

**University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll  
Topline Results  
Oct. 29, 2007**

**October 2007 Poll of Iowa Caucus Goers**

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

The poll was in the field from Oct. 17 through Oct. 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.

**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. Responses of "not at all likely" were screened out of the sample. Remaining respondents were further asked which party's caucus they would attend. Those unable to name which party were also screened out of the sample. Of registered voter contacts, 36.2 percent were eliminated on the initial screen. Another 8.0 percent were screened out because they could not name the party with whom they would caucus.

Of the registered voter contacts, 35.0 percent were Democrats, 31.9 percent were Republicans, and 33.1 percent were neither party, broadly representative of Iowa party registration. Of those remaining in the caucus-going sample, 58.6 percent said they will attend the Democratic caucus and 41.4 percent say they will attend the Republican caucus, reflecting a significantly greater difficulty 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]

|            | <b>OCTOBER</b> | <b>AUGUST</b> | <b>MARCH</b> |
|------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 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 percent

**OCTOBER                      AUGUST                      MARCH**

|             | N=282 | N=223 | N=178 |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| REPUBLICANS |       |       |       |
| 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 percent

|            | 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)

|                   | <b>ALL</b> |        | <b>D</b> |        | <b>R</b> |        |
|-------------------|------------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| 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:*

|                    | <b>ALL</b> |        | <b>D</b> |        | <b>R</b> |        |
|--------------------|------------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| 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?*

|                   | <b>ALL</b> | <b>SUPPORTERS OF....</b> |                |              |
|-------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|
|                   |            | <b>CLINTON</b>           | <b>EDWARDS</b> | <b>OBAMA</b> |
| 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:*

|                      | <b>D</b> | <b>R</b> |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| 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]

| <b>D</b> | <b>R</b> |
|----------|----------|
|----------|----------|

|                                |      |      |
|--------------------------------|------|------|
| 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/<br>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?*

|                    | <b>D</b> | <b>R</b> |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| 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]

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

*Which ONE of the following is MOST responsible for the immigration situation we have today?*

[Options Randomized]

|   | <b>D</b> | <b>R</b> |
|---|----------|----------|
| THE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS<br>WHO COME ACROSS OUR BORDERS    | 14.5     | 19.5     |
| EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE UNDOCUMENTED<br>IMMIGRANTS                 | 57.3     | 49.2     |
| IMMIGRATION POLICIES ESTABLISHED<br>BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT | 28.5     | 31.3     |

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