

New Jersey Democratic Presidential Primary

New Jersey: Clinton 45% Obama 27%
Thursday, January 17, 2008

The first Rasmussen Reports telephone survey of New Jersey's Democratic Primary shows Hillary Clinton with an 18-point advantage over Barack Obama.

It's Clinton 45%, Obama 27%, and John Edwards at 11%. Dennis Kucinich is supported by 2% and 14% are not sure.

Clinton leads Obama by 23 points among women and 11 points among men.

The former First Lady is viewed favorably by 82% of Likely Primary Voters while 78% have a favorable opinion of Obama.

Sixty-six percent (66%) of Clinton voters are “certain” they will vote for her and not change their mind. Sixty-four percent (64%) of Obama voters are that “certain.”

Eighty-six percent (86%) say that Clinton would be at least somewhat likely to win the general election if nominated. That includes 45% who say she would be Very Likely to win.

Seventy-four percent (74%) say that Obama would have a chance to win the White House if nominated including 33% who say he would be Very Likely to win.

Just 56% believe Edwards would have a chance at defeating the Republican in November. A commentary by Dick Morris says it is time for Edwards to get out of the race because he holds the fate of Clinton and Obama in his hands.

Among African-American voters, Obama leads Clinton 59% to 23%. This mirrors a trend seen nationally and in other states such as South Carolina. An Inside Report by Robert Novak suggests that Clinton comments about vetting Obama may disturb the party's racial chemistry.

Overall, Clinton retains a modest national lead in the Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll.

Survey of 866 Likely Democratic Primary Voters
January 15, 2008

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Hillary Clinton	45%
Barack Obama	27%
John Edwards	11%
Dennis Kucinich	2%
Unsure	14%

New Jersey Republican Presidential Primary

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In an election season filled with surprises, New Jersey's Republican Primary voters may be considering a surprise of their own. The first Rasmussen Reports telephone survey of that February 5 contest shows Arizona Senator John McCain two points ahead of former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani. The survey was conducted on Tuesday night and interviews were completed before results of the Michigan Primary were released.

It's McCain 29%, Giuliani 27% and no one else is close. Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee are tied for a distant third at 10%, Fred Thompson attracts only 6%, and Ron Paul earns 5% of the New Jersey vote. Five percent (5%) say they'll vote for some other candidate and 8% are not sure.

McCain is seen as the most electable Republican candidate with Giuliani a close second.

Seventy-five percent (75%) of Likely Primary Voters believe McCain would be at least somewhat likely to win the White House if nominated. That figure includes 37% who say he is Very Likely to win.

Seventy percent (70%) say Giuliani would be at least somewhat likely to win in the fall, a figure that includes 25% who say he would be Very Likely to emerge victorious.

Just 51% believe Romney would have a chance to win as the Republican nominee. Forty percent (40%) give Huckabee a chance in the fall while 33% say the same about Thompson. Just 10% believe Ron Paul would be even somewhat likely to win.

However, it is impossible to overstate the fluidity of the race in New Jersey. While McCain is barely atop the poll, just 47% of his supporters are "certain" they will end up voting for him. Just 50% of Giuliani's supporters are that "certain." For Romney, that number is 43% and just 33% of Huckabee fans are sure they won't change their mind.

Looked at from the opposite end of the spectrum, 33% of Huckabee supporters say there's a

good chance they will change their mind, a view shared by 24% of Romney voters. Of those who currently support McCain, 14% say there's a good chance they could change their mind and 11% of Giuliani voters say the same.

Giuliani leads McCain 27% to 23% among Garden State conservatives. McCain leads 39% to 28% among moderates.

Giuliani is viewed favorably by 82% of Likely Primary Voters, McCain by 74%. None of the other candidates reach 60%.

New Jersey is one of many states voting on Super Tuesday, February 5. A week before, GOP voters will go to the polls in Florida, where the latest polling shows essentially a four-way tie between McCain, Giuliani, Romney, and Huckabee.

Giuliani is not competing in this Saturday's South Carolina Primary. Huckabee led in South Carolina before the New Hampshire Primary. A bounce from New Hampshire put McCain on top and Rasmussen Reports will release new polling data on that race at 2:00 p.m. Eastern today.

Survey of 616 Likely Republican Primary Voters January 15, 2008

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John McCain	29%
Rudy Giuliani	27%
Mitt Romney	10%
Mike Huckabee	10%
Fred Thompson	6%
Ron Paul	5%
Other	5%
Unsure	8%