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February 7, 2007 - Giuliani, McCain, Clinton In Florida Horse Race, Quinnipiac University Poll Finds; Results Close To Clinton's Razor-Thin Lead In Ohio

In an early look at the 2008 presidential race in Florida, former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has a razor-thin 47 - 44 percent lead over New York Sen. Hillary Clinton, while Sen. Clinton edges Arizona Sen. John McCain 47 - 43 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

These results are close to those in a January 30 poll of Ohio voters by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll, where Clinton squeaks past McCain 46 - 42 percent and edges Giuliani 46 - 43 percent. In other Florida results:

- Clinton tops former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney 52 - 34 percent;
- McCain gets 42 percent to 40 percent for Illinois Sen. Barack Obama, a tie;
- McCain gets 43 percent to 42 percent for 2004 Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards, a tie.

In a Democratic primary race, Clinton dominates with 49 percent, followed by 13 percent for Obama and 7 percent each for Edwards and former Vice President Al Gore.

Giuliani gets 29 percent of Florida Republican primary voters, with 23 percent for McCain, 14 percent for former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and 6 percent for Romney.

"Rudolph Giuliani runs very well in Florida, which is considered to be a socially conservative state, despite his support for abortion rights, gay rights and gun control," said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. "Whether that is because they don't know about his stand on those issues or don't care will be the key question as the campaign unfolds."

By a 60 - 20 percent margin, Florida voters have a favorable opinion of Giuliani. Favorability ratings for other contenders are:

- 50 - 21 percent for McCain;
- 51 - 39 percent for Clinton;
- 37 - 18 percent for Obama, with 44 percent who haven't heard enough to form an opinion;
- 44 - 27 percent for Edwards, with 27 percent who haven't heard enough;

- 46 - 47 percent for Gore;
- 26 - 48 percent for Gingrich;
- 75 percent haven't heard enough about Romney.

While Giuliani gets a 40 - 36 percent favorability among Democrats and a 59 - 20 percent positive among independent voters, Clinton gets a big negative 15 - 77 percent among Republicans and a 43 - 43 percent split among independent voters.

"Sen. Clinton must win more of those swing voters who decide elections in Florida, the ultimate swing state," said Brown.

"The fact that Sen. Obama and John Edwards do as well against McCain as Sen. Clinton bears watching in the months ahead, as we measure these lesser-known contenders against Giuliani and other Republican candidates."

President Bush's Approval

Florida voters disapprove 60 - 35 percent of the job President George W. Bush is doing. The war in Iraq is the most important problem facing the country today, 45 percent of voters say, followed by 7 percent who list terrorism and 6 percent who list immigration.

Voters disapprove 63 - 30 percent of the way President Bush is handling the war in Iraq and oppose 60 - 34 percent the President's plan to send 22,000 additional troops to Iraq.

From January 29 - February 4, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,003 Florida voters, with a margin of error of +/- 3.1 percentage points. The survey includes 387 Republicans and 386 Democrats, each with a margin of error of +/- 5 percentage points,

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Florida, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Ohio and the nation as a public service and for research. For more data -- www.quinnipiac.edu and click on Institutes and Centers, or call (203) 582-5201.

1. (If registered Democrat) If the 2008 Democratic primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Al Gore, Tom Vilsack, Joe Biden, John Edwards, Bill Richardson, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Chris Dodd, Wesley Clark and Dennis Kucinich for whom would you vote?

REGISTERED DEMOCRATS

	Tot	Men	Wom
Gore	7%	9%	6%
Vilsack	-	-	-
Biden	2	1	3
Edwards	7	12	4
Richardson	3	3	3
Clinton	49	40	55
Obama	13	8	15
Dodd	-	1	-
Clark	1	3	-
Kucinich	-	-	-
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	1
DK/NA	13	16	11

2. (If registered Republican) If the 2008 Republican primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich, Duncan Hunter, Sam Brownback, Tommy Thompson, Jim Gilmore, Chuck Hagel, Mike Huckabee, George Pataki and Tom Tancredo for whom would you vote?

REGISTERED REPUBLICANS

	Tot	Men	Wom
Giuliani	29%	24%	34%
McCain	23	31	15
Romney	6	5	6
Gingrich	14	17	10
Hunter	-	-	-
Brownback	1	-	1
Thompson	2	3	1
Gilmore	-	-	-
Hagel	-	1	-
Huckabee	-	-	1
Pataki	2	1	2
Tancredo	-	-	-
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	3
DK/NA	19	13	24

3. If the 2008 election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rudy Giuliani the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Clinton	44%	6%	81%	39%	36%	51%	27%
Giuliani	47	90	13	45	52	42	64
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	-	4	3	1	1
DK/NA	7	2	5	11	8	5	6

	North/				
	PnHnd	Bay	Cntrl	SthW	SthE
Clinton	47%	46%	30%	28%	60%
Giuliani	48	46	61	58	29
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	4	1	1	2
DK/NA	2	3	8	13	10

TREND: If the 2008 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?

	Feb 7	May 24	Apr 20	Feb 24
	2007	2006	2006	2006

Clinton	44	42	41	41
Giuliani	47	49	52	50
SMONE ELSE	1	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE	2	2	1	2
DK/NA	7	6	6	5

4. If the 2008 election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Mitt Romney the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Clinton	52%	12%	93%	42%	43%	60%	36%
Romney	34	75	4	34	40	29	52
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	5	3	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	-	3	3	2	3
DK/NA	9	9	3	16	11	8	8

	North/ PnHnd	Bay	Cntrl	SthW	SthE
Clinton	54%	53%	39%	42%	67%
Romney	37	37	43	42	20
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	3	2	1
DK/NA	5	7	14	11	10

TREND: If the 2008 election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Rodham Clinton the Democrat and Mitt Romney the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Feb 7	May 30
	2007	2006

Clinton	52	50
Romney	34	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	2	2
DK/NA	9	8

5. If the 2008 election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and John McCain the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Clinton	47%	9%	86%	37%	38%	54%	32%
McCain	43	84	8	46	52	35	58
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1	2	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	1	4	2	2	2
DK/NA	7	3	5	11	7	6	6

	North/ PnHnd	Bay	Cntrl	SthW	SthE
Clinton	47%	44%	34%	42%	62%
McCain	47	43	52	49	28
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	2	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	5	3	2	0
DK/NA	2	7	9	6	9

TREND: If the 2008 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?

	Feb 7	May 24	Apr 20	Feb 24
	2007	2006	2006	2006

Clinton	47	42	42	38
McCain	43	48	48	53
SMONE ELSE	1	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE	2	1	2	1
DK/NA	7	6	6	7

6. If the 2008 election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama the Democrat and John McCain the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Obama	40%	8%	73%	35%	35%	44%	26%
McCain	42	80	11	44	48	36	54
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	1	1	2	1
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	3	2	3	4	6
DK/NA	13	7	12	17	12	14	13

	North/ PnHnd	Bay	Cntrl	SthW	SthE
Obama	43%	36%	36%	24%	51%
McCain	41	49	43	49	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	3	-
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	5	3	4	7	1
DK/NA	9	10	15	18	16

7. If the 2008 election for President were being held today, and the candidates were John Edwards the Democrat and John McCain the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Edwards	42%	8%	76%	38%	37%	47%	32%
McCain	43	84	10	42	47	39	56
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1	-	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	1	2	3	5
DK/NA	11	4	11	18	13	10	4

	North/				
	PnHnd	Bay	Cntrl	SthW	SthE
Edwards	43%	39%	35%	31%	56%
McCain	42	45	50	52	31
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	1	2	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	2	5	1
DK/NA	10	12	11	11	12

8. Is your opinion of -- Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	51%	15%	87%	43%	44%	57%	33%
Unfavorable	39	77	6	43	47	33	56
Hvn't hrd enough	7	6	6	11	6	9	9
REFUSED	2	3	1	3	3	1	1

9. Is your opinion of -- Barack Obama favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	37%	19%	53%	38%	36%	37%	25%
Unfavorable	18	33	7	15	21	15	28
Hvn't hrd enough	44	47	39	46	42	47	46
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

10. Is your opinion of -- John McCain favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	50%	71%	30%	59%	57%	45%	51%
Unfavorable	21	9	37	15	21	22	22
Hvn't hrd enough	24	17	30	23	17	30	26
REFUSED	4	3	3	3	6	2	1

11. Is your opinion of -- Rudy Giuliani favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	60%	83%	40%	59%	62%	58%	68%
Unfavorable	20	3	36	20	20	20	13
Hvn't hrd enough	17	12	21	17	13	21	17
REFUSED	3	2	2	3	4	1	2

12. Is your opinion of -- Mitt Romney favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	13%	26%	3%	14%	16%	11%	14%
Unfavorable	11	3	18	11	12	10	6
Hvn't hrd enough	75	70	77	73	71	78	77
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	2	1	2

13. Is your opinion of -- John Edwards favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	44%	22%	64%	44%	41%	47%	36%
Unfavorable	27	48	11	26	33	21	35
Hvn't hrd enough	27	27	24	28	22	31	27
REFUSED	2	3	1	1	5	1	2

14. Is your opinion of -- Al Gore favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	46%	14%	73%	45%	41%	50%	30%
Unfavorable	47	79	21	48	55	41	66
Hvn't hrd enough	6	6	6	5	3	8	3
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	1	1

15. Is your opinion of -- Bill Richardson favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	17%	14%	20%	17%	21%	14%	8%
Unfavorable	11	16	8	13	13	9	16
Hvn't hrd enough	70	69	70	69	63	77	76
REFUSED	2	1	2	1	4	-	1

16. Is your opinion of -- Chris Dodd favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	11%	6%	14%	14%	12%	11%	10%
Unfavorable	15	20	10	19	19	12	16
Hvn't hrd enough	72	73	74	65	68	76	73
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	2	1	2

17. Is your opinion of -- Chuck Hagel favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	9%	9%	10%	9%	11%	7%	3%
Unfavorable	12	19	9	7	14	10	15
Hvn't hrd enough	78	72	79	83	74	82	81
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

18. Is your opinion of -- Duncan Hunter favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	1%	4%
Unfavorable	8	6	7	11	8	7	7
Hvn't hrd enough	89	90	90	84	86	91	88
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	2	-	1

19. Is your opinion of -- Dennis Kucinich favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	7%	2%	11%	9%	9%	6%	3%
Unfavorable	19	27	11	23	25	14	19
Hvn't hrd enough	73	70	77	66	64	80	77
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	3	-	1

20. Is your opinion of -- George Pataki favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	15%	22%	8%	20%	17%	14%	15%
Unfavorable	22	17	23	27	26	18	15
Hvn't hrd enough	61	60	66	52	54	67	70
REFUSED	2	1	3	1	3	1	-

21. Is your opinion of -- Joe Biden favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	20%	12%	28%	19%	20%	20%	9%
Unfavorable	22	35	12	23	26	19	26
Hvn't hrd enough	57	53	59	56	52	61	64
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	2	-	-

22. Is your opinion of -- Jim Gilmore favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Unfavorable	7	6	7	9	6	7	9
Hvn't hrd enough	90	89	91	89	91	89	87
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	1	1

23. Is your opinion of -- Mike Huckabee favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	7%	13%	5%	2%	8%	5%	8%
Unfavorable	11	9	15	11	12	10	10
Hvn't hrd enough	82	78	80	86	78	85	82
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	-	-

24. Is your opinion of -- Newt Gingrich favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	26%	50%	8%	26%	32%	21%	37%
Unfavorable	48	27	63	53	48	49	38
Hvn't hrd enough	24	21	28	19	18	29	23
REFUSED	1	2	1	1	2	1	2

25. Is your opinion of -- Sam Brownback favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	3%	5%	1%	4%	5%	2%	7%
Unfavorable	10	8	12	9	11	8	8
Hvn't hrd enough	86	86	86	86	83	89	85
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	-

26. Is your opinion of -- Tom Vilsack favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	3%	1%	6%	3%	4%	2%	3%
Unfavorable	8	9	7	10	11	6	12
Hvn't hrd enough	88	89	86	85	83	92	85
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	2	1	-

27. Is your opinion of -- Tom Tancredo favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	5%	6%	4%	6%	7%	4%	6%
Unfavorable	7	5	9	6	7	7	7
Hvn't hrd enough	87	88	85	87	85	89	86
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	2	1	1

28. Is your opinion of -- Tommy Thompson favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	6%	9%	4%	6%	9%	4%	7%
Unfavorable	10	12	13	8	11	10	9
Hvn't hrd enough	83	79	83	85	79	86	83
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	-	1

29. Is your opinion of -- Wesley Clark favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Favorable	12%	7%	14%	16%	18%	7%	9%
Unfavorable	21	31	14	23	24	18	20
Hvn't hrd enough	66	62	71	60	56	75	70
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Approve	35%	79%	8%	24%	38%	33%	54%
Disapprove	60	17	90	69	56	64	41
DK/NA	5	5	1	8	6	3	5

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President? * - also hit 35% on 4/20/06

	Feb 7 2007	Dec 21 2006	Oct 11 2006	Jul 27 2006	Jun 29 2006	Highest Approve Sep 23 2004	Lowest Approve Feb 7 2007 *
Approve	35	38	37	39	38	50	35
Disapprove	60	59	59	58	60	47	60
DK/NA	5	3	4	3	3	3	5

35. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Right direction	29%	66%	9%	17%	32%	27%	40%
Wrong track	63	27	86	75	59	67	50
DK/NA	7	7	5	8	10	6	10

36. What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today?

	Tot
War (Iraq)	45%
Terrorism Total	7%
Terrorism general	5
Security/Safety	2
Immigration	6%
Economy Total	5%
Economy general	2
Minimum wage too low	1
Cost of living	1
Business leaving/ Outsourcing	1
Healthcare/Costs/ Ins/HMO's	5%
Ethics/Morality/ Values Total	3%
Lack of Ethics/ Morality	1
Lack of religion	2
Foreign Affairs Total	3%
Foreign affairs/ policy general	1
Priorities s/b at home, not abroad	1
Middle East	1

37. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling that problem the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Republican	32%	80%	2%	21%	37%	28%	45%
Democratic	44	5	82	41	39	48	33
NO DIFFERENCE (VOL)	12	9	9	21	13	12	12
DK/NA	11	7	7	16	12	11	11

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Approve	30%	70%	6%	18%	32%	28%	47%
Disapprove	63	22	92	70	58	68	45
DK/NA	7	8	1	12	10	4	8

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

	Feb 7 2007	Oct 11 2006	Jun 29 2006	May 24 2006	Apr 20 2006	Feb 24 2006	Nov 16 2005
Approve	30	34	36	36	34	41	31
Disapprove	63	61	59	60	63	54	64
DK/NA	7	5	5	4	4	5	5

39. 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	WtBrnAgn Evnglc1
Right thing	38%	78%	13%	29%	41%	36%	53%
Wrong thing	57	18	84	63	54	61	41
DK/NA	4	3	3	7	5	3	6

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

	Feb 7 2007	Oct 11 2006	Jun 29 2006	May 24 2006	Apr 20 2006	Feb 24 2006	Aug 31 2005
Right thing	38	37	38	37	36	42	41
Wrong thing	57	58	55	58	58	51	53
DK/NA	4	6	6	5	6	6	6

40. Do you support or oppose Bush's plan to send approximately 22,000 additional U.S. military forces to Iraq?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WtBrnAgn Evnglcl
Support	34%	71%	7%	29%	40%	29%	45%
Oppose	60	23	89	61	52	66	46
DK/NA	6	6	4	10	7	5	9