

Election 2008: New York Presidential Election

New Yorkers Want Hillary to Stay in Senate; 23% Say She Should Just Go Away
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Nearly one out of four voters (23%) in New York would like to see Hillary Clinton go away, and a plurality of unaffiliated voters would prefer she stay in the Senate than serve as Barack Obama's running mate. The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey in the Empire State found that 29% of all New Yorker voters think Clinton should become Barack Obama's running mate while 37% think she should remain a senator.

Half of New York Republicans (50%) would like to see the former Presidential hopeful go away. Among New York Democrats, 42% would like to see Clinton as Obama's running mate and 42% think she should stay in Senate. A plurality of unaffiliated voters want the former First Lady to remain a senator.

Not surprisingly, Obama is well ahead of John McCain in the Empire State's race for the Whitehouse. The Democrat leads 60% to 29%, representing an improvement from last month, when he led 52% to 33%.

Obama is viewed favorably by 67% of New York voters and unfavorably by 30%. McCain's ratings are 48% favorable, 47% unfavorable.

The same survey found that voters are divided on who they think should be the state's next governor. Clinton, current Governor David Paterson, and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg all earn 24% support from voters on this question. Former Governor Mario Cuomo earns just 12% support from New York voters.

While 39% of New Yorkers think McCain is too old to be president, 38% think Obama is too inexperienced for the job. Those numbers lean more in Obama's favor than those found nationwide.

The majority of voters in New York (62%) believe the next President's most important goal in terms of the war is getting the troops home. Just 27% think winning the war should be top priority. Those results also differ from the national average.

Sixty-four percent of New York voters believe the United States government has become a special interest group, and only 14% think the government represents the will of the people.

President George W. Bush earns good or excellent ratings from just 23% of New York voters. Sixty-two percent (62%) give him a poor rating. Data released today shows that Bush approval ratings continue to hit record lows on the national level.

The survey was conducted in partnership with Fox Television Stations, Inc.