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Zogby New York Poll: McCain Leads Rudy in Giuliani's Home State

Clinton enjoys big leads over Obama in NYC suburbs and Upstate; Race is tight in NYC

Republicans

Arizona Sen. John McCain leads former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani in the former mayor's home state, a new Zogby New York poll shows.

McCain's lead was a slim 24% to 21% statewide. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney was in third place at 14% support.

Upstate voters liked McCain best, giving him 20% of their support. For that group, Romney held more appeal than Giuliani, the former city mayor seeing 14% support to Romney's 17%.

Suburban voters were almost evenly split between McCain and Giuliani, McCain getting 30% support to Giuliani's 29%. Romney attracted just 10% of their number.

Republicans	1-19/20
McCain	24%
Giuliani	21%
Romney	14%
Huckabee	7%
Thompson	7%
Paul	2%

Someone else	5%
Not sure	20%

Almost as many voters were undecided as opted for one of the frontrunners, with 20% of likely Republican voters saying they weren't yet sure whom they would support.

Among men, Giuliani held a slight 27% to 25% edge over McCain. Women, however, preferred McCain by a 23% to 17% margin over Romney. Giuliani won 16% support from women. Women are much more on the fence than men – 26% of women said they have yet to make up their minds, while just 14% of men are unsure. The Republican sample included 280 likely GOP voters. The survey was conducted Jan. 19–20, 2008, and carries a margin of error of +/- 6.0 percentage points.

Democrats

New York Sen. Clinton holds a commanding lead of 21 points over rival Barack Obama, the senator from Illinois, winning 47% support to his 25%.

Former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards is a distant third, winning 9% support, while another 14% of likely voting Democratic primary voters said they are undecided on the race.

Democrats	1–19/20
Clinton	47%
Obama	26%
Edwards	9%
Kucinich	1%
Gravel	<1%
Someone else	2%
Not sure	14%

In Upstate New York and New York City's suburbs, her margin is even greater, at 50% to Obama's 17% Upstate and 58% to 16% in the suburbs. In New York City, however, Clinton's edge over Obama was much smaller – she leads with 40%, compared to 35% for Obama.

As she has in other early-voting states, Clinton is again dominating among women, with 55% opting for her, to just 17% for Obama. Men, however, were more evenly split, with 38% of their number supporting Clinton and 37% going for Obama.

African-American voters, preferred Obama 56% to 19%. White voters, however, liked Clinton better, 52% to 17%. Hispanic voters, too, liked Clinton, 74% to Obama's 12%.

More Democrats said they were looking for a candidate who represented change, than experience, 53% to 38%. Among them, 38% said Clinton represented change, with Obama a close second, at 35%

The Democratic sample included 425 likely Democratic primary voters, and was conducted Jan. 19-20, 2008. It carries a margin of error of +/- 4.9 percentage points.