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November 16, 2005 - Florida Voters In New York State Of Mind For 2008, Quinnipiac University Poll Finds; Support For President Bush, Iraq War At New Low

Florida voters would like to see New York Sen. Hillary Clinton face off against former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in the 2008 Presidential race, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Clinton is the darling among Democrats with 50 percent, ahead of Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry with 26 percent and former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards with 18 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Among Republican voters, Giuliani leads with 56 percent, followed by Arizona Sen. John McCain with 27 percent and Virginia Sen. George Allen with 9 percent.

A look at some frequently mentioned 2008 Presidential election matchups shows:

- McCain beats Clinton 48 - 42 percent;
- Giuliani beats Clinton 50 - 44 percent.

McCain gets 41 percent of women voters and 20 percent of Democrats. Giuliani gets 45 percent of women voters and 19 percent of Democrats.

"Two New Yorkers - Sen. Hillary Clinton and Mayor Rudy Giuliani - are the Democratic and Republican choices for President among Florida voters at this early stage. While Clinton is a clear favorite among Democrats, she would lose to either Giuliani or Sen. John McCain in Florida in the general election," said Clay F. Richards, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

If Gov. Jeb Bush were to run for President in 2008, 33 percent of Florida voters say they "definitely" or "probably" would vote for him, while 58 percent say they "probably" or "definitely" would not vote for him. Bush Approval

Florida voters disapprove 61 - 37 percent of the job President George W. Bush is doing, the President's lowest approval in any Quinnipiac University Florida poll.

Voters disapprove 64 - 31 percent of the President's handling of the war in Iraq and say 60 - 36 percent that going to war in Iraq was the wrong thing to do.

From November 8 - 13, Quinnipiac University surveyed 855 Florida registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percentage points. The survey includes 281 Democrats with a margin of error of +/- 5.9 percentage points, and 305 Republicans with a margin of error of +/- 5.6 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Florida, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and the nation as a public service and for research.

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5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	37%	71%	10%	30%	41%	33%
Disapprove	61	26	90	66	57	64
DK/NA	2	3	1	4	3	2

	North/ PnHnd	Bay	Cntrl	SthW	SthE
Approve	46%	41%	43%	36%	23%
Disapprove	51	57	55	60	75
DK/NA	3	2	2	4	2

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

						Highest Approve	Lowest Approve
	Nov 16 2005	Aug 31 2005	Jun 30 2005	Apr 13 2005	Feb 24 2005	Sep 23 2004	Nov 16 2005
Approve	37	42	45	46	44	50	37
Disapprove	61	54	51	51	52	47	61
DK/NA	2	4	4	3	4	3	2

6. If Governor Jeb Bush were to run for President in 2008, how likely is it that you would vote for him? Do you think you would definitely vote for him, probably vote for him, probably not vote for him, or definitely not vote for him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Definitely	12%	26%	4%	8%	11%	13%
Probably	21	36	8	17	24	17
Probably not	16	11	16	21	18	15
Definitely not	42	15	66	43	36	47
DK/NA	9	11	6	11	11	8

	North/				
	PnHnd	Bay	Cntrl	SthW	SthE
Definitely	14%	14%	13%	20%	6%
Probably	24	27	19	20	15
Probably not	18	12	19	13	16
Definitely not	34	36	41	39	54
DK/NA	9	10	9	7	9

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	Nov 16	Aug 31
	2005	2005

Definitely	12	13
Probably	21	23
Probably not	16	15
Definitely not	42	43
DK/NA	9	6

7. If New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton were to run for President in 2008, how likely is it that you would vote for her? Do you think you would definitely vote for her, probably vote for her, probably not vote for her, or definitely not vote for her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Definitely	21%	5%	40%	18%	13%	28%
Probably	25	10	36	27	25	24
Probably not	12	11	10	14	13	11
Definitely not	37	73	8	33	44	32
DK/NA	5	1	7	8	4	5

	North/				
	PnHnd	Bay	Cntrl	SthW	SthE
Definitely	16%	22%	16%	18%	30%
Probably	26	20	27	21	27
Probably not	8	13	10	18	13
Definitely not	47	40	42	36	26
DK/NA	3	5	6	7	5

TREND: If New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton were to run for President in 2008, how likely is it that you would vote for her? Do you think you would definitely vote for her, probably vote for her, probably not vote for her, or definitely not vote for her?

Nov 16 Aug 31
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Definitely	21	22
Probably	25	23
Probably not	12	11
Definitely not	37	39
DK/NA	5	5

18. Who would you most like to see the Democrats nominate for President in 2008 if the candidates were New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, and former North Carolina Senator John Edwards?

Dem

Clinton	50%
Kerry	26
Edwards	18
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1
DK/NA	5

19. Who would you most like to see the Republicans nominate for President in 2008 if the candidates were Arizona Senator John McCain, Virginia Senator George Allen, and former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani?

Rep

McCain	27%
Allen	9
Giuliani	56
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1
WLDN' T VOTE (VOL)	1
DK/NA	6

20. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Rodham Clinton the Democrat and Rudolph Giuliani the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Clinton	44%	7%	75%	44%	37%	50%
Giuliani	50	87	19	49	56	45
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	2	2	-	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1
DK/NA	4	3	4	5	4	4

	North/				
	PnHnd	Bay	Cntrl	SthW	SthE
Clinton	38%	44%	39%	35%	54%
Giuliani	56	50	56	58	40
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	4	1	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	1	-	-	-	1
DK/NA	4	2	4	7	4

21. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Rodham Clinton the Democrat and John McCain the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Clinton	42%	9%	71%	42%	32%	50%
McCain	48	82	20	45	56	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	1	2	1
WLDN' T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	-	1	1	1
DK/NA	7	5	7	10	8	6

	North/				
	PnHnd	Bay	Cntrl	SthW	SthE
Clinton	36%	41%	39%	39%	50%
McCain	55	46	48	52	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	2	-	-
WLDN' T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	-	1	-
DK/NA	4	7	12	8	4

40. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	31%	61%	7%	28%	35%	27%
Disapprove	64	33	90	67	59	68
DK/NA	5	6	3	5	6	4

	North/				
	PnHnd	Bay	Cntrl	SthW	SthE
Approve	42%	36%	30%	30%	21%
Disapprove	51	61	64	65	75
DK/NA	7	4	6	5	4

41. Do you think going to war with Iraq was the right thing for the United States to do or the wrong thing?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Right thing	36%	69%	8%	32%	42%	30%
Wrong thing	60	26	89	64	55	65
DK/NA	4	5	3	4	3	4

	North/				
	PnHnd	Bay	Cntrl	SthW	SthE
Right thing	44%	38%	38%	36%	26%
Wrong thing	51	58	60	55	70
DK/NA	5	3	2	9	4