

Election 2008: California Democratic Presidential Primary

California: Clinton 38% Obama 33%

Thursday, January 17, 2008

The first Rasmussen Reports telephone survey of California's Democratic Presidential Primary shows Hillary Clinton leading Barack Obama by five percentage points. It's Clinton 38% Obama 33% and John Edwards at 12%. Dennis Kucinich picks up 3% of the vote and 13% are not sure.

Obama is viewed favorably by 80% of Likely Democratic Primary Voters, Clinton by 78%, and Edwards by 68%.

Eighty percent (80%) believe Obama would be at least somewhat likely to win if nominated. Seventy-eight percent (78%) say the same about Clinton.

Sixty-four percent (64%) of Clinton's supporters are "certain" they will vote for her and 65% of Obama voters say the same about their candidate. Just 50% of Edwards fans are that "certain" of their support.

Seventy-nine percent (79%) of California's Democratic Primary voters consider the economy to be a Very Important voting issue. Seventy-six percent (76%) say the same about Health Care. Government ethics and corruption is considered Very Important by 68% while the War in Iraq is that important to 62%.

Obama leads Clinton in South Carolina's Primary, scheduled for January 26. Clinton leads Obama in Florida, a state that votes on January 29 (just one week before California). Nationally, in the Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll, Clinton has a modest advantage.

A commentary by Dick Morris says it's time for Edwards to get out of the race and that the former North Carolina Senator may hold Clinton and Obama's fate in his hands.

Survey of 897 Likely Democratic Primary Voters

January 14, 2008

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Hillary Clinton

38%

Barack Obama	33%
John Edwards	12%
Some Other Candidate	3%
Not Sure	13%

2008: California Republican Presidential Primary

California: McCain 24% Romney 17%
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John McCain has a seven point lead over Mitt Romney in California's Republican Presidential Primary. The first Rasmussen Reports telephone poll of the race shows McCain earning 24% of the vote while Romney attracts 17%. More than ten points behind the leader are Mike Huckabee at 13%, Fred Thompson at 13%, and Rudy Giuliani at 11%.

However, as in other states, the voters in California are far from settled. Sixty-three percent (63%) of Romney's supporters are certain they will vote for him. That's a far higher level of commitment than any other candidate enjoys. Just 45% of McCain's supporters are that "certain" along with 54% of those who support Thompson, 45% of Huckabee voters, and 36% of Giuliani fans.

Eleven percent (11%) of Romney supporters say there's a good chance they could change their mind. Fifteen percent (15%) of Thompson's supporters are that likely to switch. The numbers are even higher for other candidates—21% for McCain, 22% for Huckabee, and 22% for Giuliani.

McCain is seen as the most electable Republican, a fact that explains his frontrunner status and the current lack of commitment from his voters. Sixty-six percent (66%) say that he is at least somewhat likely to win the White House if nominated.

Fifty-eight percent (58%) believe Giuliani would have a chance to win as the Republican nominee.

Fifty-five percent (55%) see Romney as at least somewhat likely to win while just 41% say the same about both Huckabee and Thompson.

McCain, Romney, and Huckabee lead the polls nationally in the Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll. McCain and Huckabee are fighting for the lead in South Carolina while McCain and Giuliani are on top in New Jersey. Four candidates are tied for the lead in Florida.

**Survey of 471 Likely GOP Voters
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Election 2008: California GOP Primary

John McCain	24%
Mitt Romney	17%
Mike Huckabee	13%
Fred Thompson	13%
Rudy Giuliani	11%
Ron Paul	6%