



Interviewing: January 31 - February 2, 2008

Sample: 1,000 adults nationwide

Margin of error:  $\pm 3.1$  for all adults

855 registered voters nationwide, including

376 Democrats/Democrat leaners,

308 Republicans/Republican leaners

Margin of error:  $\pm 3.4$  for all registered voters,

$\pm 5.1$  for Dems/Dem leaners

$\pm 5.6$  for Reps/Rep leaners

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All numbers represent percentages unless otherwise labeled.

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

We're interviewing to people about political leaders and issues facing the country today.

D1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>
Yes, registered at this address.....	85	100	100	100
No, not registered at this address .....	14	-	-	-
Not sure/ refused .....	-	-	-	-

**PARTY AFFILIATION**

D2. **(ASK ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS)** In national politics do you consider yourself **(RANDOMIZE:)** a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or none of these? **(IF DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN ASK:)** Do you consider yourself strongly (Democratic/Republican) or only moderately (Democratic/Republican). **(IF INDEPENDENT/NONE OF THESE, ASK:)** Do lean more toward the **(ROTATE:)** Democratic or Republican Party?

	<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>
<b>Republican</b> .....	<b>29</b>
<b>Independent</b> .....	<b>29</b>
<b>Democrat</b> .....	<b>34</b>
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<i>Republicans with leaners</i> .....	36
<i>Democrats with leaners</i> .....	44
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Strongly Republican .....	14
Moderately Republican .....	15
Independent/neither/lean Republican.....	7
Independent/neither/do not lean .....	12
Independent/neither/lean Democrat .....	10
Moderately Democrat .....	18
Strongly Democrat .....	16
Refused/not sure .....	8

D21. How often do you personally have the time to vote in the primary elections or participate in political caucuses when parties select their candidates for office—all the time, most of the time, some of the time, or never?

ALL ADULTS						
	1/31- 2/2/08	11/8- 11/07	9/13- 16/07	8/2- 5/07	6/21- 23/07	6/15- 17/07
All the time .....	46	41	35	40	42	44
Most of the time .....	27	31	31	23	27	27
Some of the time.....	15	17	23	21	18	18
Never.....	11	11	10	14	12	10
Refused/not sure .....	1	1	1	1	1	1

  

	5/11- 13/07	4/27- 29/07	11/9 – 12/06	10/26- 29/06	11/17- 20/05
All the time .....	39	36	41	39	39
Most of the time .....	30	28	26	27	25
Some of the time.....	19	20	17	21	22
Never.....	11	15	15	12	13
Refused/not sure .....	*	1	1	1	-

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY PERSONALLY VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS AT LEAST SOME OF THE TIME IN D21.)

D22. And do you generally participate in primary elections or party caucuses with the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

	1/31- 2/2/08			11/8- 11/07	9/13- 16/07	8/2- 5/07
	ALL ADULTS	R	I	D	ALL ADULTS	
<b>Total Republican Primary/It depends ...</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total Democratic Primary/It depends ...</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>48</b>
Republican party.....	37	91	30	2	35	36
Democratic party .....	47	3	36	95	43	41
(VOL) Depends.....	6	2	17	-	9	6
Not sure .....	10	5	17	3	13	16

	6/21- 23/07	6/15- 17/07	5/11- 13/07	4/27- 29/07	11/9- 12/06	10/26- 29/06	11/17- 20/05
	ALL ADULTS						
<b>Total Republican Primary/It depends .....</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Total Democratic Primary/It depends .....</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>55</b>
Republican party .....	37	35	33	37	36	37	38
Democratic party .....	41	40	43	44	44	45	45
(VOL) Depends.....	11	12	11	7	10	11	10
Not sure .....	12	12	13	12	11	6	7

**COOK POLITICAL STUDY—ASK ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS (D1-1)**

**(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE VOTE IN THE DEM PRIMARY OR VOLUNTEER “IT DEPENDS” IN Q.D22.)**  
 CPR-7. I’m going to read a list of people who might seek the Democratic nomination for President in 2008.  
 I would like you to tell me who would be your FIRST CHOICE for the nomination? **(RANDOMIZE:)**

	REGISTERED VOTERS: DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS						
	<u>1/31- 2/2/08</u>	<u>12/15- 17/07</u>	<u>11/8- 11/07</u>	<u>9/13- 16/07</u>	<u>8/2- 5/07</u>	<u>6/21- 23/07</u>	<u>6/15- 17/07</u>
Hillary Rodham Clinton.....	37	38	39	33	39	32	30
Barack Obama.....	43	26	22	22	21	22	20
<b>DO NOT DISPLAY ON LIST:</b>							
John Edwards.....	NA	17	12	16	8	11	13
Joe Biden.....	NA	4	3	2	1	2	*
Bill Richardson.....	NA	4	4	2	4	1	3
Dennis Kucinich.....	NA	3	1	3	1	2	1
Chris Dodd.....	NA	-	1	1	-	1	1
Mike Gravel.....	NA	1	-	-	-	*	1
Al Gore.....	NA	NA	NA	8	10	12	9
<b>(VOL)</b> Other (write in).....	3	3	4	2	2	2	2
Not sure.....	17	5	15	12	14	15	20

**(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE VOTE IN THE REP PRIMARY OR VOLUNTEER “IT DEPENDS” IN Q.D22.)**  
 CPR-8. I’m going to read a list of people who might seek the Republican nomination for President in 2008.  
 I would like you to tell me who would be your FIRST CHOICE for the nomination? **(RANDOMIZE:)**  
**(IF HUCKABEE OR PAUL FOR FIRST CHOICE, ASK :)** And who would be your SECOND CHOICE? **(RANDOMIZE:)**

	REGISTERED VOTERS: REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS							
	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> Choice 1/31- 2/2/08</u>	<u>2<sup>ND</sup> Choice Romney/ Huckabee 1/31-2/2/08</u>	<u>12/15- 17/07</u>	<u>11/8- 11/07</u>	<u>9/13- 16/07</u>	<u>8/2- 5/07</u>	<u>6/21- 23/07</u>	<u>6/15- 17/07</u>
John McCain.....	39	38	12	12	15	16	20	16
Mitt Romney.....	24	44	14	12	8	7	10	7
Mike Huckabee.....	18	4	18	8	4	1	2	2
Ron Paul.....	6	2	11	6	3	-	2	2
<b>DO NOT DISPLAY ON LIST:</b>								
Rudy Giuliani.....	NA	NA	16	29	27	26	20	20
Fred Thompson.....	NA	NA	12	12	18	14	14	15
Duncan Hunter.....	NA	NA	3	1	-	2	*	1
Tom Tancredo.....	NA	NA	3	3	-	-	1	1
Newt Gingrich.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	5	8	5	3
Sam Brownback.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	-	1	1
<b>(VOL)</b> Other (write in).....	2	5	3	4	2	2	2	2
Not sure.....	12	7	8	15	12	14	15	20

**COOK POLITICAL STUDY—ASK ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS (D1-1)**

CPR-1. I know the election in November is a long way off, but if (**ROTATE:**) New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton were the Democratic Party's candidate and Arizona Senator John McCain were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for—Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, or John McCain, the Republican? (**IF NEITHER, DON'T KNOW, OR REFUSED, ASK:**) As of today, do you lean more toward (**ROTATE:**) Clinton, the Democrat, or McCain, the Republican?

	REGISTERED VOTERS	1/31- 2/2/08			4/20- 22/07	1/18- 21/07	12/14- 17/06	11/9- 12/06	6/1- 4/06
		R	I	D	REGISTERED VOTERS				
<b>Total Hillary Clinton/Clinton leaners ...</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total John McCain/McCain leaners .....</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>
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Hillary Clinton, the Democrat.....	39	9	34	73	42	42	39	42	40
Lean Clinton .....	2	1	4	2	-	-	-	-	-
Lean McCain .....	2	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
John McCain, the Republican.....	43	81	39	15	43	48	40	44	47
(VOL) Other.....	3	3	5	1	2	4	5	4	6
Not sure/refused.....	10	5	15	7	13	6	16	9	7

CPR-2. I know the election in November is a long way off, but if (**ROTATE:**) Illinois Senator Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and Arizona Senator John McCain were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for—Barack Obama, the Democrat, or John McCain, the Republican? (**IF NEITHER, DON'T KNOW, OR REFUSED, ASK:**) As of today, do you lean more toward (**ROTATE:**) Obama, the Democrat, or McCain, the Republican?

	REGISTERED VOTERS	1/31- 2/2/08		
		R	I	D
<b>Total Barack Obama/Obama leaners ...</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Total John McCain/McCain leaners .....</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>17</b>
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Barack Obama, the Democrat .....	44	13	49	71
Lean Obama .....	1	-	2	-
Lean McCain.....	2	2	2	1
John McCain, the Republican .....	42	78	33	15
(VOL) Other.....	2	2	2	3
Not sure/refused .....	9	6	13	9

CPR-3. I know the election in November 2008 is a long way off, but if (**ROTATE:**) New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton were the Democratic Party's candidate and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for—Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, or Mitt Romney, the Republican? (**IF NEITHER, DON'T KNOW, OR REFUSED, ASK :**) As of today, do you lean more toward (**ROTATE:**) Clinton, the Democrat, or Romney, the Republican?

	1/31- 2/2/08			10/18- 21/07	6/21- 23/07	6/15- 17/07	
	<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b>	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>	<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b>		
<b>Total Hillary Clinton/Clinton leaners.....</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total Mitt Romney/Romney leaners.....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>
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Hillary Clinton, the Democrat.....	47	11	42	85	46	48	45
Lean Clinton.....	1	1	1	1	-	-	-
Lean Romney.....	1	2	3	-	-	-	-
Mitt Romney, the Republican.....	41	77	43	7	37	38	38
(VOL) Other.....	3	4	3	1	6	2	1
Not sure.....	7	5	8	5	12	12	16

CPR-4. I know the election in November 2008 is a long way off, but if (**ROTATE:**) Illinois Senator Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for—Barack Obama, the Democrat, or Mitt Romney, the Republican? (**IF NEITHER, DON'T KNOW, OR REFUSED, ASK :**) As of today, do you lean more toward (**ROTATE:**) Obama, the Democrat, or Romney, the Republican?

	1/31- 2/2/08			6/21- 23/07	6/15- 17/07	
	<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b>	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>D</u>	<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b>	
<b>Total Barack Obama/Obama leaners.....</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Mitt Romney/Romney leaners.....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>31</b>
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Barack Obama, the Democrat.....	49	18	51	77	47	47
Lean Obama.....	1	2	-	-	-	-
Lean Romney.....	-	-	1	-	-	-
Mitt Romney, the Republican.....	39	74	36	13	34	31
(VOL) Other.....	2	2	3	2	2	2
Not sure.....	8	5	8	8	17	20

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>
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**NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.**

**Finally, just a few questions for statistical purposes only:**

D4. Into which of the following categories does your age fall?

18-29.....	18
30-34.....	10
35-39.....	9
40-44.....	11
45-49.....	10
50-54.....	9
55-59.....	7
60-64.....	7
65 and older .....	18
Refused/not sure.....	1
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Mean.....	46.5

D5. What is the last year of school you completed?

<b>High School or less .....</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Some college.....</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>College Graduate .....</b>	<b>37</b>
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Grade school or some high school.....	6
Graduated high school.....	22
Some community college or university but did not finish .....	21
Graduated from a community college, technical or vocational school or two-year college degree.....	13
Completed a four-year college or university degree.....	23
Completed post-graduate degree, such as a Master's or Ph.D or professional school such as law or medicine. ....	13
Refused/not sure.....	1

D8. Would you describe yourself as a born again or evangelical Christian or not?

Yes.....	42
No .....	52
Refused/not sure.....	5

**(ASK EVERYONE)**

D8b. How would you describe your political views?

	<u>1/31- 2/2/08</u>	<u>11/8- 11/07</u>	<u>9/13- 16/07</u>	<u>8/2- 5/07</u>	<u>6/21- 23/07</u>	<u>6/15- 17/07</u>	<u>5/11- 13/07</u>
<b>Total Conservative.....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total Liberal.....</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>
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Very conservative .....	14	18	15	15	16	16	15
Somewhat conservative ...	28	27	31	26	25	26	24
Moderate .....	31	29	26	31	31	31	31
Somewhat liberal .....	16	15	15	16	16	12	14
Very liberal .....	6	7	9	5	7	8	10
Refused/not sure .....	6	4	5	6	5	7	6
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	<u>4/27- 29/07</u>	<u>11/9- 12/06</u>	<u>4/6- 9/06</u>	<u>2/23- 26/06</u>	<u>1/22- 25/06</u>	<u>12/8- 11/05</u>	<u>11/17- 20/05</u>
<b>Total Conservative.....</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>
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Very conservative .....	14	15	14	14	14	17	14
Somewhat conservative ...	24	24	24	28	26	21	24
Moderate .....	33	31	35	30	35	35	32
Somewhat liberal .....	18	16	16	17	15	16	19
Very liberal .....	7	8	7	8	8	8	8
Refused/not sure .....	5	6	4	4	3	3	2

D9. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity? **(IF NOT HISPANIC, ASK:)** Is your ethnicity white, black, Asian, or some other race?

**(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

White .....	73
Black .....	12
Hispanic .....	11
Asian .....	1
American Indian.....	-
Other .....	1
(VOL) Mixed .....	1
Refused .....	1

D10. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2007?

**(ASK ONLY IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT VOLUNTEER INCOME.)**

Is that **(ROTATE:)** above or below \$50,000? **(IF BELOW \$50,000, ASK:)** Is that **(ROTATE:)** above or below \$25,000? **(IF ABOVE \$50,000, ASK:)** Is that **(ROTATE:)** above or below \$75,000? **(IF ABOVE \$75,000:)** Is that **(ROTATE:)** above or below \$100,000?

Under \$25,000 .....	14
\$25,000 to less than \$50,000 .....	17
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000 .....	18
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000 .....	12
\$100,000 or more.....	19
Refused/not sure.....	20

**REGION:**

NORTHEAST	New England.....	5
	Mid Atlantic States.....	16
MIDWEST	Great Lakes.....	13
	Farm Belt.....	8
SOUTH	Deep South.....	15
	Outer South.....	20
WEST	Mountain.....	10
	Pacific.....	13

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

Urban.....	29
Suburban.....	50
Rural.....	21

**GENDER:**

Male.....	48
Female.....	52