

Alabama Democratic Presidential Primary

Alabama: Clinton 46% Obama 41%
Saturday, February 02, 2008

Hillary Clinton's lead over Barack Obama in Alabama has fallen ten points in a week.

The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey, conducted Thursday night, found Clinton attracting 46% of the vote while Obama earned 41%. Seven percent (7%) said they would vote for some other candidate while 6% are not sure.

Eight days earlier, Clinton enjoyed a 43% to 28% lead. In between, of course, was Obama's huge victory in South Carolina including high-profile endorsements from the daughter and brother of martyred President John F. Kennedy. Those events changed the tone of the race for the Democratic nomination. Obama has gained ground nationally in the Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll and in several states including California and Massachusetts (see summary of Super Tuesday polls).

Still, while Clinton has lost ground, she started from a very solid position. So, both nationally and in Alabama, it remains to be seen whether Obama's surge will be enough to actually take the lead or if he will fall just a little bit short.

In Alabama, Clinton leads by eight among women and by two percentage points among men.

While Obama leads by a two-to-one margin among African-American voters in the state, Clinton still attracts 30% of this important segment of the electorate.

Seventy-nine percent (79%) of Clinton's voters say they are "certain" they will vote for her. Five percent (5%) of her supporters say there's a good chance they could change their mind while another 20% say they might change their mind.

For Obama, 82% are "certain" and just 2% say there's a good chance they could change their mind. Another 16% of Obama's voters say they might change their mind.

Clinton is viewed favorably by 82% of the state's Likely Primary Voters, Obama by 70%. Obama is viewed favorably by 89% of African-American voters but just 51% of White Voters.

Eighty-four percent (84%) say that Clinton would be at least somewhat likely to win the White House if nominated. That figure includes 52% who believe she would be Very Likely to win.

Seventy-two percent (72%) say Obama would be at least somewhat likely to win, including 41% who believe he would be Very Likely to win.

**Survey of 576 Likely Democratic Primary Voters
January 31, 2008**

Alabama Democratic Primary

Hillary Clinton	46%
Barack Obama	41%

Alabama Republican Presidential Primary

Alabama: McCain 38% Huckabee 30%
Friday, February 01, 2008

John McCain has an eight percentage point lead over Mike Huckabee in Alabama's Republican Presidential Primary. The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey finds McCain attracting 38% of the vote while Huckabee earns 30%. Mitt Romney is a distant third at 20% and Ron Paul is at 5%.

Before McCain's victory in Florida, the Arizona Senator was tied with Huckabee for the lead in Alabama.

Among conservative voters in Alabama, McCain picks up 35% of the vote while Huckabee gets 32% and Romney is at 22%.

Thirty-eight percent (38%) of the state's Likely Republican Primary Voters name the economy as the top voting issue at this time. Seventeen percent (17%) think immigration is the highest priority while 15% say it's the War in Iraq and 12% name National Security.

McCain leads among those who see the economy as the top issue and among those who name the War in Iraq as the highest priority. McCain, Huckabee, and Romney evenly divide those who name immigration as the most important issue.

Among Evangelical Christians, Huckabee leads with 43% support. McCain earns the vote from 33% of Evangelicals while Romney gets 15%.

Among other Protestants, McCain is at 45%, Romney 23%, and Huckabee 22%.

McCain is viewed favorably by 72% of the Likely Republican Primary Voters, Huckabee by 70%, and Romney by 59%.

Eighty-one percent (81%) believe McCain would be at least somewhat likely to win in November if nominated. Just 56% say the same about Romney and 51% believe Huckabee would have a chance.

**Survey of 890 Likely GOP Primary Voters
January 31, 2008**

Alabama Republican Primary

John McCain	38%
Mike Huckabee	30%
Mitt Romney	20%
Ron Paul	5%