



Exclusive Statewide Presidential Poll

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Austin, TX -- The blue city in a sea of red. How will voters here impact [Decision 2008](#)?

We'll get our first indication Thursday, when Hillary Clinton debates Barack Obama on the campus of the [University of Texas](#).

In advance of the debate, KXAN Austin News has commissioned two exclusive statewide polls in order to gauge how Texas voters are leaning as we enter into the final stretch leading up to the March 4 primary.

Our second poll will be conducted after Thursday's debate with results airing next week. Both polls are being conducted by [Constituent Dynamics](#), a Seattle-based company which uses an automated polling method. We chose the company, because the automated method increases sample size (1,340 registered voters) and includes calls to voters on their cell phones.

Due to Austin's tradition of bucking statewide trends, we over-sampled both Travis and Williamson Counties; the study was in the field Sunday through Tuesday. We will be unveiling results throughout the day on TV and online, beginning with these statewide results:

The War in Iraq has dropped from the number one determining factor for voters. The economy is at the top of the list for supporters of Clinton, McCain and Paul. Immigration tops the list for supporters of Huckabee and Affecting Change in Washington is the top reason voters support Obama. (See sidebar)

The race for the Democratic nomination is too close to call. The large percentage of "undecided" voters give even more weight to the CNN debates Thursday evening. As Senators Clinton and Obama both tour Texas, they will be reaching out to the undecideds to close the gap.

If the election were held today, who would you vote for? Democrats:

Clinton 46%
Obama 45%
Undecided 9%

Margin of error: +/- 4%

If the election were held today, who would you vote for? Republicans:

Huckabee 30%
McCain 52%
Paul 9%
Undecided 9%

Margin of error: +/- 4%

Voter interest is high for the March 4 primary and as Texas plays a role in deciding the nominee, the expected voter turnout is historic.

Do you plan to vote in the March 4 primary?

Age	Democrat	Republican
18-39	55%	45%
40-59	61%	39%
60+	49%	51%

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method exclusively for KXAN Austin News. We chose the company because the automated method gave us a large sample size (1,340 registered voters) and included calls to voters on their cell phones. The study was in the field Sunday February 17 through Tuesday February 19. Travis and Williamson County were oversampled for this poll. The margin of error is +/- 4 percent.



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