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## Methodology

The survey findings presented in this release are based on the results of interviews conducted February 13 through February 18, 2008. The interviews were conducted at the Center for Opinion Research at Franklin \& Marshall College under the direction of the poll's Director, Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Head Methodologist, Berwood Yost, and Project Manager, Jennifer Harding. Interviews were completed with 640 registered adults in Pennsylvania. Telephone numbers for the survey were generated via random digit dialing, and respondents were randomly selected from within each household. The sample error for the entire sample is +/- 3.9 percent. Among the 303 registered Democrats, the sample error is slightly larger (+/- 5.6 percent). In addition to sampling error, this survey is also subject to other sources of error, such as questionnaire design, nonresponse, and the interviewing process itself.

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## Key Findings

The February 2008 Franklin \& Marshall College Poll finds Hillary Clinton leading Barack Obama among the state's registered Democrats, but that her sizable lead in the Keystone State has started to diminish. Clinton leads Obama by 12 points, $44 \%$ to $32 \%$, but her lead is substantially smaller than the 20 point advantage she held in January. Pennsylvanians' preferences in the Democratic primary will continue to change as the April primary nears for two reasons. First, one in five (20\%) registered adults says they "don't know" for whom they will vote. Second, even among those who voice a candidate choice, about two in five (37\%) are still making up their minds. Clinton leads Obama among women, whites, and those with the least education (see Table A-1). Obama does better among non-whites and those with a college degree. Obama does not yet hold an advantage among young adults, which is a group he has won by large margins in many early primary states.

Hillary Clinton continues to be very popular among the state's Democrats, with more than six in ten (62\%) having a favorable opinion of the candidate. Clinton’s favorability ratings among Democrats have barely changed since last summer. Obama, on the other hand, continues to increase the proportion of Democrats who have a favorable opinion of him (see Figure 1).

Figure 1. Pennsylvania Favorability Ratings: Registered Democrats Only


The poll also suggests that Pennsylvania will remain a key battleground state in the fall regardless of which Democrat wins the nomination. John McCain fares well in head-to-head match-ups against both Democrats. McCain and Clinton receive an equal share of the vote while McCain leads Obama by a single point (see Figure 2). What is most interesting about the race is how partisan support changes depending on which Democrat is running. With Hillary Clinton in the race, about three in four partisans vote for their party's candidate and John McCain has an advantage among independents (see Table A-2). With Barack

Obama in the race, there is a bit less partisan loyalty, and independent votes break about evenly (see Table A-3).

Figure 2. Pennsylvania General Election Match-ups



The favorability ratings of Clinton and McCain among all of the state's registered adults have not changed markedly since January. Barack Obama has seen a slight increase in his overall favorable ratings (see Figure 3).

Figure 3. Pennsylvania Favorability Ratings: All Registered Adults


Table A-1. Democratic Primary Vote Choice by Selected Demographics
If the Democratic primary election for president was being held today and the candidates included (rotated) Hillary Clinton, Mike Gravel, and Barack Obama, would you vote for Hillary Clinton, Mike Gravel, Barack Obama, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?
$n=303$

|  | Clinton | Obama | Other | DK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 38\% | 39\% | 4\% | 19\% |
| Female | 48\% | 28\% | 3\% | 21\% |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 18-34 | 45\% | 41\% | 0\% | 14\% |
| 35-54 | 42\% | 37\% | 4\% | 17\% |
| 55 and over | 45\% | 27\% | 4\% | 23\% |
| Education* |  |  |  |  |
| High School or Less | 50\% | 22\% | 5\% | 24\% |
| Some College | 49\% | 28\% | 6\% | 18\% |
| College Degree | 38\% | 42\% | 2\% | 19\% |
| Household Income |  |  |  |  |
| Less than \$35,000 | 52\% | 23\% | 1\% | 24\% |
| \$35-75,000 | 47\% | 32\% | 5\% | 16\% |
| Over \$75,000 | 37\% | 39\% | 3\% | 20\% |
| Race* |  |  |  |  |
| White | 47\% | 28\% | 4\% | 21\% |
| Non-white | 25\% | 55\% | 3\% | 18\% |
| Ideology |  |  |  |  |
| Liberal | 41\% | 40\% | 2\% | 16\% |
| Moderate | 48\% | 26\% | 6\% | 20\% |
| Conservative | 40\% | 32\% | 2\% | 26\% |
| Religious Affiliation* |  |  |  |  |
| Protestant | 43\% | 29\% | 5\% | 24\% |
| Catholic | 55\% | 19\% | 4\% | 23\% |
| Other/unaffiliated | 34\% | 51\% | 2\% | 13\% |
| Born Again Christian or Fundamentalist |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 44\% | 31\% | 7\% | 17\% |
| No | 44\% | 32\% | 2\% | 22\% |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Northwest | 64\% | 18\% | 0\% | 18\% |
| Northeast | 54\% | 22\% | 5\% | 19\% |
| Allegheny | 52\% | 29\% | 5\% | 14\% |
| Southwest | 46\% | 25\% | 6\% | 23\% |
| Southeast | 36\% | 38\% | 0\% | 26\% |
| Central | 33\% | 44\% | 6\% | 17\% |
| Philadelphia | 32\% | 41\% | 2\% | 25\% |

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## Table A-2. McCain/Clinton Match-up by Selected Demographics

If the November general election for president was being held today and the candidates were (rotated) John McCain the Republican and Hillary Clinton the Democrat, would you vote for John McCain or Hillary Clinton?

|  | Clinton | McCain | DK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Registered Party* |  |  |  |
| Republican | 16\% | 77\% | 7\% |
| Democrat | 73\% | 18\% | 9\% |
| Other | 37\% | 51\% | 12\% |
| Gender* |  |  |  |
| Male | 37\% | 54\% | 9\% |
| Female | 53\% | 39\% | 8\% |
| Age |  |  |  |
| 18-34 | 51\% | 42\% | 7\% |
| 35-54 | 43\% | 48\% | 9\% |
| 55 and over | 47\% | 45\% | 9\% |
| Education |  |  |  |
| High School or Less | 47\% | 41\% | 12\% |
| Some College | 45\% | 50\% | 4\% |
| College Degree | 45\% | 46\% | 8\% |
| Household Income* |  |  |  |
| Less than \$35,000 | 53\% | 36\% | 10\% |
| \$35-75,000 | 46\% | 46\% | 8\% |
| Over \$75,000 | 40\% | 53\% | 7\% |
| Race* |  |  |  |
| White | 43\% | 49\% | 9\% |
| Non-white | 81\% | 13\% | 6\% |
| Ideology* |  |  |  |
| Liberal | 79\% | 18\% | 3\% |
| Moderate | 51\% | 38\% | 11\% |
| Conservative | 20\% | 73\% | 7\% |
| Religious Affiliation* |  |  |  |
| Protestant | 35\% | 56\% | 9\% |
| Catholic | 49\% | 42\% | 9\% |
| Other/unaffiliated | 61\% | 31\% | 8\% |
| Born Again Christian or Fundamentalist* |  |  |  |
| Yes | 34\% | 59\% | 7\% |
| No | 52\% | 39\% | 9\% |
| Region* |  |  |  |
| Central | 34\% | 57\% | 9\% |
| Northeast | 41\% | 50\% | 9\% |
| Southeast | 47\% | 45\% | 8\% |
| Southwest | 41\% | 43\% | 16\% |
| Northwest | 51\% | 43\% | 6\% |
| Allegheny | 59\% | 35\% | 6\% |
| Philadelphia | 78\% | 20\% | 2\% |

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## Table A-3. McCain/Obama Match-up by Selected Demographics

If the November general election for president was being held today and the candidates were (rotated) John McCain the Republican and Barack Obama the Democrat, would you vote for John McCain or Barack Obama?

|  | Obama | McCain | DK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Registered Party* |  |  |  |
| Republican | 18\% | 69\% | 14\% |
| Democrat | 63\% | 25\% | 12\% |
| Other | 47\% | 45\% | 8\% |
| Gender* |  |  |  |
| Male | 37\% | 50\% | 14\% |
| Female | 47\% | 40\% | 12\% |
| Age |  |  |  |
| 18-34 | 48\% | 31\% | 21\% |
| 35-54 | 43\% | 44\% | 13\% |
| 55 and over | 42\% | 47\% | 11\% |
| Education |  |  |  |
| High School or Less | 38\% | 49\% | 13\% |
| Some College | 39\% | 47\% | 14\% |
| College Degree | 48\% | 39\% | 12\% |
| Household Income |  |  |  |
| Less than \$35,000 | 44\% | 44\% | 12\% |
| \$35-75,000 | 42\% | 45\% | 14\% |
| Over \$75,000 | 46\% | 45\% | 9\% |
| Race* |  |  |  |
| White | 39\% | 47\% | 14\% |
| Non-white | 80\% | 16\% | 4\% |
| Ideology* |  |  |  |
| Liberal | 72\% | 20\% | 7\% |
| Moderate | 45\% | 40\% | 16\% |
| Conservative | 22\% | 66\% | 12\% |
| Religious Affiliation* |  |  |  |
| Protestant | 35\% | 55\% | 11\% |
| Catholic | 39\% | 43\% | 18\% |
| Other/unaffiliated | 61\% | 28\% | 11\% |
| Born Again Christian or Fundamentalist* |  |  |  |
| Yes | 33\% | 54\% | 13\% |
| No | 47\% | 40\% | 13\% |
| Region* |  |  |  |
| Northwest | 34\% | 56\% | 10\% |
| Central | 38\% | 51\% | 12\% |
| Northeast | 41\% | 46\% | 13\% |
| Southwest | 36\% | 45\% | 19\% |
| Southeast | 47\% | 39\% | 15\% |
| Allegheny | 48\% | 38\% | 14\% |
| Philadelphia | 71\% | 24\% | 6\% |

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## Marginal Frequency Report

REG. Some people are registered to vote, and many others are not. Are you CURRENTLY REGISTERED to vote at your present address?

## 100\% <br> Yes

RegPARTY. Are you currently registered as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or as something else?

| 48\% | Democrat |
| :---: | :--- |
| $41 \%$ | Republican |
| 8\% | Independent |
| 2\% | Something else |
| 1\% | Don't know |

Vote_Apr. Many people will vote in the primary election for president in April; however, many other people will not. What would you say are the chances of your voting in the April presidential primary? Are you certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances fifty-fifty you will vote, or don't you think that you will vote in the April presidential primary?

|  | Certain to <br> vote | Will probably <br> vote | Chances <br> $\mathbf{5 0 - 5 0}$ | Don't think <br> will vote | Don't <br> know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb 2008 | $\mathbf{7 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ |
| Jan 2008 | $70 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Mar 2004 | $64 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

Pol_Int. Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? Would you say that you are...in the 2008 presidential campaign?

|  | Very much <br> Interested | Somewhat <br> Interested | Not very <br> Interested |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb 2008 | $\mathbf{6 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 \%}$ |
| Jan 2008 | $60 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Mar 2004 | $45 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

IntFavC. I'm going to ask you a few questions about some people involved in politics today. Please let me know if your opinion of the person is favorable, not favorable, undecided, or if you haven't heard enough about the person to have an opinion. (rotated)

|  | Favorable | Not Favorable | Undecided | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HILLARY CLINTON |  |  |  |  |
| Feb 2008 | 41\% | 43\% | 15\% | 1\% |
| Jan 2008 | 40\% | 43\% | 15\% | 2\% |
| Aug 2007 | 41\% | 41\% | 16\% | 2\% |
| Jun 2007 | 34\% | 46\% | 16\% | 4\% |
| Feb 2007 | 32\% | 46\% | 17\% | 5\% |
| BARACK OBAMA |  |  |  |  |
| Feb 2008 | 46\% | 27\% | 21\% | 6\% |
| Jan 2008 | 41\% | 27\% | 23\% | 9\% |
| Aug 2007 | 37\% | 21\% | 23\% | 19\% |
| Jun 2007 | 32\% | 21\% | 20\% | 27\% |
| Feb 2007 | 31\% | 15\% | 20\% | 34\% |
| JOHN MCCAIN |  |  |  |  |
| Feb 2008 | 45\% | 26\% | 21\% | 8\% |
| Jan 2008 | 46\% | 23\% | 21\% | 10\% |
| Aug 2007 | 31\% | 30\% | 22\% | 17\% |
| Jun 2007 | 34\% | 28\% | 22\% | 16\% |
| Feb 2007 | 37\% | 23\% | 23\% | 17\% |
| Feb 2000 | 44\% | 15\% | 28\% | 13\% |
| MIKE HUCKABEE |  |  |  |  |
| Feb 2008 | 23\% | 35\% | 20\% | 22\% |
| Jan 2008 | 24\% | 27\% | 22\% | 27\% |

DemPrim. If the Democratic primary election for president was being held today and the candidates included (rotated) Hillary Clinton, Mike Gravel, and Barack Obama, would you vote for Hillary Clinton, Mike Gravel, Barack Obama, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?
$\mathrm{n}=303$

|  | Clinton | Obama | Other | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb 2008 | $\mathbf{4 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ |
| Jan 2008 | $40 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Aug 2007 | $38 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Jun 2007 | $40 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $18 \%$ |

CertDem. Are you absolutely certain you will vote for [FILL preferred candidate] in the election, or are you still making up your mind?
$\mathrm{n}=231$

|  | Certain | Still making up mind |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb 2008 | $\mathbf{6 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 7 \%}$ |
| Jan 2008 | $54 \%$ | $46 \%$ |

N1. What policy issue do you think of first when you hear [FILL preferred candidate]'s name?

|  | Feb 2008 |  | Jan 2008 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Clinton <br> $\mathrm{n}=133$ | Obama <br> $\mathrm{n}=96$ | Clinton <br> $\mathrm{n}=114$ | Obama <br> $\mathrm{n}=56$ |
| Healthcare | $54 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Economy | $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Iraq War | $7 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Social issues, equity | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Homeland security, foreign policy | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Public education | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Fiscal, budget | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Change, in general | $0 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Immigration | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Taxes | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Other, general | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Other policy issues | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Don't know | $11 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $25 \%$ |

ReasPrim. What is the main reason you plan to vote for [FILL preferred candidate]? Is it because...

|  | Feb 2008 |  | Jan 2008 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Clinton <br> $\mathrm{n}=133$ | Obama <br> $\mathrm{n}=96$ | Clinton <br> $\mathrm{n}=114$ | Obama <br> $\mathrm{n}=156$ |
| You like him/her as a person | $9 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| You prefer his/her stand on some issues | $67 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| You dislike the other candidates | $5 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Some other reason | $19 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Don't know | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

PrPairA. If the November general election for president was being held today and the candidates were (rotated) John McCain the Republican and Hillary Clinton the Democrat, would you vote for John McCain or Hillary Clinton?

|  | John <br> McCain | Hillary <br> Clinton | Don't <br> know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb 2008 | $\mathbf{4 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ |
| Aug 2007 | $42 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Feb 2007 | $45 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $14 \%$ |

PrPairB. If the November general election for president was being held today and the candidates were (rotated) John McCain the Republican and Barack Obama the Democrat, would you vote for John McCain or Barack Obama?

|  | John <br> McCain | Barack <br> Obama | Don't <br> know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb 2008 | $\mathbf{4 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ |
| Aug 2007 | $42 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Feb 2007 | $43 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $20 \%$ |

IssPrim. What will be the single most important issue in your vote for president this year? (rotated) Homeland security, the Iraq War, the economy, illegal immigration, healthcare, public education, taxes, moral and family values, or something else?

## Democrats

|  | Feb 2008 <br> $\mathrm{n}=303$ | Jan 2008 <br> $\mathrm{n}=286$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| The economy | $35 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| Healthcare | $19 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| The Iraq War | $17 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Homeland security | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Illegal immigration | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Public education | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Moral and family values | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Taxes | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Something else | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Don't know | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

## Republicans

|  | Feb 2008 <br> $\mathrm{n}=261$ | Jan 2008 <br> $\mathrm{n}=277$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| The economy | $30 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Homeland security | $15 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| The Iraq War | $12 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Moral and family values | $11 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Healthcare | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Illegal immigration | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Taxes | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Public education | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Something else | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't know | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

N2. Regardless of the political party and candidate you support, do you think that a (rotated) (Republican or a Democrat) will win the presidential election in November?

|  | Democrat | Republican | Don't <br> know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb 2008 | $\mathbf{6 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | $19 \%$ |
| Jan 2008 | $63 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $15 \%$ |

N3. Which presidential candidate can best be described as... (rotated)
(Respondents could name any candidate, not just those within their own party.)

## Representing change

|  | Feb 2008 | Jan 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Barack Obama | $49 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| Hillary Clinton | $21 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| John McCain | $8 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Mike Huckabee | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Ron Paul | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| None | $7 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Other | $1 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Don't know | $12 \%$ | $16 \%$ |

## The most experienced

|  | Feb 2008 | Jan 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| John McCain | $48 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| Hillary Clinton | $39 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Barack Obama | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Mike Huckabee | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Ron Paul | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| None | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Other | $1 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Don't know | $7 \%$ | $12 \%$ |

## Having traditional values

|  | Feb 2008 | Jan 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| John McCain | $34 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Hillary Clinton | $18 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Mike Huckabee | $15 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Barack Obama | $14 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Ron Paul | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| None | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Other | $1 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Don't know | $15 \%$ | $21 \%$ |

## Honest and trustworthy

|  | Feb 2008 | Jan 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| John McCain | $24 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Barack Obama | $22 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Hillary Clinton | $15 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Mike Huckabee | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Ron Paul | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| None | $16 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Other | $1 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Don't know | $12 \%$ | $20 \%$ |

Having the best chance to win the November election

|  | Feb 2008 | Jan 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Barack Obama | $35 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| John McCain | $25 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Hillary Clinton | $21 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Mike Huckabee | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| None | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Other | $0 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Don't know | $18 \%$ | $25 \%$ |

N4. For each of the following issues, please tell me the one presidential candidate you believe would be most likely to make the issue a top priority. It doesn't matter which candidate you support or whether you favor or oppose these issues. (rotated)

## Using offensive strategies in the war on terror

|  | Feb 2008 | Jan 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| John McCain | $64 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Hillary Clinton | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Barack Obama | $8 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Mike Huckabee | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Ron Paul | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| None | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Other | $1 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Don't know | $11 \%$ | $20 \%$ |

Ending the war in Iraq

|  | Feb 2008 | Jan 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Barack Obama | $40 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Hillary Clinton | $33 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| John McCain | $13 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Ron Paul | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Mike Huckabee | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| None | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Other | $1 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Don't know | $9 \%$ | $20 \%$ |

## Strengthening the economy

|  | Feb 2008 | Jan 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Hillary Clinton | $32 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| John McCain | $25 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Barack Obama | $23 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Mike Huckabee | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Ron Paul | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| None | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Other | $1 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Don't know | $13 \%$ | $23 \%$ |

## Stopping illegal immigration

|  | Feb 2008 | Jan 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| John McCain | $37 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Hillary Clinton | $15 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Barack Obama | $9 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Mike Huckabee | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Ron Paul | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| None | $9 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Other | $1 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Don't know | $21 \%$ | $34 \%$ |

Increasing access to healthcare

|  | Feb 2008 | Jan 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Hillary Clinton | $64 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| Barack Obama | $18 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| John McCain | $6 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Mike Huckabee | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| None | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Other | $1 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Don't know | $9 \%$ | $15 \%$ |

Protecting traditional family values

|  | Feb 2008 | Jan 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| John McCain | $31 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Mike Huckabee | $19 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Hillary Clinton | $18 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Barack Obama | $17 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Ron Paul | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| None | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Other | $1 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Don't know | $11 \%$ | $15 \%$ |

Reducing the income gap between rich and poor Americans

|  | Feb 2008 | Jan 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Barack Obama | $42 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Hillary Clinton | $25 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| John McCain | $8 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Mike Huckabee | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Ron Paul | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| None | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Other | $1 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Don't know | $12 \%$ | $24 \%$ |

RatePres. How would you rate the way that George Bush is handling his job as president? Would you say he is doing...

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Excellent } \\ \text { job } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Good job | Only a fair job | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Poor } \\ & \text { job } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GEORGE BUSH, as President |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feb 2008 | 5\% | 17\% | 25\% | 52\% | 1\% |
| Jan 2008 | 8\% | 22\% | 23\% | 47\% | 0\% |
| Aug 2007 | 4\% | 19\% | 28\% | 49\% | 0\% |
| Jun 2007 | 5\% | 19\% | 28\% | 48\% | 0\% |
| Feb 2007 | 5\% | 22\% | 27\% | 46\% | 0\% |
| Oct 2006 | 8\% | 23\% | 25\% | 43\% | 1\% |
| Sep 2006 | 10\% | 26\% | 27\% | 36\% | 1\% |
| Aug 2006 | 9\% | 24\% | 24\% | 43\% | 0\% |
| May 2006 | 7\% | 23\% | 24\% | 45\% | 1\% |
| Feb 2006 | 10\% | 26\% | 23\% | 40\% | 1\% |
| Sep 2005 | 10\% | 25\% | 24\% | 42\% | 1\% |
| Jun 2005 | 12\% | 31\% | 27\% | 30\% | 1\% |
| Oct 2004 | 14\% | 30\% | 28\% | 28\% | 0\% |
| Sep 2004 | 18\% | 31\% | 27\% | 24\% | 0\% |
| Aug 2004 | 16\% | 30\% | 26\% | 28\% | 1\% |
| Mar 2004 | 15\% | 34\% | 26\% | 24\% | 1\% |
| Feb 2004 | 13\% | 32\% | 26\% | 28\% | 1\% |
| Nov 2003 | 15\% | 32\% | 25\% | 28\% | 2\% |
| Apr 2003 | 33\% | 31\% | 19\% | 15\% | 2\% |

I now have a final few questions for statistical purposes only.
CNTY. Region of state (What is the name of the county you live in?)

| $30 \%$ | Central |
| :---: | :--- |
| $17 \%$ | Southeast |
| $12 \%$ | Southwest |
| $11 \%$ | Northeast |
| $11 \%$ | Allegheny |
| $11 \%$ | Northwest |
| $8 \%$ | Philadelphia |

AGE. What was your age on your last birthday?
2\% 18-24
8\% 25-34
12\% 35-44
23\% 45-54
27\% 55-64
28\% 65 and older
EDUC. What was the last grade level of schooling you have completed?
4\% Non high school graduate
30\% High school graduate or GED
13\% Some college
10\% Two-year or tech degree
24\% Four year college degree
19\% Post graduate degree
IDEO. Politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

|  | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb 2008 | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ |
| Jan 2008 | $18 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Aug 2007 | $21 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Jun 2007 | $19 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Feb 2007 | $21 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Oct 2006 | $17 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Sep 2006 | $20 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Aug 2006 | $19 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| May 2006 | $16 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Feb 2006 | $21 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Nov 2005 | $17 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Sep 2005 | $22 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Jun 2005* | $19 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Mar 2005* | $16 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Oct 2004 | $16 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Sep 2004 | $16 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Aug 2004 | $15 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Mar 2004 | $16 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Feb 2004 | $20 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Nov 2003 | $21 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $7 \%$ |


| Apr 2003* | $19 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct 2002 | $16 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Sep 2002 | $18 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Jun 2002 | $19 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Oct 2001 | $20 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Apr 2001 | $19 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Oct 2000 | $22 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Feb 2000 | $19 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Jul 1999 | $18 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $6 \%$ |

*Question asked of all respondents regardless of registration status

PRTY1. Regardless of how you are registered, in politics, as of today, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

|  | Strong <br> Rep | Rep | Lean <br> Rep | Pure <br> Indep | Lean <br> Dem | Dem | Strong <br> Dem | Don't <br> know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb 2008 | $\mathbf{1 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ |
| Jan 2008 | $19 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Aug 2007 | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Jun 2007 | $16 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Feb 2007 | $17 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Oct 2006 | $19 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Sep 2006 | $19 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Aug 2006 | $20 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Oct 2004 | $25 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Sep 2004 | $25 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Aug 2004 | $24 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Apr 2003 | $27 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Oct 2000 | $20 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Jul 1999 | $22 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

Hisp. Are you Hispanic or Latino, or not?

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3% Yes
97% No
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RACE. Which of the following categories best describes your racial background?

| 92\% | White |
| :---: | :--- |
| $8 \%$ | Non-white |

REL. Do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, some other religion, or not affiliated with any religion?

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45% Protestant
29% Catholic
13% Some other religion
13% Not affiliated with any religion
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BAC. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again Christian or fundamentalist, or not?

| $31 \%$ | Yes |
| :---: | :--- |
| $68 \%$ | No |
| $1 \%$ | Don't know |

NumA. Including yourself, how many adults 18 years of age or OLDER CURRENTLY live in this household?

| $37 \%$ | One |
| :---: | :--- |
| $51 \%$ | Two |
| $9 \%$ | Three |
| $3 \%$ | Four or more |

FinToday. We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. Would you say that YOU and YOUR FAMILY are better off, worse off, or about the same financially as you were a year ago?

|  | Better off | Worse off | About the same | Don't know |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb 2008 | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{0 \%}$ |
| Jan 2008 | $17 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Nov 2005* | $20 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Sep 2005* | $17 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Jun 2005* | $24 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Mar 2005* | $21 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Nov 2003* | $17 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Apr 2003* | $16 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Mar 2003* | $23 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Jul 1999* | $31 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Jul 1998* | $41 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Mar 1998* | $39 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Jul 1996* | $24 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Feb 1996* | $29 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Apr 1995* | $37 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

*Question asked of all respondents regardless of registration status
INC1. And, just for statistical purposes, we need to know if your total family income is above or below \$50,000 per year?

| $16 \%$ | Under \$25,000 |
| :---: | :--- |
| $13 \%$ | $\$ 25-\$ 35,000$ |
| $13 \%$ | $\$ 35-50,000$ |
| $22 \%$ | $\$ 50-75,000$ |
| $17 \%$ | $\$ 75-100,000$ |
| $17 \%$ | Over \$100,000 |
| $2 \%$ | Don't know |

DONE. Sex of respondent:

57\% Female
43\% Male


[^0]:    * Significant differences (p<.05)

[^1]:    * Significant differences (p<.05)

[^2]:    * Significant differences (p<.05)

