

Election 2008: Oregon Presidential Election

Oregon Not a Swing State, Obama Up By 10
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Oregon shows no indication of becoming a swing state in the race for the White House this year.

The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey of Oregon voters shows Barack Obama leads John McCain by 10 percentage points, 47% to 37%. That's virtually identical to last month's results when Obama led 46% to 37%.

When "leaners" are included, it's Obama 52% to 42%.

This is the sixth Rasmussen Reports telephone survey in Oregon for Election 2008, and the Republican has never been closer than six points behind. Four times, Obama has enjoyed an eight-to-10 point lead, and once he was up by 14.

Nationally, the Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll shows the Democrat holding a modest lead over McCain.

Obama is viewed favorably by 56% of Oregon voters, down six points from a month ago. McCain earns favorable reviews from 54%, down a single point.

Forty-eight percent (48%) of voters say the United States and its allies are winning the War on Terror while 21% say the terrorists are winning. That assessment is similar to the national average.

Fifty-nine percent (59%) say it is more important to find new sources of energy than to reduce the amount of energy Americans consume. Thirty-three percent (33%) disagree and say reducing consumption is more important. Those figures, too, are similar to the national average.

Forty-six percent (46%) say that most reporters are trying to help Obama win the election while only 14% think they are trying to help McCain. Just 24% think reporters try to offer unbiased coverage. Nationally, 49% believe that reporters are trying to help Obama. A separate national survey found that most voters believe media bias is a bigger problem than big campaign donors.

Just 30% of Oregon voter say that President Bush is doing a good or excellent job, up a point from last month. However, 54% say he is doing a poor job, also up a point since July.