

IOWA POLL RESULTS – DECEMBER 2007

The Research 2000 Iowa Poll was conducted from December 10 through December 13, 2007. A total of 600 likely voters who vote regularly in state elections were interviewed statewide by telephone.

Those interviewed were selected by the random variation of the last four digits of telephone numbers. A cross-section of exchanges was utilized in order to ensure an accurate reflection of the state. Quotas were assigned to reflect the voter registration of distribution by county.

The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than plus or minus 4% percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the “true” figure would fall within that range if the entire population were sampled. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as for gender or party affiliation.

NOTE: There was an over sample conducted among both Democratic and Republican caucus voters totaling 500 respondents each. The margin for error among each sample is 4.5%.

SAMPLE FIGURES:

Men	288	(48%)
Women	312	(52%)
Democrats	195	(32%)
Republicans	178	(30%)
Independents/Other	227	(38%)
18-29	96	(16%)
30-44	186	(31%)
45-59	179	(30%)
60+	139	(23%)

DEMOCRATIC SECTION ONLY (500 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS VOTERS)

QUESTION: If the Democratic Caucus for President were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? (ROTATED):

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>
Barack Obama	33%	32%	34%
John Edwards	24%	22%	26%
Hillary Clinton	24%	23%	25%
Bill Richardson	9%	13%	5%
Joe Biden	3%	4%	2%
Dennis Kucinich	1%	1%	1%
Chris Dodd	1%	1%	1%
Mike Gravel	-	-	-
Undecided (NOT READ)	5%	4%	6%

	<u>ALL</u>	(88%) <u>DEM</u>	(12%) <u>IND</u>
Barack Obama	33%	34%	26%
John Edwards	24%	23%	28%
Hillary Clinton	24%	24%	26%
Bill Richardson	9%	9%	10%
Joe Biden	3%	3%	2%
Dennis Kucinich	1%	1%	1%
Chris Dodd	1%	1%	1%
Mike Gravel	-	-	-
Undecided (NOT READ)	5%	5%	6%

HOW LIKELY TO CHANGE VOTE:

QUESTION: How likely are you to change your mind and vote for another candidate; very likely, likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

	<u>VERY</u>	<u>LIKELY</u>	<u>NOT VERY</u>	<u>NOT AT ALL</u>
ALL	2%	21%	44%	33%
OBAMA	2%	23%	43%	32%
EDWARDS	4%	24%	42%	30%
CLINTON	2%	17%	46%	35%

SECOND CHOICE:

QUESTION: If the Democratic Caucus for President were held today, which of the following candidates would be your second choice to vote for? (ROTATED):

ALL

Barack Obama	29%
John Edwards	25%
Hillary Clinton	21%
Bill Richardson	11%
Joe Biden	4%
Dennis Kucinich	1%
Chris Dodd	1%
Mike Gravel	-
Undecided (NOT READ)	8%

EXPERIENCE VERSE NEW IDEAS:

QUESTION: Which of the following is more important to you in choosing a candidate to vote for? (ROTATED):

	<u>EXPERIENCE</u>	<u>NEW IDEAS</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
ALL	43%	35%	22%
OBAMA	36%	39%	25%
EDWARDS	44%	37%	19%
CLINTON	46%	32%	22%

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE:

QUESTION: What is the single most important issue that you would like the candidates to talk more about? (NOT READ):

ALL

Economy/job creation	28%
Health care costs	27%
Troops out of Iraq	26%
Global warming/Env	11%
Balancing budget	3%
Immigration reform	2%
War on terror	1%
Other/Not Sure	2%

REPUBLICAN SECTION ONLY (500 REPUBLICAN CAUCUS VOTERS)

QUESTION: If the Republican Caucus for President were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? (ROTATED):

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>
Mike Huckabee	31%	33%	29%
Mitt Romney	22%	19%	25%
Fred Thompson	9%	11%	7%
Rudy Giuliani	9%	9%	9%
John McCain	7%	9%	5%
Ron Paul	7%	8%	6%
Tom Tancredo	2%	2%	2%
Duncan Hunter	1%	1%	1%
Undecided (NOT READ)	12%	8%	16%

	<u>ALL</u>	(84%) <u>REP</u>	(16%) <u>IND</u>
Mike Huckabee	31%	34%	16%
Mitt Romney	22%	20%	32%
Fred Thompson	9%	9%	9%
Rudy Giuliani	9%	9%	9%
John McCain	7%	6%	13%
Ron Paul	7%	7%	7%
Tom Tancredo	2%	2%	2%
Duncan Hunter	1%	1%	1%
Undecided (NOT READ)	12%	12%	11%

HOW LIKELY TO CHANGE VOTE:

QUESTION: How likely are you to change your mind and vote for another candidate; very likely, likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

	<u>VERY</u>	<u>LIKELY</u>	<u>NOT VERY</u>	<u>NOT AT ALL</u>
ALL	4%	30%	39%	27%
HUCKABEE	3%	29%	40%	28%
ROMNEY	4%	31%	38%	27%
THOMPSON	3%	28%	40%	29%
GIULIANI	5%	31%	38%	26%
MCCAIN	5%	31%	37%	27%

SECOND CHOICE:

QUESTION: If the Republican Caucus for President were held today, which of the following candidates would be your second choice to vote for? (ROTATED):

ALL

Mike Huckabee	28%
Mitt Romney	21%
Fred Thompson	11%
John McCain	9%
Rudy Giuliani	8%
Ron Paul	5%
Tom Tancredo	3%
Duncan Hunter	1%
Undecided (NOT READ)	14%

EXPERIENCE VERSE NEW IDEAS

QUESTION: Which of the following is more important to you in choosing a candidate to vote for? (ROTATED):

	<u>EXPERIENCE</u>	<u>NEW IDEAS</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
ALL	54%	29%	17%
HUCKABEE	50%	30%	20%
ROMNEY	53%	30%	17%
THOMPSON	55%	27%	18%
MCCAIN	56%	27%	17%
GIULIANI	55%	28%	17%

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE:

QUESTION: What is the single most important issue that you would like the candidates to talk more about? (NOT READ):

ALL

War on Terror	32%
Immigration reform	21%
Moral issues	20%
Lowering Taxes	13%
Economy/job creation	6%
Troops out of Iraq	4%
Health care costs	3%
Other/Not Sure	1%

POLL TRENDS:

QUESTION: If the Democratic Caucus for President were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? (ROTATED):

	<u>DEC 07</u>	<u>NOV 07</u>	<u>JULY 07</u>	<u>MAY 07</u>	<u>DEC 06</u>
Barack Obama	33%	25%	16%	22%	22%
John Edwards	24%	21%	27%	26%	22%
Hillary Clinton	24%	27%	22%	28%	10%
Bill Richardson	9%	10%	11%	7%	1%
Joe Biden	3%	4%	3%	2%	1%
Dennis Kucinich	1%	1%	2%	2%	4%
Chris Dodd	1%	1%	2%	2%	-
Mike Gravel	-	-	1%	1%	-
Undecided	5%	11%	16%	10%	11%

QUESTION: If the Republican Caucus for President were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for? (ROTATED):

	<u>DEC 07</u>	<u>NOV 07</u>	<u>JULY 07</u>	<u>MAY 07</u>	<u>DEC 06</u>
Mike Huckabee	31%	18%	2%	2%	-
Mitt Romney	22%	27%	25%	16%	9%
Fred Thompson	9%	10%	14%	9%	-
Rudy Giuliani	9%	16%	13%	17%	26%
John McCain	7%	6%	10%	18%	27%
Ron Paul	7%	5%	1%	-	-
Tom Tancredo	2%	2%	2%	3%	-
Duncan Hunter	1%	1%	1%	1%	-
Undecided	12%	15%	22%	22%	22%

ALL VOTERS:

BUSH JOB PERFORMANCE:

QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as President?

	<u>APPROVE</u>	<u>DISAPPROVE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
ALL	27%	71%	2%
MEN	31%	67%	2%
WOMEN	23%	75%	2%
DEMOCRATS	4%	94%	2%
REPUBLICANS	58%	41%	1%
INDEPENDENTS	23%	75%	2%
18-29	22%	75%	3%
30-44	34%	66%	-
45-59	25%	72%	3%
60+	24%	74%	2%

CONGRESS PERFORMANCE:

QUESTION: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is doing its job?

	<u>APPROVE</u>	<u>DISAPPROVE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
ALL	21%	76%	3%
MEN	17%	80%	3%
WOMEN	25%	72%	3%
DEMOCRATS	28%	70%	2%
REPUBLICANS	11%	86%	3%
INDEPENDENTS	23%	73%	4%
18-29	25%	72%	3%
30-44	17%	80%	3%
45-59	21%	77%	2%
60+	23%	73%	4%

RIGHT/WRONG TRACK:

QUESTION: Do you think the country is on the right track or the wrong track?

	<u>WRONG</u>	<u>RIGHT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
ALL	73%	22%	5%
MEN	69%	24%	7%
WOMEN	77%	20%	3%
DEMOCRATS	90%	7%	3%
REPUBLICANS	48%	45%	7%
INDEPENDENTS	78%	17%	5%
18-29	77%	18%	5%
30-44	69%	27%	4%
45-59	74%	21%	5%
60+	75%	19%	6%