

University of Iowa Poll Candidate Preferences Topline Results

Sample: 1290 registered Iowa voters, MoE +/-3%
 600 self-identified Democrats, including Independents leaning Democrat, MoE +/-4.0%
 479 Republicans, including leaners, MoE +/-4.5%
 298 Democratic Likely Caucus Goers, MoE +/-5.5%
 178 Republican Likely Caucus Goers, MoE +/-6.5%

Initial partisan breakdown: 32% Republican, 36% Democrat and 32% Independent

The poll was in the field from March 19-31st. David Redlawsk and Caroline Tolbert, associate professors of political science at the University of Iowa, and graduate students Daniel Bowen, Karleen Jones and Howard Sanborn, also of the University of Iowa, conducted the poll. The poll was carried out by with the cooperation and facilities of the University of Iowa Social Science Research Center.

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Presidential Preference

If the 2008 election for president were held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate?

Democrat:	46.3%
Republican	30.5%
Other/Don't Know	23.2%

If the 2008 presidential election were held today, who would you vote for president? Just tell me the name.

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(All Names Given by Respondent)			
DON'T KNOW	36.4	27.5	39.9
CLINTON	13.5	25.5	1.0
EDWARDS	12.6	23.2	1.3
OBAMA	10.9	16.3	4.0
GULIANI	7.1	*	17.5
MCCAIN	6.6	1.2	14.4
ROMNEY	4.7	1.0	9.6
OTHER	2.6	1.2	4.0
GINGRICH	1.5	*	3.5
THOMPSON	*		1.9
BIDEN	*	*	
BROWNBACK	*		1.3
CLARK	*	*	*

GORE	*	1.3	
HAGEL	*	*	
HUCKABEE	*		*
HUNTER	*		
KUCINICH	*	*	
RICHARDSON	*	1.3	*
SHARPTON	*	*	

*= mentioned, by <1%; blank=not mentioned in subsample

Thinking again about the 2008 election, if your choice of candidates was limited to only the following, who would you choose?

CLINTON	19.3	29.6	8.1
EDWARDS	17.6	26.3	7.5
OBAMA	16.7	20.9	11.8
GULIANI	12.2	4.6	22.8
MCCAIN	11.9	5.0	21.2
ROMNEY	11.7	6.8	17.4
DON'T KNOW	10.7	6.8	11.2

Caucus Preference

(Asked of Likely Republican and Democratic Caucus Goers only.)

If your caucus was TODAY, who would you support for president at your caucus? Just tell me the name.

DEMOCRATS ONLY

EDWARDS	34.2
CLINTON	28.5
OBAMA	19.3
DON'T KNOW	12.5
OTHERS	5.5

REPUBLICANS ONLY

MCCAIN	20.9
GULIANI	20.3
ROMNEY	16.9
THOMPSON*	4.5
GINGRICH	3.4
DON'T KNOW	23.2
OTHERS	10.8

*Note, due to open-ended methodology, cannot distinguish between T. Thompson and F. Thompson. Last name only was recorded.

Caucus Candidate Strength

(Asked of Likely Republican and Democratic Caucus Goers only.)

I am going to read statements about some of the [Democratic/Republican] candidates for president. I'd like to know whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement.

[Candidate Name] is the [Democrat's/Republican's] strongest candidate.

(Candidate names were rotated within party)

	Str Agree	Agree	Disagree	Str Disagree
DEMOCRATS ONLY				
CLINTON	21.6	34.6	37.5	6.4
EDWARDS	16.1	30.0	51.8	2.1
OBAMA	11.4	37.0	48.4	3.3

REPUBLICANS ONLY

GULIANI	19.4	38.3	37.7	4.6
MCCAIN	17.9	19.1	51.4	11.6
ROMNEY	12.4	18.0	62.1	7.5

[Candidate Name] is electable.

	Str Agree	Agree	Disagree	Str Disagree
DEMOCRATS ONLY				
CLINTON	18.7	57.8	20.8	2.8
EDWARDS	29.1	59.9	10.4	0.7
OBAMA	18.3	68.3	11.3	2.1

REPUBLICANS ONLY

GULIANI	27.3	55.2	15.7	1.7
MCCAIN	20.2	42.9	30.4	6.5
ROMNEY	9.2	53.6	34.6	2.6