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Obama, McCain ahead in new polls

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Madison -- A new poll shows Barack Obama ahead of Hillary Clinton in Wisconsin, but the lead is within the poll's margin of error and a sizable number of undecided voters could also swing the vote.

The poll by Research 2000 conducted for Madison's WISC-TV showed Obama with 47% of the vote and Clinton with 42% among likely Democratic voters. The remaining 11% were undecided.

The poll of 400 Democrats and 400 Republicans was conducted Wednesday and Thursday. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points in the head-to-head matchups.

Among Republicans, John McCain led 48% to Mike Huckabee's 32%. Ron Paul placed third with 7%, and 13% said they were undecided.

UPDATE: A new poll by Rasmussen Reports shows Obama ahead by a similar margin.

That poll said Obama leads Clinton 47% to 43%, but that one in four voters may change their mind. Ten percent of voters were undecided.

The poll of 855 likely Democratic voters was conducted Wednesday. The margin of error was plus or minus 4 percentage points.