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HILLARY CLINTON SHORES UP DEMOCRATIC VOTES GIULIANI'S LEAD IS SOFT WITH MOST SAYING THEY COULD CHANGE THEIR MINDS

Democratic candidate for president New York Senator Hillary Clinton is solidifying her support from the many different demographic groups that make up the Democratic primary voters. Her support comes at the expense of Illinois Senator Barack Obama. He has lost strength in such groups as those with higher education and the affluent, which were mainstays of his candidacy. In the current LA Times/Bloomberg poll, nearly half of Democratic primary voters said they would vote for Clinton, while 17% would vote for Obama. In a challenge to Obama, former North Carolina Senator John Edwards receives the support of 13% of voters (an uptick of five points from a June LA Times/Bloomberg poll). The other candidates are in single digits, with no movement from earlier polls. Fifteen percent are undecided. In the same June poll, Clinton received a third of the vote to Obama's 22% (in the earlier poll former VP Al Gore was mentioned and he received 15% support). The Democrats are much more satisfied with their presidential choices than the Republicans. Three-fifths of Clinton's voters and more than half of Obama's supporters are certain that they would vote for their candidate (nearly half for Edwards), while most Republicans said they could change their mind and vote for someone else.

On the Republican side, although former NY mayor Rudy Giuliani receives more votes than his opponents, the Republican primary voters are not as enthused with their choices, especially those who consider themselves Christian conservatives. Among Republican primary voters, Giuliani receives 32% of the vote, while 15% support former Tennessee senator Fred Thompson, 13% back Arizona Senator John McCain, 11% support former Mass. Governor Mitt Romney and the other candidates all receive less than double digit support. Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee saw some movement – from 3% in the June poll to 7% in the current one. He has done well in Iowa and in the Values Voters forum because of his conservative moniker. He came in second in both the Values Voters forum and in the Ames Iowa Straw Poll. Sixteen percent of voters in the survey are undecided.

Republicans

If the election were held today, Giuliani would have more than a two to one advantage over Thompson and almost a three to one margin over Romney and McCain. Large majorities of Christian conservatives would consider a third party candidate if the Republican candidate doesn't oppose abortion and gay rights and, in addition, most said that they would *only* vote for a candidate who opposes these social conservative issues. Among white Christian conservatives, 23% would support Thompson and 18% would back Giuliani.

If the election were being held today...

All Republican Primary Voters

Rudy Giuliani	32%
Fred Thompson	15
John McCain	13
Mitt Romney	11
Mike Huckabee	7
Duncan Hunter	2
Tom Tancredo	2
Ron Paul	2
Don't know	16

The poll results shows that the Republican candidates' messages are not resonating with voters. Many Republicans, especially the conservatives, said that abortion is the most important issue. With that in mind, some leaders in the social conservative organizations are threatening to run a third party candidate if the Republican candidate doesn't agree with their positions on abortion and gay rights. Almost two in five of Republican primary voters said they could only vote for a candidate that opposes abortion and gay rights, including a majority of those who consider themselves part of the religious right and two-thirds of white Christian fundamentalists. Their lack of enthusiasm or their lack of faith about the candidates' belief in their causes, is shown by more than a quarter of Republican primary voters not knowing which presidential candidate would be best at handling social issues like abortion and gay rights. Giuliani, who is pro-choice, in favor of gun control and civil unions for gay couples said at the Values Voters Forum last week that conservatives have nothing to fear from him and that he would appoint Supreme Court justices in the image of Antonin Scalia and Sam Alioto. His appearance did not seem to help bolster support from the conservative wing of the Republican Party -- about one in five each thought Giuliani or Thompson would be best on these issues, but more than a quarter were not sure about any of the candidates. Yet, among the 34% of Republican primary voters who would consider a third party candidate if the candidate chosen is not conservative enough, Giuliani received more support than the other candidates. But among the religious conservatives of the Party that are fervently against abortion and gay rights, they prefer Thompson as their candidate.

If the Republican Party nominates a candidate supporting abortion and gay rights, the social conservatives in the Party should run a third party candidate.

Agree that Rep Party should run
a third party candidate

34%

Who would this group support:

Giuliani	26%
Thompson	19
McCain	10
Huckabee	9
Romney	7

Could you vote for a candidate for president who supports abortion and gay rights if you agree with him on other issues, or could you only vote for a candidate for president who opposes these issues?

All Rep Primary Voters who could only
vote for candidates who opposes
these issues

39%

Who would this group support:

Thompson	22%
Giuliani	19
Huckabee	11
Romney	11
McCain	8

More than two-thirds of Republican voters said abortion should be illegal (which includes 51% who said illegal with exception – rape, incest and to save the mother’s life). Seventeen percent want abortion to be illegal without any exceptions. And nearly half of Republican voters are against same-sex couples marrying or forming civil unions, including huge majorities of those who consider themselves part of the religious right and Christian fundamentalists.

Although Giuliani is pro-choice and favors civil unions, among those who want abortion to be illegal 35% would still vote for the former mayor; among voters who want same-sex couples to neither marry nor join in civil unions, 24% are also supporting him. He gets the most votes in both of these groups.

Illegal immigration is another issue that the conservatives in the Republican Party feel strongly about. This group was against the push by President Bush to give illegal workers a path to citizenship. They much prefer tougher enforcement of the laws. While a larger share of moderate Republicans believe that a two-prong approach is preferable (enforcement plus guest worker program), conservative Republicans are split 46% for tougher enforcement and 48% for both enforcement and a guest worker program. More than four out of five Republican primary voters said this is an important issue when deciding on their candidate, but just 13% said it was the most important one to consider.

How some demographics groups are voting in the Republican primary:

	Giuliani	Thompson	Romney	McCain	Huckabee
Party Ideology					
Conservative GOP	34%	17	12	6	10
Gender					
Men	36%	13	7	11	11
Women	27%	18	14	14	4
Age					
18-44*	36%	14	9	8	6
45-64	27%	18	15	15	7
65 and older	37%	15	9	14	11
Education					
Less/Coll Degree	32%	17	9	14	8
Coll Degree or more	31%	13	15	10	7
Religion					
Catholic	35%	10	18	16	4
Religious right **	23%	25	9	6	14
White fundamentalist	18%	23	8	9	11

*18-44 year olds – small base only has 82 voters

**Religious right – small base has only 88 voters

Democrats

Clinton appears to be the presumptive frontrunner in the Democratic primary, according to the results of the poll. She has managed to get the support of most of the demographic groups, making big inroads into groups that were aligned with Obama. The expectations are very high for the NY Senator because of her commanding lead in national polls. However, in early primaries like Iowa and New Hampshire her lead shrinks. But, if she doesn't do as well as the media or pundits perceive she should in the early primaries and caucus, the media around her will go very negative endorsing people's views that she is too polarizing or that she cannot win a general election.

If the election were being held today...

All Primary Voters	
Hillary Clinton	48%
Barack Obama	17
John Edwards	13
Bill Richardson	2
Joe Biden	2
Dennis Kucinich	1
Someone else	2
Don't know	15

- Chris Dodd and Mike Gravel each got less than 0.5%.

Although a bare majority of Democratic primary voters disagree with the statement that "Hillary Clinton is too polarizing a candidate, making it difficult for her to win the November president election," a third agree with this statement. Among those who agree with this statement, almost a third (31%) still said they would back Clinton, while a quarter would vote for Obama. Majorities of men and women also disagree that she is too polarizing. But 38% of non-working women agree with this statement, compared to just 24% of working women.

Among Democratic voters, nearly three in 10 think Clinton is more ethical than her opponents, followed by Obama and Edwards – 21% and 17%, respectively.

Some demographics: The following chart shows how some voter groups that were either Obama voters or split their vote in the earlier poll have moved toward Clinton.

	-----Current Poll-----		-----June Poll-----	
	Clinton	Obama	Clinton	Obama
18-44	42	20	25	32
Whites	45	13	25	22
Minorities	54	24	51	22
College grad or more	40	21	25	26
Women college grad or more	50	18	29	27
Men	47	15	29	27
Household \$60K or more	53	15	22	26
Working women	49	21	na	na
Non-working women	51	15	na	na

November Match-ups

In hypothetical general election match-ups, both Clinton and Obama beat the four top-tiered Republican candidates for president. Clinton's campaign is targeting women. In the 2004 election 54% of the electorate were women and if she can count on some crossover votes by Republican women and keep her base among Democrats and independents, she could become the first female American president. She does get some crossover votes among Republican women, but not as much as Obama would. Men gave Clinton more support in each of her races against her Republican opponents, except against Giuliani. Men gave the former NY mayor a seven point lead.

Clinton vs. McCain and Obama vs. McCain: Clinton has an 10 point advantage over McCain. She beats the Arizona senator among independents by two points (although within the poll's error margin). Overall, 11% of Republicans would vote for the Democrat, while 6% of Democrats would vote for McCain. Obama has an eight point advantage over McCain, with just four points ahead of the Republican among independents. Men give McCain a three point advantage over the Illinois Senator.

(among registered voters)

Clinton	48%	Obama	44%
McCain	38	McCain	36

-----CROSSOVER-----

	Rep Women	Dem Women	
Clinton	11%	84%	
McCain	75	8	
Obama	20%	78%	
McCain	78	8	

Clinton vs. Romney and Obama vs. Romney: Clinton has a commanding 15 point lead over Romney, including a 42% to 28% lead among independents. Although the Christian conservative voters would never vote enthusiastically for Clinton, she does get under a third each from this group on the four hypothetical head-to-head match-ups. Obama takes a 10 point lead against the former Mass. Governor. He also has a small lead over Romney among independents, but within the poll's margin of error (33% to 28%). Men are splitting their vote between Obama and Romney.

(among registered voters)

Clinton	49%	Obama	42%
Romney	34	Romney	32

-----CROSSOVER-----

	Rep Women	Dem Women	
Clinton	10%	88%	
Romney	74	5	
Obama	20%	79%	
Romney	58	8	

Clinton vs. Giuliani and Obama vs. Giuliani: Giuliani appears to be the only candidate that Clinton or Obama need worry about. Clinton does best Giuliani by six points and Obama narrowly leads by three points, these results are near the outer edge or within the poll's margin of error, respectively. The Democratic and Republican crossovers are a wash (with both about 10%). Men support Giuliani by 46% to 39% over the NY Senator and nine points over Obama. Women are decidedly for both Democratic candidates.

(among registered voters)			
Clinton	47%	Obama	43%
Giuliani	41	Giuliani	40
-----CROSSOVER-----			
	Rep Women	Dem Women	
Clinton	18%	86%	
Giuliani	73	8	
Obama	23%	84%	
Giuliani	72	9	

Clinton vs. Thompson and Obama vs. Thompson: Clinton leads Thompson by 49% to 38%, while Obama's lead is bigger by 46% to 31%. Independents are split between Clinton and Thompson, but Obama gets a 14 point advantage with this group.. Women only give Clinton a nine point lead against Thompson, but give Obama a larger 24 point advantage over Thompson. Surprisingly men like Clinton much more over Thompson by 50% to 37%, than they do for Obama. Men split down the middle on their support for Obama and Thompson.

(among registered voters)			
Clinton	49%	Obama	46%
Thompson	38	Thompson	31
-----CROSSOVER-----			
	Rep Women	Dem Women	
Clinton	10%	86%	
Thompson	79	6	
Obama	26%	78%	
Thompson	59	6	

Hillary Clinton

Clinton's favorable impressions have improved somewhat from when we asked about her favorability ratings six years ago. Then, it was 43% favorable, 50% unfavorable. In the current poll, it is 48% to 44%. As shown in other polls, her negatives are higher compared to her Democratic opponents. Independents have a slightly negative impression of her (46% to 42% favorable), as do men (48% to 42%). But 83% of all Democrats have a favorable impression, including a small majority of women overall, her largest supporter. Just 17% of Republicans have a favorable opinion of the NY senator. Among all voters who have a favorable opinion, 17% said she has a lot of experience, knows the workings of Washington DC and can get things done, followed by 15% of voters who said it was because she is smart and articulate. Twelve percent thought she would make a good president and 11% said she is a Democrat and a liberal, the same share who said she is likeable.

Among those who view her negatively, 17% of voters don't trust her, that she is unethical, followed by 13% who said she is unfriendly or cold and 12% disagreed with her politics.

Bill Clinton in the White House: Bill Clinton is a double-edged sword in this election. Nearly half of registered voters said it was a good thing if Hillary Clinton is elected president, that her husband will be in a position to offer advice on domestic and foreign issues, while 23% thought it was a bad idea and 22% said it would not make a difference to the country one way or the other. Independents like the idea of the former president in the White House, as do men, moderates, women, liberals and Democrats. Nearly half of all Republicans view it as a bad thing, as do a small plurality of Christian conservatives.

Hillary Clinton's decision to stay married: A lot has been discussed over the years about whether Hillary Clinton did the right or wrong thing in sticking by her man and staying married to Bill Clinton after finding out that he been unfaithful to her. A little more than a third thought it was neither right nor wrong, while 30% thought she did the right thing and 16% thought she did the wrong thing. Men and women virtually felt the same way about this.

Do you think Hillary Clinton did the right or wrong thing in staying married to Bill Clinton after finding out that he had an extramarital affair, or is it neither right nor wrong.

	-----Registered Voters-----					
	RV	Dem	Ind	Rep	Men	Women
Right thing	30%	42%	24%	23%	29%	31%
Wrong thing	16	5	14	28	18	15
Neither	34	41	37	30	33	35

Among those who thought she did the right thing, 53% would support the NY Senator and among those who said it was neither right nor wrong, 52% would vote for her.

Hillary Clinton and Health Care: Clinton's failure to pass a health care reform bill in 1993 doesn't seem to be hurting her with voters. Nearly half of all voters think that her past performance in trying to get health reform passed would help her in passing new reform if she became president. As a poll respondent mentioned in a follow-up interview, "She's a person who learns from her mistakes." Nearly two-thirds of Democrats and 49% of independents think her leading a health care committee in the 1990's would only help her as president. Among voters who said it would help her performance, 61% would vote for Clinton.

One final issue: Interestingly, with all the rhetoric and finger-pointing going on in Congress about Iraq, including the Democrats not being able to pass a troop withdrawal bill, or compromising on a surveillance bill, there is not much optimism among voters as to which Party would be best at handling the war in Iraq. Two out of five voters said the Democratic Party would be best, but 34% thought the Republicans would be; 15% said either both or neither parties would get the country out of Iraq. Men were split, but women by 43% to 31% thought the Democrats would be more adept in getting the country out of Iraq, as did more than a third of independents and roughly two out of five moderates. Almost three out of five conservatives thought the Republican Party would be best at handling the situation. Nearly three-quarters of Republicans thought their party would be best, while a similar share of Democrats thought their party would do the job.

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Guide to column headings:

DEMVTRS	Registered Democrats and Independents/Others Planning to Vote in Dem Primary/Caucus
REPVTRS	Registered Republicans and Independents/Others Planning to Vote in Rep Primary/Caucus
LIB	Self Described Liberals
MD/CNS	Self Described Moderates and Conservatives
LB/MD	Self Described Liberals and Moderates
WHT , N/WH	White, Non-White
M/WK, M/NWK	Working Men, Non-Working Men
W/WK, W/NWK	Working Women, Non-Working Women
RELRT	Christian Conservatives (Religious Right)
WKLY+, LESS	Attend Church Weekly or More, Attend Church Less Often

Notes:

- (vol.) indicates a volunteered response
- ‘-’ indicates that a response added up to less than 0.5% of the question base
- The order of candidate names and the order of any arguments or statements are rotated in all questions that mention them.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS

Q4. If the Democratic primary or caucus for president were being held in your state today and the candidates were New York Senator Hillary Clinton, Connecticut Senator Chris Dodd, former North Carolina Senator John Edwards, Delaware Senator Joe Biden, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, Illinois Senator Barack Obama, Ohio Representative Dennis Kucinich and former Alaska Senator Mike Gravel, for whom would you vote: Clinton, Dodd, Edwards, Biden, Richardson, Obama, Kucinich or Gravel? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Democrats and Democratic Primary/Caucus Voters										
	<u>DEMVTRS</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CNS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>N/WH</u>	<u>M/WK</u>	<u>M/NWK</u>	<u>W/WK</u>	<u>W/NWK</u>
Biden	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	4	-	0	2
Clinton	48	42	52	47	50	45	54	42	52	49	51
Dodd	-	0	-	0	-	1	-	0	-	1	0
Edwards	13	14	13	13	12	17	5	9	19	15	9
Kucinich	1	1	2	3	1	2	-	2	4	1	1
Obama	17	25	13	15	18	13	24	22	5	21	15
Richardson	2	2	3	3	2	3	-	4	1	-	3
S/Else (vol)	2	-	1	4	-	3	-	1	8	-	0
D/know	15	15	14	13	16	14	16	16	11	13	19

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO HAD A CANDIDATE CHOICE)

Q5. Are you certain you are going to vote for that candidate, or is it possible that you might end up voting for somebody else?

	Democrats and Democratic Primary/Caucus Voters										
	<u>DEMVTTRS</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CNS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>N/WH</u>	<u>M/WK</u>	<u>M/NWK</u>	<u>W/WK</u>	<u>W/NWK</u>
Certain	55	52	54	48	59	53	58	36	62	56	63
Might vote for someone else	44	45	46	50	40	45	42	60	38	43	36
Not sure	1	3	-	2	1	2	-	4	-	1	1

Q6. Regardless of your choice for president at this time, which of the following Democratic presidential candidates do you think is the most ethical or truthful: Is it Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, Barack Obama, or Bill Richardson, or is there someone else who you think is the most ethical or truthful?

	Democrats and Democratic Primary/Caucus Voters										
	<u>DEMVTTRS</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CNS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>N/WH</u>	<u>M/WK</u>	<u>M/NWK</u>	<u>W/WK</u>	<u>W/NWK</u>
All the same (vol)	9	8	10	6	10	10	7	6	7	13	6
Hillary Clinton	28	23	29	29	28	22	39	23	35	23	36
John Edwards	17	22	14	16	17	21	9	18	14	21	13
Barack Obama	21	24	21	18	23	18	26	27	8	27	16
Bill Richardson	5	5	6	9	3	6	4	9	9	1	5
Someone else	7	5	8	8	6	9	2	7	9	8	3
D/know	13	13	12	14	13	14	13	10	18	7	20

Q7. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Hillary Clinton is too polarizing a candidate, making it difficult for her to win the November presidential election"? (IF AGREE OR DISAGREE) Do you (agree/disagree) strongly or only somewhat?

	Democrats and Democratic Primary/Caucus Voters										
	<u>DEMVTTRS</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MD/CNS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>WHT</u>	<u>N/WH</u>	<u>M/WK</u>	<u>M/NWK</u>	<u>W/WK</u>	<u>W/NWK</u>
Agree (net)	32	25	35	34	30	33	29	42	25	24	38
Agree strongly	15	12	16	15	15	16	12	14	16	15	15
Agree somewhat	17	13	19	19	15	17	17	27	9	9	23
Disagree (net)	52	62	48	51	53	48	59	49	52	58	46
Disagree somewhat	25	27	25	24	25	20	33	19	31	29	21
Disagree strongly	27	35	23	27	28	28	26	31	21	29	25
D/know (net)	16	13	17	15	17	19	12	9	23	18	16

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS

Q8. If the Republican caucus or primary for president were being held in your state today and the candidates were former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, California Congressman Duncan Hunter, Arizona Senator John McCain, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo (TAN-KRED-O), former Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson, or Texas Representative Ron Paul for whom would you vote: Giuliani, Huckabee, Hunter, McCain, Romney, Tancredo, Thompson or Paul? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Republicans and Republican Primary/Caucus Voters								
	<u>REPVTRS</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>	
Giuliani	32	27	34	36	27	23	29	34	
Huckabee	7	3	9	11	4	14	11	4	
Hunter	2	-	3	3	-	6	3	0	
McCain	13	25	7	11	14	6	6	21	
Paul	2	5	1	3	1	-	1	3	
Romney	11	10	11	7	14	9	13	9	
Tancredo	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	
Thompson	15	9	19	13	18	25	17	16	
S/else (vol)	-	2	-	1	1	-	0	0	
D/know	16	17	15	13	19	15	18	11	

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO HAD A CANDIDATE CHOICE)

Q9. Are you certain you're going to vote for that candidate, or is it possible that you might end up voting for somebody else?

	Republicans and Republican Primary/Caucus Voters							
	<u>REPVTRS</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Certain	36	29	39	38	34	34	42	24
Might vote for somebody else	61	70	57	59	62	63	55	71
Not sure	3	1	4	3	4	3	3	5

Q10. Which of the following Republican presidential candidates would be best at handling social issues like abortion and gay rights: John McCain, Fred Thompson, Mitt Romney, Rudy Giuliani or Mike Huckabee?

	Republicans and Republican Primary/Caucus Voters							
	<u>REPVTRS</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
None of them/someone else (vol)	2	4	2	2	3	-	2	1
Rudy Giuliani	20	20	20	24	17	10	13	29
Mike Huckabee	12	5	15	15	8	25	16	6
John McCain	10	12	8	14	5	5	6	15
Mitt Romney	11	15	9	7	15	9	15	6
Fred Thompson	19	10	23	19	18	25	25	11
All of them (vol)	-	-	-	-	1	-	0	1
D/know	26	34	23	19	33	26	23	31

Q11. If the Republican Party nominates a candidate with a background of supporting abortion and gay rights, should social conservatives in the Party run a third party candidate, or not?

	Republicans and Republican Primary/Caucus Voters							
	<u>REPVTRS</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Run a third party candidate	34	25	38	31	36	57	46	19
Do not run a third party candidate	51	55	50	58	45	35	39	69
D/Know	15	20	12	11	19	8	15	12

Q12. Could you vote for a candidate for president who supports abortion and gay rights if you agreed with him on other issues, or could you only vote for a candidate for president who opposes these issues?

	Republicans and Republican Primary/Caucus Voters							
	<u>REPVTRS</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Vote for candidate who supports abortion and gay rights	50	65	43	51	48	27	41	58
Only vote for candidate who opposes abortion and gay rights	38	20	47	42	35	66	49	26
D/know	12	15	10	7	17	7	10	16

Q13. When it comes to dealing with illegal immigration, do you favor an approach that focuses only on tougher enforcement of immigration laws, or an approach that includes both tougher enforcement of immigration laws and also creates a guest worker program that allows undocumented workers to work legally in the U.S. on temporary visas?

	Republicans and Republican Primary/Caucus Voters							
	<u>REPVTRS</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Only tougher enforcement of laws	45	44	46	48	42	50	45	46
Tougher enforcement and guest worker program	50	53	48	47	53	43	51	48
D/Know	5	3	6	5	5	7	4	6

Q14. When you decide which candidate to support for your party's presidential nomination, is his or her stand on illegal immigration the most important issue, an important issue - but not the most important one, not too important, or not important at all?

	Republicans and Republican Primary/Caucus Voters							
	<u>REPVTRS</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Important (net)	83	75	87	88	79	90	83	85
The most important issue	13	8	16	19	8	14	12	13
An important issue, but not the most important	70	68	71	69	70	76	71	72
Not Important (net)	15	21	12	11	18	10	15	14
Not too important	12	18	9	8	16	7	13	12
Not important at all	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	2
D/know (net)	2	4	1	1	3	-	2	1

Q57. Which comes closest to your view on abortion: Abortion should always be legal, or should be legal most of the time, or should be made illegal except in cases of rape, incest and to save the mother's life, or abortion should be made illegal without any exceptions?

	Republicans and Republican Primary/Caucus Voters							
	<u>REPVTRS</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Legal (net)	29	49	19	27	30	5	18	38
Always legal	17	29	12	16	18	4	13	17
Legal most of the time	11	20	8	11	12	-	5	21
Illegal (net)	68	46	79	69	67	94	80	57
Illegal, with exceptions	51	39	57	53	49	66	57	46
Illegal without any exceptions	17	7	21	16	18	28	23	11
D/know (net)	3	5	2	4	3	1	2	5

Q58. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view? "Same-sex couples should be allowed to legally marry", or "Same-sex couples should be allowed to legally form civil unions, but not marry", or "Same -sex couples should not be allowed to either marry or form civil unions".

	Republicans and Republican Primary/Caucus Voters							
	<u>REPVTRS</u>	<u>LB/MD</u>	<u>CONS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>	<u>WKLY+</u>	<u>LESS</u>
Legally marry	19	34	12	18	20	5	12	23
Legally form civil unions but not marry	31	32	31	32	30	14	27	39
No marriage or civil union	45	30	52	45	44	75	56	34
D/know	5	4	5	5	6	6	5	4

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Q29. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Clinton or McCain, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Registered Voters, Half Sample 1								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Clinton	48	82	41	11	73	55	27	45	50
McCain	38	6	39	78	14	27	61	40	37
S/Else	6	2	13	6	8	5	7	8	5
D/know	8	10	7	5	5	13	5	7	8

Q30. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, and Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Clinton or Romney, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Registered Voters, Half Sample 1								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Clinton	49	85	42	11	80	56	26	45	52
Romney	34	5	28	77	6	23	57	36	32
S/Else	6	2	16	4	7	8	6	9	4
D/know	11	8	14	8	7	13	11	10	12

Q31. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, and Rudy Giuliani, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Clinton or Giuliani, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Registered Voters, Half Sample 1								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Clinton	47	84	40	10	74	58	23	39	53
Giuliani	41	10	40	79	15	27	68	46	37
S/Else	8	2	17	7	6	9	7	11	5
D/know	4	4	3	4	5	6	2	4	5

Q32. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, and Fred Thompson, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Clinton or Thompson, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Registered Voters, Half Sample 1								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Clinton	49	88	41	12	75	56	29	50	48
Thompson	38	5	38	77	12	27	61	37	39
S/Else	7	2	15	6	8	7	7	8	6
D/know	6	5	6	5	5	10	3	5	7

REGISTERED VOTERS - RANDOM HALF SAMPLE 2

Q33. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Obama or McCain, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Registered Voters, Half Sample 2								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Obama	44	80	36	16	65	51	26	40	47
McCain	36	9	32	76	15	25	63	43	31
S/Else	7	4	10	3	9	8	4	3	10
D/know	13	7	22	5	11	16	7	14	12

Q34 If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Obama or Romney, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Registered Voters, Half Sample 1								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Obama	42	78	33	14	67	46	23	36	46
Romney	32	7	28	70	8	21	61	37	29
S/Else	10	6	16	6	10	13	7	11	9
D/know	16	9	23	10	15	20	9	16	16

Q35. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Rudy Giuliani, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Obama or Giuliani, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Registered Voters, Half Sample 1								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Obama	43	78	35	23	70	45	27	35	51
Giuliani	40	11	37	71	25	34	58	44	36
S/Else	5	5	7	3	1	4	8	6	3
D/know	12	6	21	3	4	17	7	15	10

Q36. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today and the choices were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Fred Thompson, the Republican, for whom would you vote: Obama or Thompson, or would you vote for a candidate from some other party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	Registered Voters, Half Sample 1								
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Obama	46	80	39	22	79	50	25	41	49
Thompson	31	7	25	68	2	19	60	39	25
S/Else	9	6	17	3	10	13	6	9	10
D/know	14	7	19	7	9	18	9	11	16

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Q37. What is your impression of New York Senator Hillary Clinton? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her to say?

	Registered Voters							MALE	FEMALE	RELRT
	REG	DEM	IND	REP	LIB	MOD	CON			
Haven't heard enough	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
Favorable (net)	<u>48</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>28</u>
Very favorable	22	47	15	3	40	19	12	19	25	17
Somewhat favorable	26	36	27	14	36	34	16	23	28	11
Unfavorable (net)	<u>44</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>68</u>
Somewhat unfavorable	13	8	17	13	11	12	14	13	12	12
Very unfavorable	31	4	29	65	7	22	53	35	27	56
D/know (net)	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

VOTERS WHO HAVE A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF HILLARY CLINTON

Q38. Why do you have a favorable impression of Hillary Clinton? (TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	Registered Voters							MALE	FEMALE
	REG	DEM	IND	LIB	MOD	CON			
Experience in DC/ can can get things done	17	17	18	20	17	12	14	19	
She's smart/intelligent/ articulate	15	13	23	22	13	13	12	18	
Would be a good president	12	15	4	11	11	18	15	10	
Likable / Nice person	11	10	20	14	13	4	10	11	
Democrat /Lib/ mod /Agree with her politically	11	14	7	10	10	15	12	10	
Like Bill Clinton/Two for one/Good advisor	10	11	13	9	10	12	9	12	
No particular reason	10	9	5	6	12	9	8	10	
Healthcare	8	9	7	11	9	3	7	8	
Tough/Strong leadership qualities	8	7	8	8	9	7	8	8	
She's a woman/time to vote for a woman president	7	8	3	10	3	9	6	9	
Trust her/Good ethics/Honest	5	6	4	3	6	5	6	4	
Compassionate/understands the average person	4	6	2	7	3	1	5	3	
Good NY Senator	4	3	4	5	2	5	4	4	
Can win in Nov '08	3	3	3	2	-	6	1	4	
Opposes Bush/GOP	3	3	4	2	3	5	3	3	
Stuck with Bill Clinton after affair/stayed married	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	
Regain the world's respect/ restore conf in U.S	3	3	1	1	4	4	7	-	
Experience with foreign affairs/ knows world leaders	2	2	3	2	3	1	2	2	
Education	1	1	1	2	1	-	2	-	
Best to handle Iraq war	1	1	-	0	1	2	1	1	
Bipartisan	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	
Can compromise/Not stubborn	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	
D/know	8	5	12	8	8	10	8	8	

VOTERS WHO HAVE AN UNFAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF HILLARY CLINTON

Q39. Why do you have an unfavorable impression of Hillary Clinton? (TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

	Registered Voters						
	<u>REG</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Don't trust her/bad							
ethics/dishonest	17	19	17	21	17	18	15
Not likable/unfriendly/cold	13	13	13	21	10	7	19
No particular reason	11	8	11	10	12	11	10
Democrat/liberal/left wing	12	12	16	10	14	14	10
Woman/not yet time to							
vote for a woman president	9	10	9	12	7	7	12
Don't like Bill Clinton	7	8	6	4	7	7	8
Won't be a good president	6	6	6	3	6	5	6
Not intelligent enough	5	-	6	-	7	7	2
No leadership qualities	5	2	7	1	8	5	5
Healthcare/ socialized							
medicine/gov't insurance	5	5	6	3	7	7	3
Not a good NY Senator	4	1	6	5	3	2	6
Scandals/Impeachment/							
Tainted	4	7	3	4	5	5	3
Does not understand the							
average person	3	4	3	-	3	2	4
Stuck with Bill Clinton							
after affair/stayed married	3	3	4	2	4	4	3
Not a good first lady	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Too partisan/ no compromise	3	2	3	-	3	3	3
Cannot win in Nov 2008 /							
polarizing/divisive/disliked	2	1	1	1	2	3	1
DC Insider	2	2	3	2	3	1	3
Opposes Bush/GOP agenda	2	1	2	-	3	3	-
Lose world's respect/							
can't restore conf' in U.S.	2	2	3	4	1	2	2
Not enough experience							
with foreign affairs	2	4	1	1	1	2	2
Failed healthcare in 1993	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Homeland security/won't							
keep country safe	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Voted for Iraq war/won't							
end Iraq war soon enough	1	2	1	2	1	-	2
Doesn't support troops							
in Iraq/ end war too soon	1	-	3	-	2	1	2
Disagree on education	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
Indecisive/flip flops on							
issues/won't take a stand	3	5	1	2	3	4	2
Taxes/ Econ /Big Gov't	1	2	-	-	1	1	1
Other	10	13	6	14	8	16	4
D/know	3	6	2	5	3	2	5

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Q40. If Hillary Clinton is elected president, her husband Bill Clinton will be in the White House and in a position to offer advice on domestic and foreign issues. Do you think it would be a good thing or a bad thing for the country if Bill Clinton is in such a position, or would it not make a difference to the country one way or another?

	Registered Voters									
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>
Good thing	49	71	53	22	69	57	33	51	47	26
Bad thing	23	5	18	49	8	18	37	22	23	40
No difference	22	23	21	22	22	20	23	21	23	27
D/know	5	1	8	7	1	5	7	6	7	7

Q41. Do you think Hillary Clinton did the right or wrong thing in staying married to Bill Clinton after finding out that he had an extramarital affair, or is it neither right nor wrong?

	Registered Voters									
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>
Right thing to do	30	42	24	23	37	25	31	29	31	40
Wrong thing to do	16	5	14	28	11	14	21	18	15	19
Neither right nor wrong	34	41	37	30	39	38	30	33	35	25
Not sure	14	7	18	15	7	18	12	14	14	12
Refused	6	5	7	4	6	5	6	6	5	4

Q42. As you may know, during Bill Clinton's administration, Hillary Clinton was in charge of a committee that proposed legislation which would have included health care for all Americans. It was never passed by Congress. Do you think Hillary Clinton's past performance in trying to pass health care for all Americans would help or hurt her in reforming health care if she is elected president, or would it not make a difference one way or the other? (IF HELP/HURT) Would her past performance (help/hurt) her a lot or only a little?

	Registered Voters									
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>
Help (net)	49	64	49	31	61	57	35	45	52	37
Help a lot	30	50	29	13	46	29	23	28	33	22
Help a little	13	10	13	16	10	19	10	14	12	10
Help not sure	5	4	7	3	5	8	2	3	7	5
Hurt (net)	19	6	19	38	11	10	31	22	16	32
Hurt a little	7	4	6	13	5	6	10	7	7	12
Hurt a lot	11	1	13	22	6	4	19	13	9	16
Hurt not sure	1	1	-	3	1	1	2	2	1	4
No difference	26	24	26	24	23	27	27	26	25	25
D/know (net)	6	5	6	7	5	6	7	7	6	6

Q51. Which party do you think would be best at handling the war in Iraq: the Democratic or Republican Party?

	Registered Voters									
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>
Democratic party	40	79	35	7	74	42	22	38	43	20
Republican party	34	3	27	74	5	24	58	36	31	59
Both (vol)	4	5	3	2	4	5	2	1	6	1
Neither (vol)	11	4	20	10	9	16	8	17	6	5
D/know	11	9	15	7	8	13	10	8	14	15

Q57. Which comes closest to your view on abortion: Abortion should always be legal, or should be legal most of the time, or should be made illegal except in cases of rape, incest and to save the mother's life, or abortion should be made illegal without any exceptions?

	Registered Voters									
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>
Legal (net)	<u>45</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>14</u>
Always legal	<u>31</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>12</u>
Legal most of the time	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>
Illegal (net)	<u>49</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>81</u>
Illegal, with exceptions	<u>40</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>60</u>
Illegal without any exceptions	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>21</u>
D/know (net)	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

Q58. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view? "Same-sex couples should be allowed to legally marry", or "Same-sex couples should be allowed to legally form civil unions, but not marry", or "Same -sex couples should not be allowed to either marry or form civil unions".

	Registered Voters									
	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>	<u>LIB</u>	<u>MOD</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>RELRT</u>
Legally marry	<u>30</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>8</u>
Legally form civil unions but not marry	<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>10</u>
No marriage or civil union	<u>38</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>75</u>
D/know	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

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The Los Angeles Times / Bloomberg Poll contacted 1,209 adults nationwide by telephone October 19 through 22, 2007. Included are 1,039 registered voters, 469 Democratic Primary voters and 364 Republican Primary voters. "Primary Voters" include both registered party members and eligible others who plan to vote in the party primaries. The 2008 presidential election match-up questions were split among two random sub-groups of 512 and 522 registered voters respectively. Telephone numbers were chosen randomly from a list of all exchanges in the nation, allowing listed and unlisted numbers to be contacted. Multiple attempts were made to contact each number. Adults were weighted slightly to conform with their respective census proportions by sex, ethnicity, age, education, and national region. The margin of sampling error for all adults and all registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For Democratic and Republican primary voters respectively it is plus or minus 4 percentage points. For each of the odd/even subgroups, the margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points. For certain other subgroups, the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results may also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented. Interviewing was conducted by Interviewing Service of America, Inc. in Van Nuys, CA.