

CNN **POLL**

Interviews with 1,025 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on November 17-19, 2006. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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BASED ON 365 REGISTERED REPUBLICANS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/-5% PTS.

20. Please tell me which of the following people you would be most likely to support for the Republican nomination for President in the year 2008. Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Arizona Senator John McCain, Tennessee Senator Bill Frist, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, former Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson, Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, Kansas Senator Sam Brownback, New York Governor George Pataki, or California Congressman Duncan Hunter? (RANDOMIZED)

	<u>Registered Republicans</u>		
	<u>Nov. 17-19</u>	<u>Oct. 27-29</u>	<u>Aug. 30- Sept. 2</u>
Giuliani	33%	29%	32%
McCain	30%	27%	21%
Gingrich	9%	12%	12%
Romney	9%	7%	6%
Frist	3%	6%	4%
Thompson*	3%	N/A	N/A
Brownback	2%	1%	1%
Hunter*	2%	N/A	N/A
Pataki	1%	5%	3%
No opinion	8%	13%	3%

* Thompson and Hunter not included on the list in previous polls.

21. Next I'm going to read the names of some of those candidates. As I read each name, please tell me whether you would consider supporting that person for the Republican nomination or whether you do not want to see that person win the Republican nomination for president. (RANDOMIZED)

	<u>Currently Supporting*</u>	<u>Registered Republicans</u>		
		<u>Would Consider Supporting</u>	<u>Do Not Want as Nominee</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Rudy Giuliani	33%	43%	21%	3%
John McCain	30%	34%	30%	6%
Newt Gingrich	9%	37%	48%	5%
Mitt Romney	9%	24%	50%	17%
Bill Frist	3%	33%	51%	13%

*Figures in the "currently supporting column from Question 20. Respondents who said in Question 20 that they currently support a candidate were not asked about that candidate in Question 21.

24. As you may know, in the past few days several candidates have announced that they plan to run for president in 2008. Do you think this is the right time to start the presidential campaign, or do you think it's too soon to start the presidential campaign?

	Nov. <u>17-19</u>
Right time	44%
Too soon	55%
No opinion	2%