

**University of Iowa Poll  
Topline Results  
Aug. 8, 2007**

Samples: 907 registered Iowa voters, MoE +/-3.25%  
 469 self-identified Democrats, including Independents leaning Democrat, MoE +/-4.6%  
 355 Republicans, including leaners, MoE +/-5.2%  
 Initial partisan breakdown: 28.6% Republican, 35.1% Democrat and 32.0% Independent

787 caucus goers, MeE +/-3.5%  
 425 Democratic Caucus Goers, MoE +/-4.9%  
 306 Republican Caucus Goers, MoE +/-5.6%

The poll was in the field from July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>. David Redlawsk, Associate Professor of Political Science conducted the poll with graduate students James Rydberg and Howard Sanborn, and undergraduate student Brigid Feymuller, all of the University of Iowa. The poll was carried out by with the cooperation and facilities of the University of Iowa Social Science Research Center.

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**Registered Voters**

**Presidential Preference [Registered Voter Sample, N=907; 469 D, 355 R]**

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

	ALL	D	R
(All Names Given by Respondent)			
DON'T KNOW	30.7	22.7	34.8
CLINTON	18.0	30.0	2.1
OBAMA	13.8	20.4	6.7
ROMNEY	8.9	*	21.8
EDWARDS	8.9	16.1	*
GULIANI	4.0		10.0
RICHARDSON	3.5	5.5	1.8
OTHER	2.6	2.8	2.4
THOMPSON, F	2.1	*	5.2
MCCAIN	1.0		1.8
PAUL	1.0	*	2.4
GINGRICH	*		1.2
THOMPSON, T	*		2.1
DODD	*	*	
BIDEN	*	*	*
BROWNBACK	*		1.2
HAGEL	*	*	*
HUCKABEE	*		2.4
KUCINICH	*	*	

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

**Satisfaction with Candidates [Registered Voters]**

*Given the people who now say they are running for president in 2008, how satisfied are you with your choices? Would you say you are:*

	<b>ALL</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>I</b>
VERY SATISFIED	22.6	33.3	13.8	5.3
SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	56.0	56.4	59.6	42.7
NOT SATISFIED	21.3	10.5	26.6	52.0

**Caucus Goers**

**Caucus Preference [Caucus Goer Sample, N=787; 425 D; 308 R]**

(Asked of 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.*

	<b>ALL</b>	<b>MOST LIKELY CAUCUS GOERS</b>	<b>LESS LIKELY CAUCUS GOERS</b>
<b>DEMOCRATS</b>	<b>N=425</b>	<b>N=319</b>	<b>N=106</b>
CLINTON	26.8	24.8	32.7
OBAMA	22.3	19.3	25.2
EDWARDS	22.1	26.0	10.3
RICHARDSON	8.5	9.4	5.6
DON'T KNOW	16.2	14.4	21.5
OTHERS	4.1	4.1	4.7
<b>REPUBLICANS</b>	<b>N=306</b>	<b>N=223</b>	<b>N=83</b>
ROMNEY	26.9	27.8	25.3
GULIANI	11.3	11.7	10.8
THOMPSON, F	6.5	7.6	3.6
BROWNBACK	4.2	4.0	4.8
TANCREDO	4.2	5.4	1.2
MCCAIN	3.2	3.1	3.6
HUCKABEE	2.6	1.8	4.8
DON'T KNOW	31.1	27.4	38.6
OTHERS	10.0	11.2	7.3

**Likelihood of Changing Preference**

*How likely is it that you might change your mind and end up caucusing for a different candidate than the one you support now? Is it:*

	<b>ALL</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>R</b>
VERY LIKELY	11.4	9.3	13.8
SOMEWHAT LIKELY	57.1	55.9	59.0
NOT AT ALL LIKELY	30.5	33.6	26.2

**Satisfaction with Candidates [Caucus Goers Only]**

*Given the people who now say they are running for president in 2008, how satisfied are you with your choices? Would you say you are:*

	<b>ALL</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>R</b>
VERY SATISFIED	30.6	43.4	16.1
SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	54.7	48.7	62.7
NOT SATISFIED	14.7	6.9	21.2

**Straw Poll [Most Likely Republican Caucus Goers Only]**

*Are you aware of the Iowa Republican Party Straw Poll on August 11, in Ames?*

YES	81.5%
NO	18.5%

*You have probably heard that John McCain and Rudy Guliani both plan to skip the straw poll. Which of the following statements BEST describes your reaction to their decision not to attend?*

- 8.8% The Straw Poll doesn't mean much, so it doesn't matter if they don't participate
- 16.6% The Straw Poll doesn't mean much, but all serious candidates should participate
- 23.8% The Straw Poll is a good indicator of how candidates are doing, but not participating will not hurt them in the caucus.
- 47.0% The Straw Poll is a good indicator of how candidates are doing; by not participating they are hurting their chances in the caucus

## Caucus Candidate Strength

(Asked only of the most likely caucus goers from each party)

*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	24.6	42.1	26.5	6.8
DODD	1.0	6.3	63.0	29.7
EDWARDS	16.0	42.3	36.8	4.9
OBAMA	14.2	43.9	38.6	3.3
RICHARDSON	5.6	21.0	57.0	16.4

### REPUBLICANS ONLY

BROWNBACK	1.0	13.0	58.0	28.0
GULIANI	8.1	40.8	42.2	9.0
MCCAIN	1.4	14.1	52.6	31.9
ROMNEY	19.8	40.1	32.9	7.2
THOMPSON, F	7.3	27.2	53.9	11.5

*[Candidate Name] is electable.*

	Str Agree	Agree	Disagree	Str Disagree
DEMOCRATS ONLY				
CLINTON	24.4	54.2	16.9	4.5
DODD	2.7	27.2	50.7	19.4
EDWARDS	32.5	52.2	12.1	3.2
OBAMA	22.4	58.6	13.4	1.6
RICHARDSON	10.4	47.1	32.0	10.4

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BROWNBACK	2.6	24.6	52.3	20.5
GULIANI	16.0	61.3	18.4	4.2
MCCAIN	3.3	29.9	47.7	19.2
ROMNEY	24.1	59.4	12.3	4.2
THOMPSON, F	14.8	52.9	25.9	6.3