University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll
Topline Results
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October 2007 Poll of Iowa Caucus Goers

Sample: 689 Caucus Goers, MoE +/-3.9%
306 Democratic Caucus Goers, MoE +/-5.5%
285 Republican Caucus Goers, MoE +/-5.8%

The poll was in the field from October 17 through October 24. David Redlawsk and Caroline Tolbert, Associate Professors 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 directed by Professor Kevin Leicht, UI Department of Sociology.

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Caucus Screening:

Respondents were asked whether they were very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely to attend their party's caucus in 2008. Among all registered voters contacted, 37.2% said they were "not at all" likely to caucus, while another 21.3% said they were "Not very likely". These two groups were not considered "likely caucus goers". The remaining 41.5% said they were "Very Likely" (24.1%) or "Somewhat Likely" (17.4%) to caucus. A second screen then asked which party's caucus the voter planned to attend. Of the initial screen of likely caucus goers, 4.4% could not name a party, and were dropped. Approximately 35% of the original registered voter sample is thus classified as "likely caucus goers". Of the total original registered voter sample, about 19.1% are likely Democratic caucus goers and 14.4% are likely Republican Caucus Goers.

Of the registered voter contacts, 35.0% were Democrats, 31.9% were Republicans, and 33.1% were neither party, broadly representative of Iowa party registration. Of the caucus-going sample, 58.6% said they will attend the Democratic caucus and 41.4% say they will attend the Republican caucus, reflecting a significantly greater difficultly in identifying Republicans who say they may caucus.

Candidate Preference

If your caucus was TODAY, who would you support for president at your caucus? Just tell me the name.
[March and August UI Hawkeye Poll results for comparison]

	OCTOBER	AUGUST	MARCH
DEMOCRATS	N=306	N=319	N=298
CLINTON	28.9	24.8	28.5
OBAMA	26.6	19.3	19.3
EDWARDS	20.0	26.0	34.2
RICHARDSON	7.2	9.4	*
BIDEN	5.3	*	*
DON'T KNOW	8.9	14.4	12.5
OTHERS	3.3	4.1	5.5

* Less than 1%

	OCTOBER	AUGUST	MARCH
REPUBLICANS	N=282	N=223	N=178
ROMNEY	36.2	27.8	16.9
GIULIANI	13.1	11.7	20.3
HUCKABEE	12.8	1.8	*
THOMPSON, F	11.4	7.6	*
MCCAIN	6.0	3.1	20.9
TANCREDO	2.2	5.4	*
DON'T KNOW	14.9	27.4	23.2
OTHERS	3.5	15.1	18.7

* Less than 1%

	GENDER		AGE			EDUCATION			
	F	M	18-44	45-60	61+	HS	SOME COLLEGE	BA	POST GRAD
DEMOCRATS									
BIDEN	4.3	6.7	0.0	3.5	9.9	4.0	2.4	6.8	8.9
CLINTON	33.0	22.5	19.1	30.7	31.4	33.3	22.4	36.4	21.4
EDWARDS	16.8	25.0	16.2	26.3	16.5	22.7	23.5	14.8	19.6
OBAMA	26.5	26.7	41.2	21.1	24.0	24.0	32.9	25.0	21.4
RICHARDSON	8.1	5.8	7.4	10.5	4.1	2.7	7.1	8.0	12.5
DON'T KNOW	10.3	6.7	7.4	4.4	14.1	10.7	9.4	5.7	10.7
OTHERS	1.1	6.7	8.8	3.5	0.0	2.7	2.4	3.4	5.4
REPUBLICANS									
GIULIANI	10.6	16.0	13.5	14.7	10.6	6.8	16.5	15.6	15.6
HUCKABEE	13.0	12.6	11.5	18.6	8.9	13.5	11.4	11.5	18.8
MCCAIN	4.6	7.6	9.6	4.9	5.7	4.1	6.3	6.3	9.4
ROMNEY	37.8	34.4	30.8	30.4	43.1	36.5	41.8	37.5	15.6
THOMPSON, F	9.9	13.0	11.5	14.7	8.9	12.2	13.9	8.3	12.5
DON'T KNOW	19.2	9.9	13.5	10.8	18.7	23.0	3.8	17.7	12.5
OTHERS	5.3	6.1	9.6	5.9	4.1	4.0	6.3	4.2	15.6

	ATTEND RELIGIOUS SVCS		BORN AGAIN/EVANGELICAL	
	LESS THAN WEEKLY	WEEKLY OR MORE	YES	NO
REPUBLICANS				
GIULIANI	17.7	12.7	14.3	12.4
HUCKABEE	4.4	15.7	21.2	6.4
MCCAIN	10.3	4.6	7.1	5.7
ROMNEY	35.3	37.1	29.2	41.1
THOMPSON, F	22.1	8.1	10.6	12.9
DON'T KNOW	7.3	15.7	13.3	15.0
OTHERS	2.9	6.1	4.3	7.5

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:

(August Poll for comparison)

	ALL		D		R	
NOT AT ALL LIKELY	34.6	(30.5)	39.6	(33.6)	28.9	(26.2)
SOMEWHAT LIKELY	54.7	(57.1)	49.6	(55.9)	60.7	(59.0)
VERY LIKELY	8.1	(11.4)	7.9	(9.3)	8.4	(13.8)

Satisfaction with Candidates

(August Poll for comparison)

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:

	ALL		D		R	
VERY SATISFIED	28.9	(30.6)	45.5	(43.4)	10.9	(16.1)
SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	56.1	(54.7)	44.8	(48.7)	68.4	(62.7)
NOT SATISFIED	14.1	(14.7)	9.4	(6.9)	19.3	(21.2)

Support for Al Gore (Democrats Only)

Some people are pushing former Vice President Al Gore to run for President. If Gore ran, how likely would you be to support him?

		SUPPORTERS OF….		
	ALL	CLINTON	EDWARDS	OBAMA
VERY LIKELY	19.6	8.1	21.7	23.4
SOMEWHAT LIKELY	34.5	36.0	38.3	35.1
NOT AT ALL LIKELY	41.9	52.3	38.3	35.1

Candidate Spouses

How important is the candidate's spouse to your decision about whether to support a candidate? Is the spouse:

	D	R
VERY IMPORTANT	17.1	13.8
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	32.8	47.9
NOT VERY IMPORTANT	30.8	20.9
NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	19.3	17.4

Issues in the Presidential Race

I am going to read a list of issues. Please tell me which ONE is the most important to your vote for president in 2008.
[List of Issues Randomized**]**

	D	**R**
ABORTION	1.4	7.2
AGRICULTURAL POLICY	1.4	1.4
ECONOMY	15.8	15.8
EDUCATION	6.7	4.0
ENERGY POLICY	2.4	2.9
ENVIRONMENT/ GLOBAL WARMING	5.7	1.1
GAY MARRIAGE	0.7	2.9
HEALTH CARE	23.2	9.5
IMMIGRATION	2.4	13.7
IRAQ WAR	34.9	15.5
TERRORISM	1.7	21.9

Immigration Views

How important is a candidate's position on undocumented immigration to your vote for president in 2008?

	D	**R**
MOST IMPORTANT	2.4	13.7
VERY IMPORTANT	32.1	52.5
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	50.8	29.2
NOT IMPORTANT	14.7	4.6

Which comes closest to your view about what government policy should be regarding undocumented immigrants currently residing in the United States. Should the government:
[Options Randomized]

	D	**R**
DEPORT ALL UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS	14.7	29.7
ALLOW UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS TO REMAIN IN THE US AS GUEST WORKERS FOR A LIMITED TIME	16.5	12.0
ALLOW UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS TO BECOME CITIZENS IF THEY MEET CRITERIA LIKE LEARNING ENGLISH AND PAYING THEIR BACK TAXES	66.9	51.7
ALLOW UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS TO BECOME PERMANENT RESIDENTS WITH NO REQUIREMENTS	6.5	2.2

Which ONE of the following is MOST responsible for the immigration situation we have today?
[Options Randomized]

	D	**R**
THE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS WHO COME ACROSS OUR BORDERS	14.5	19.5
EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS	57.3	49.2
IMMIGRATION POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	28.5	31.3