

Texas Democratic Presidential Primary

Texas: Obama 48% Clinton 47%
Monday, March 03, 2008

The winner of the Texas Presidential Primary will be determined by turnout and late deciders.

The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey, conducted Sunday, finds Barack Obama with a statistically insignificant one-point lead over Hillary Clinton. It's Obama 48% Clinton 47%. Five percent (5%) are undecided and 6% say they could still change their mind.

These results show the race has gotten a bit closer in the past few days. Last week, Obama enjoyed a four-point lead and the Illinois Senator had been gaining ground steadily for two weeks. Now, it appears that Clinton has at least temporarily halted Obama's momentum. It remains to be seen whether she can reverse it.

A similar pattern was found in Ohio. However, in the Buckeye State, Clinton never lost the lead and she now has a six-point advantage.

In Texas, most of Clinton's rebound can be attributed to regaining solid support from Latino voters. The previous two polls showed Clinton ahead in this critical constituency, but with declining margins.

Clinton leads among voters over 40 and does especially well among those over 65. She also would like to see a big turnout from white women and Latino voters.

Obama would like to see a larger turnout from younger voters and African-Americans.

In Texas, Clinton is viewed favorably by 71% of Likely Democratic Primary Voters, Obama by 73%. For both candidates, those numbers reflect a modest decline over the past several days.

Clinton has a 51% to 45% edge among voters who say the economy is the most important voting issue. She also enjoys a sixteen-point lead among those who say Health Care is the primary interest. Obama leads among voters with concerns on other issues including a 59% to 38% lead among those who say the War in Iraq is the highest priority to consider.

Survey of 710 Likely Democratic Primary Voters
March 2, 2008

Texas Democratic Primary

Hillary Clinton

47%

Barack Obama	48%
Not Sure	5%

Ohio Democratic Presidential Primary

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After two weeks in which Barack Obama steadily gained ground in Ohio, Hillary Clinton appears to have reversed the trend. The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey in Ohio shows Clinton with 50% of the vote while Obama attracts 44%. Six percent (6%) remain undecided. In addition to the 6% of voters who remain undecided, 4% say there's a good chance they could change their mind before voting.

For most of the past two weeks, Clinton had been stuck at the 47% to 48% level of support in Ohio while Obama steadily improved his standing from 38% right after the Wisconsin Primary to 45% last Thursday night. In that Thursday poll, Obama had pulled to within two points of Clinton. This is the first Rasmussen Reports election poll to show Clinton expanding her lead.

If Clinton wins a solid victory in Ohio on Tuesday, that might be enough to keep her from dropping out of the race. While most analysts say she needs to win both Ohio and Texas to have a shot at the nomination, the Clinton camp has recently given some indications that it might stay with a win in the Buckeye State and a close finish in Texas.

In Ohio, Clinton now leads by seventeen points among women while trailing by ten among men. Clinton leads among voters 40 and older while Obama has the advantage with younger voters. Clinton does better with workers earning less than \$60,000 a year while Obama does better among those with higher incomes. The two candidates are essentially tied among liberals while Clinton has a significant lead (57% to 39%) among politically moderate voters.

Clinton leads by twelve among Democrats while Obama leads by twenty among other likely to participate in the Primary.

The former First Lady also holds a nine-point advantage (52% to 43%) among those who view the economy as the most important voting issue. She also has a fourteen point edge (55% to 41%) among those who consider Health Care the top issue. Obama has a three-point edge among those who say the top priority is the War in Iraq.

Fifty-seven percent (57%) say the economy is the top issue. Seventeen percent (17%) believe it's the War in Iraq and 11% say it's Health Care.

Among Likely Primary Voters who believe NAFTA is bad for the United States, Clinton leads by just three percentage points, 49% to 46%. Fifty-seven percent (57%) of Ohio's Democratic Primary voters believe that the trade agreement is bad for the country.

In Ohio, Hillary Clinton has maintained a constant level of support over the past week, but

Barack Obama is rapidly gaining ground in her rear view mirror.

In Ohio, Clinton is viewed favorably by 77% and Obama by 72%. Both figures have changed little over the past week.

Seventy-seven percent (77%) of Likely Democratic Primary Voters say that Clinton would be at least somewhat likely to win the White House if nominated. Seventy-nine percent (79%) have such confidence in Obama

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