

Election 2008: Mississippi Presidential Election

Mississippi Still Favors McCain by Double Digits
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John McCain continues to hold a double-digit lead over Barack Obama in Mississippi, according to a new Rasmussen Reports telephone survey of voters in the state.

McCain now leads his Democratic opponent by 13 points 54% to 41%. That's a couple of points more for McCain than he enjoyed in July. Counting "leaners," McCain leads 56% to 43%, also a bit better than last month for the Republican hopeful.

McCain is now viewed favorably by 63%, Obama by 44%.

The Republican leads 84% to 13% among white voters, while African-Americans favor the Democrat by a 97% to 2% margin.

McCain is viewed favorably by 88% of white voters and 18% of black voters.

For Obama, the numbers are reversed. He gets favorable reviews from 92% of black voters and only 18% of white voters.

Nationally, McCain and Obama remain competitive in the Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll and in the Electoral College.

Sixty-nine percent (69%) of Mississippi voters say it's more important to find new sources of energy than to reduce the amount of energy Americans consume. Just 25% disagree and say reducing consumption is more important. Those figures are similar to the national average.

Just over half (51%) believe that media bias is a bigger problem in politics today than big campaign contributions. That, too, is similar to the national average. Thirty-three percent (33%) say lobbyists and contributors have too much influence on McCain's policies while 45% say that's true of Obama.