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February 21, 2007 - Giuliani Tops Clinton In 2008 Presidential Race, Quinnipiac University National Poll Finds; Republican Runs Strong In Red, Blue And Purple States

Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani leads Sen. Hillary Clinton 48 - 43 percent among American voters in a 2008 national presidential poll released by Quinnipiac University today. Arizona Sen. John McCain edges Sen. Clinton 46 - 44 percent.

Giuliani tops Clinton 55 - 38 percent in Red states, which voted Republican in the 2004 presidential election, and ties her 46 - 46 percent in Blue states, which went Democratic in 2004. He gets 44 percent to Clinton's 45 percent in Purple states, where the margin in 2004 was less than 7 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. In other possible presidential matchups:

- Clinton tops former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney 49 - 37 percent;
- Giuliani beats Illinois Sen. Barack Obama 47 - 40 percent;
- Giuliani tops 2004 vice presidential candidate John Edwards 48 - 40 percent;
- McCain ties Obama 43 - 43 percent;
- McCain gets 43 percent to Edward's 42 percent, a tie;
- Obama tops Romney 49 - 29 percent;
- Edwards beats Romney 48 - 32 percent.

"After 9/11, Rudolph Giuliani earned the title 'America's Mayor.' After the 2008 election, he could be America's President," said Maurice Carroll, Director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. "But we vote in November 2008, not February 2007 - and lots of things can happen. Let's watch the state-by-state breakdown and the Electoral College. Remember 2000?"

"When we look at the Red, Blue and Purple state matchups, we see Giuliani running strong in any color, while Sen. Clinton outpoints Sen. McCain in Blue and Purple states. Sen. Obama and John Edwards are in the middle somewhere and Mitt Romney is nowhere, actually losing to Obama and Edwards in Red states, where voters probably just don't know the former Massachusetts governor."

Clinton gets 38 percent of Democratic primary voters, followed by Obama with 23 percent, former Vice President Al Gore with 11 percent and Edwards with 6 percent.

Giuliani gets 40 percent of Republicans, followed by McCain with 18 percent, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich at 10 percent and Romney at 7 percent.

American voters give Giuliani a 57 - 21 percent favorability rating. Favorability ratings for other contenders are:

- 46 - 45 percent for Clinton;
- 51 - 22 percent for McCain;
- 44 - 14 percent for Obama, with 40 percent who haven't heard enough to form an opinion;
- 44 - 27 percent for Edwards;
- 44 - 47 percent for Gore;
- 22 - 47 percent for Gingrich;
- For Romney, 67 percent haven't heard enough to form an opinion.

President Bush's Approval

American voters disapprove 60 - 34 percent of the job President George W. Bush is doing. Voters disapprove 64 - 30 percent of President Bush's handling of the war in Iraq and oppose 62 - 33 percent the President's plan to send 22,000 more troops to Iraq.

From February 13 - 19 Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,536 American voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.5 percent, including 578 Republicans with a margin of error of +/- 4.1 percent, and 684 Democrats with a margin of error of +/- 3.8 percent.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Florida, Ohio and nationwide 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 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?

DEMOCRATS.....

	Tot	Men	Wom
Gore	11%	14%	8%
Vilsack	-	-	-
Biden	1	2	1
Edwards	6	7	6
Richardson	2	1	2
Clinton	38	33	42
Obama	23	25	21
Dodd	-	-	-
Clark	2	3	1
Kucinich	1	1	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	1
DK/NA	13	11	14

2. (If 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, Tom Tancredo and Ron Paul for whom would you vote?

REPUBLICANS

	Tot	Men	Wom
Giuliani	40%	42%	38%
McCain	18	19	16
Romney	7	6	9
Gingrich	10	12	7
Hunter	2	2	2
Brownback	1	-	1
Thompson	1	1	1
Gilmore	-	-	-
Hagel	-	-	-
Huckabee	2	2	1
Pataki	1	2	1
Tancredo	1	-	1
Paul	1	1	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	1	-
DK/NA	15	11	21

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	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Clinton	43%	4%	80%	35%	35%	50%	26%
Giuliani	48	88	14	55	56	42	63
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	1	1
WLDN' T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	1	3	3	2	3
DK/NA	5	5	4	6	5	6	6

	Red	Blue	Purple
Clinton	38%	46%	45%
Giuliani	55	46	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	2
WLDN' T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	4
DK/NA	5	6	5

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 21	Mar 10	Feb 2	Dec 16
	2007	2005	2005	2004

Clinton	43	43	43	43
Giuliani	48	44	45	45
SMONE ELSE	1	2	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE	2	1	2	2
DK/NA	5	10	7	6

4. If the 2008 election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama the Democrat and Rudy Giuliani the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evn BrnAgain
Obama	40%	6%	72%	33%	33%	46%	24%
Giuliani	47	83	19	50	54	40	57
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2	2	3	3	4
DK/NA	10	7	6	13	8	11	12

	Red	Blue	Purple
Obama	39%	37%	43%
Giuliani	49	50	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	2	2
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	4
DK/NA	9	9	11

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Brn	Evan Again
Edwards	40%	8%	75%	28%	34%	45%		29%
Giuliani	48	83	17	57	55	42		59
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	1	2	1		1
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	1	2	2	3		3
DK/NA	8	6	5	11	6	10		8

	Red	Blue	Purple
Edwards	36%	37%	46%
Giuliani	51	51	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	2
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	3
DK/NA	10	8	6

6. 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	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Clinton	44%	6%	81%	35%	35%	53%	25%
McCain	46	87	14	50	55	38	63
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	1	1	1
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	1	4	3	2	4
DK/NA	6	5	4	9	6	6	6

	Red	Blue	Purple
Clinton	39%	48%	47%
McCain	51	43	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	3
DK/NA	7	6	5

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 21	Dec 6	Mar 10
	2007	2005	2005

Clinton	44	40	41
McCain	46	44	43
SMONE ELSE	1	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE	3	3	1
DK/NA	6	11	13

7. 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	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Obama	43%	9%	73%	39%	36%	49%	27%
McCain	43	80	17	42	51	35	56
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	2	1	3
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	4	2	2	3	3	4	4
DK/NA	10	8	7	14	8	12	11

	Red	Blue	Purple
Obama	39%	44%	46%
McCain	46	41	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	2
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	3
DK/NA	10	10	9

8. 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	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Edwards	42%	8%	76%	32%	35%	48%	29%
McCain	43	81	15	50	52	36	55
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	2	2	3	1	3
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	4	2	1	3	3	4	3
DK/NA	9	8	5	13	6	12	10

	Red	Blue	Purple
Edwards	37%	43%	47%
McCain	47	41	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	2	5	3
DK/NA	11	9	7

9. 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	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Clinton	49%	6%	87%	42%	42%	55%	31%
Romney	37	79	7	37	42	32	55
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	3	1	2
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	2	5	5	3	5
DK/NA	9	9	4	13	8	10	8

	Red	Blue	Purple
Clinton	43%	53%	50%
Romney	41	34	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	2
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	5
DK/NA	10	8	8

10. If the 2008 election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama the Democrat and Mitt Romney the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evn BrnAgain
Obama	49%	15%	80%	48%	46%	53%	31%
Romney	29	63	6	26	34	24	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	4	3	1	3
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	2	4	6	4	6
DK/NA	15	17	10	18	12	19	19

	Red	Blue	Purple
Obama	45%	53%	50%
Romney	32	26	28
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	2
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	5
DK/NA	17	14	14

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Edwards	48%	11%	84%	40%	43%	53%	38%
Romney	32	69	5	32	39	25	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	3	3	5	5	2	2
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	5	5	2	6	5	5	5
DK/NA	12	12	6	17	9	15	12

	Red	Blue	Purple
Edwards	44%	49%	52%
Romney	35	28	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	3	2
WLDN ' T VOTE (VOL)	5	6	4
DK/NA	13	14	10

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evn BrnAgain
Favorable	46%	10%	77%	42%	36%	54%	32%
Unfavorable	45	87	13	45	54	37	62
Hvn't hrd enough	7	2	8	9	7	7	5
REFUSED	2	1	2	3	3	1	1

	Red	Blue	Purple
Favorable	42%	52%	43%
Unfavorable	51	41	43
Hvn't hrd enough	5	5	11
REFUSED	2	2	3

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evn BrnAgain
Favorable	44%	25%	60%	45%	40%	48%	31%
Unfavorable	14	27	6	12	16	12	23
Hvn't hrd enough	40	47	33	40	42	38	45
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	1	1

	Red	Blue	Purple
Favorable	42%	48%	43%
Unfavorable	16	11	15
Hvn't hrd enough	41	39	41
REFUSED	2	2	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Favorable	51%	67%	36%	60%	61%	42%	53%
Unfavorable	22	14	32	16	23	22	24
Hvn't hrd enough	25	17	30	22	14	34	22
REFUSED	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

	Red	Blue	Purple
Favorable	51%	53%	49%
Unfavorable	19	22	25
Hvn't hrd enough	27	23	24
REFUSED	3	2	2

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Favorable	57%	81%	38%	62%	62%	53%	62%
Unfavorable	21	10	34	16	22	20	16
Hvn't hrd enough	21	9	26	22	16	25	21
REFUSED	1	-	2	1	-	1	1

	Red	Blue	Purple
Favorable	57%	60%	54%
Unfavorable	19	22	22
Hvn't hrd enough	23	17	23
REFUSED	1	1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Favorable	17%	35%	5%	15%	20%	14%	21%
Unfavorable	15	7	20	14	16	13	11
Hvn't hrd enough	67	58	73	68	63	72	68
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	1	0

	Red	Blue	Purple
Favorable	18%	14%	19%
Unfavorable	12	16	15
Hvn't hrd enough	69	68	65
REFUSED	1	2	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Favorable	44%	25%	66%	38%	44%	44%	36%
Unfavorable	27	49	9	31	33	22	33
Hvn't hrd enough	26	25	24	30	20	32	31
REFUSED	2	2	1	2	2	2	1

	Red	Blue	Purple
Favorable	39%	45%	49%
Unfavorable	27	28	27
Hvn't hrd enough	30	25	23
REFUSED	3	1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evn BrnAgain
Favorable	44%	12%	74%	40%	40%	48%	29%
Unfavorable	47	81	17	52	53	41	64
Hvn't hrd enough	7	5	7	7	5	10	6
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	2	1	1

	Red	Blue	Purple
Favorable	44%	48%	40%
Unfavorable	49	43	48
Hvn't hrd enough	7	7	8
REFUSED	-	2	3

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Favorable	22%	45%	7%	18%	27%	18%	32%
Unfavorable	47	26	61	54	48	46	35
Hvn't hrd enough	30	27	31	27	24	34	32
REFUSED	2	2	1	1	1	2	1

	Red	Blue	Purple
Favorable	28%	19%	19%
Unfavorable	39	51	51
Hvn't hrd enough	32	28	29
REFUSED	2	2	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Favorable	7%	3%	12%	5%	9%	6%	5%
Unfavorable	17	28	11	15	24	10	20
Hvn't hrd enough	75	69	77	77	66	83	74
REFUSED	1	1	1	3	1	1	1

	Red	Blue	Purple
Favorable	5%	9%	7%
Unfavorable	16	14	21
Hvn't hrd enough	77	76	71
REFUSED	2	1	1

21. Is your opinion of -- Nancy Pelosi favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Favorable	25%	7%	41%	25%	23%	26%	13%
Unfavorable	31	62	10	28	38	24	42
Hvn't hrd enough	43	30	49	45	37	49	44
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	2	1	1

	Red	Blue	Purple
Favorable	21%	31%	23%
Unfavorable	32	30	31
Hvn't hrd enough	47	37	45
REFUSED	1	2	2

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Approve	34%	72%	9%	32%	38%	31%	52%
Disapprove	60	20	87	63	57	62	43
DK/NA	6	7	4	5	5	7	5

	Red	Blue	Purple
Approve	39%	32%	32%
Disapprove	53	64	63
DK/NA	7	4	6

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

	Feb 21 2007	Nov 22 2006	Aug 29 2006	Jun 1 2006	Mar 2 2006	Highest Approve Dec 11 2001	Lowest Approve Feb 21 2007
Approve	34	35	39	35	36	83	34
Disapprove	60	58	53	58	58	11	60
DK/NA	6	7	8	7	6	6	6

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht Evan BrnAgain
Approve	30%	67%	7%	24%	33%	27%	50%
Disapprove	64	25	89	71	62	66	45
DK/NA	6	7	3	5	5	6	5

	Red	Blue	Purple
Approve	34%	27%	29%
Disapprove	59	69	64
DK/NA	6	4	6

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

						Highest Approve	Lowest Approve
	Feb 21 2007	Nov 22 2006	Jun 1 2006	Mar 2 2006	Dec 6 2005	Jul 24 2003	Feb 21 2007
Approve	30	30	35	36	36	52	30
Disapprove	64	66	61	60	60	43	64
DK/NA	6	4	4	4	3	5	6

28. 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	Wht Brn	Evan Again
Right thing	37%	72%	12%	37%	42%	33%	52%	
Wrong thing	56	21	83	57	52	60	39	
DK/NA	7	7	5	5	7	7	9	

	Red	Blue	Purple
Right thing	45%	31%	35%
Wrong thing	48	64	57
DK/NA	7	5	9

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

	Feb 21 2007	Nov 22 2006	Jun 1 2006	Mar 2 2006	Dec 6 2005	Mar 10 2005	Feb 2 2005
Right	37	40	39	40	41	42	44
Wrong	56	56	56	56	54	51	50
DK/NA	7	4	5	4	5	6	6

29. 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	Wht BrnAgain	Evan
Support	33%	68%	10%	30%	42%	25%	48%	
Oppose	62	27	88	63	54	70	45	
DK/NA	5	5	2	6	4	6	7	

	Red	Blue	Purple
Support	37%	31%	30%
Oppose	58	66	64
DK/NA	5	3	6

