

Ohio Democratic Presidential Primary

Ohio: Clinton 48% Obama 40%
Friday, February 22, 2008

New York Senator Hillary Clinton leads Illinois Senator Barack Obama by eight percentage points in the latest Rasmussen Reports poll of the Ohio Democratic Presidential Primary. Clinton currently earns 48% of the Buckeye State vote while Obama attracts 40%. Twelve percent (12%) remain undecided.

A week ago, Clinton held a fourteen point advantage.

Clinton leads by twenty points among women. That's little changed from a week ago. However, in the previous poll, Clinton also held the advantage among men. Now, she trails Obama by ten among male voters. Clinton does better among lower-income voters and older voters.

The race, like many others in Election 2008, remains very fluid. In addition to the 12% who are undecided, another 17% of voters say they might change their mind before voting.

The shifting opinions of male voters is about the only significant difference between this poll and the previous poll. A recent commentary by Susan Estrich wondered if the “G-word”—gender—is the reason for Clinton's struggles.

In Ohio, Clinton is viewed favorably by 81%, Obama by 70%. Those figures have changed little over the past week.

Eighty-two percent (82%) of Likely Democratic Primary Voters say that Clinton would be at least somewhat likely to win the White House if nominated. Seventy-five percent (75%) say the same about Obama. Those figures are similar to the earlier survey as well.

Fifty-one percent (51%) of Ohio voters name the economy as the top voting issue. Eighteen percent (18%) say it's the War in Iraq while 14% name Health Care issues as the top priority.

Ohio is one of two states that the Clinton campaign and many outside experts have deemed essential for the former First Lady to win is she is to have a chance of winning the Democratic Presidential nomination. Texas, which also votes on March 4, is the other. The latest Rasmussen Reports poll in Texas shows Clinton's lead is down to three points.

Survey of 902 Likely Dem Primary Voters
February 21, 2008

Ohio Democratic Primary

Hillary Clinton	48%
Barack Obama	40%
Not Sure	12%

Ohio Republican Presidential Primary

Ohio: McCain 57% Huckabee 30%
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The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey of Ohio voters found John McCain well ahead of his opposition in the Buckeye State's Republican Primary. McCain earns support from 57%, Mike Huckabee from 30% and Ron Paul is the chosen candidate of 4%.

McCain holds an even larger lead than last week when he was up 50% to 33% over Huckabee.

McCain attracts 60% of those who are politically moderate (60%) and 56% of conservative voters. Huckabee attracts 32% of conservative voters.

McCain is viewed favorably by 81% of Ohio voters and unfavorably by 18%. Huckabee earns positive reviews from 70% of republican voters and negative reviews from 27%. Paul, on the other hand, is viewed favorably by 29% and unfavorably by 57%.

Ohio voters have high expectations for McCain in the general election. Eighty-one percent (81%) believe McCain is at least somewhat likely to win the presidential election. Only 16% find that outcome unlikely.

When it comes to issues, Ohio voters share the same concerns as most other states. The economy is the top issue for 38% of voters, while National Security is the most important issue for 17% of voters. The War in Iraq comes in right behind with 15%.

Survey of 730 Republican Primary Voters February 21, 2008

Ohio Republican Primary

John McCain	57%
Mike Huckabee	30%
Ron Paul	4%
Not Sure	9%