u>	Sept <u>2007</u>	July <u>2007</u>	April <u>2007</u>	Mar <u>2007</u>
46	Hillary Clinton	44	39	39	45	45	42	40	34	35
26	Barack Obama	24	27	28	23	24	25	21	24	26
14	John Edwards	13	21	19	12	12	14	11	18	16
3	Dennis Kucinich	2	1	*	1	4	2	2	1	*
3	Bill Richardson	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	1	1
2	Joe Biden	3	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	1
*	Chris Dodd	1	*	*	1	1	1	1	*	*
0	Mike Gravel	n/a	n/a	n/a	*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
n/a	Al Gore [^]	--	--	--	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	14	12
*	Other (VOL.) [SPECIFY]	1	*	*	2	*	1	1	*	0
2	None of them (VOL.)	3	5	4	1	3	2	2	5	3
3	Don't know/Haven't thought about it (VOL.)	6	3	5	9	7	8	6	2	5
<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

[^]March-July trends recalculated by substituting in Gore supporters' second choice.

ASK OF REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN LEANING RVs [(PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) AND REGICERT=1] ONLY:

Q.16 I'm going to read you the names of some REPUBLICAN presidential candidates. Which one of the following Republican candidates would be your first choice for president? **(READ AND RANDOMIZE)**
[IF "Don't know" PROBE ONCE WITH: "Just as of today, would you say you LEAN toward (READ). IF STILL DK, ENTER.]

BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=471]:

Dec 2007		WITH NEWT GINGRICH									
		Sept 2007 [^]	July 2007 [^]	April 2007 [^]	Mar 2007 [^]	Nov 2007	Oct 2007	Sept 2007	July 2007	April 2007	Mar 2007
22	John McCain	16	16	25	24	19	18	15	16	23	22
20	Rudy Giuliani	33	29	33	35	26	31	32	27	32	33
17	Mike Huckabee	4	1	3	2	10	8	4	1	3	2
12	Mitt Romney	10	12	10	9	13	9	9	10	8	8
9	Fred Thompson	22	20	12	n/a	12	17	21	18	10	n/a
4	Ron Paul	1	3	n/a	n/a	4	3	1	2	n/a	n/a
1	Duncan Hunter	n/a	n/a	1	1	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	1
n/a	Tom Tancredo	1	1	n/a	n/a	*	1	1	1	n/a	n/a
n/a	Sam Brownback	3	1	1	2	n/a	n/a	2	1	*	2
n/a	Newt Gingrich	--	--	--	--	n/a	n/a	6	8	9	7
n/a	Tommy Thompson	n/a	1	2	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	2	3
n/a	Jim Gilmore	n/a	n/a	*	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	*	3
1	Other (VOL. DO NOT READ)	1	1	1	3	*	1	1	1	1	2
2	None of them (VOL. DO NOT READ)	2	4	3	6	3	4	2	3	3	5
10	DK/Haven't thought about it (VOL)	7	11	9	12	12	8	6	11	8	12
2	Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	*	*	*	*	*	0	*	*	*	*
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

[^]March-September trends recalculated by substituting in Gingrich's supporters' second choice.