



## SOUTH CAROLINA POLL

**Interviews with 1,052 adults in South Carolina conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on July 16-18, 2007, including 432 voters who say they plan to vote in the South Carolina Republican presidential primary and 380 who say they plan to vote in the South Carolina Democratic presidential primary. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points for all respondents, plus or minus 5 percentage points for Republican primary voters and Democratic primary voters. The sample includes 202 white Democratic primary voters (+/-7 percentage points) and 153 black Democratic primary voters (+/-8 percentage points).**

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5. (REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY:) If the presidential primary in South Carolina were held today, please tell me which of the following people you would be most likely to support -- Kansas Senator Sam Brownback, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, California Congressman Duncan Hunter, Arizona Senator John McCain, Texas Congressman Ron Paul, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo, former Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson, or former Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson? (RANDOM ORDER) Who is your second choice?

IF GINGRICH WERE IN THE RACE

July 16-18  
2007

Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani	28%
Arizona Senator John McCain	20%
Former Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson	17%
Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich	6%
Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney	4%
Former Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson	4%
Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee	3%
California Congressman Duncan Hunter	2%
Texas Congressman Ron Paul	2%
Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo	2%
Kansas Senator Sam Brownback	1%
No opinion	11%

IF GINGRICH WERE NOT IN THE RACE

July 16-18  
2007

Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani	30%
Arizona Senator John McCain	21%
Former Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson	18%
Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney	6%
Former Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson	4%
Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee	3%
California Congressman Duncan Hunter	2%
Texas Congressman Ron Paul	2%
Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo	2%
Kansas Senator Sam Brownback	1%
No opinion	11%

6. (REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY:) Would you say you will definitely support that candidate in 2008, or is it possible you would change your mind?

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Definitely support	32%
May change mind	57%
No opinion	11%

8. (REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY:) 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 would not support them for the nomination under any circumstances. (RANDOM ORDER)

- a. Would you consider supporting Rudy Giuliani for the Republican nomination or would you not support him for the nomination under any circumstances?
- b. Would you consider supporting John McCain for the Republican nomination or would you not support him for the nomination under any circumstances?
- c. Would you consider supporting Mitt Romney for the Republican nomination or would you not support him for the nomination under any circumstances?
- d. Would you consider supporting Fred Thompson for the Republican nomination or would you not support him for the nomination under any circumstances?

	<u>Currently Supporting</u>	<u>Would Consider Supporting</u>	<u>Would Not Support Under Any Circumstances</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Rudy Giuliani	28%	46%	23%	3%
John McCain	20%	43%	34%	2%
Fred Thompson	17%	52%	25%	5%
Mitt Romney	4%	51%	37%	8%

*NOTE: Figures in the "currently supporting" column represent all respondents who said that candidate was their first choice in Question 5. Figures in the "would consider supporting question" include respondents who said that candidate was their second choice in Question 7.*

9. (DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY:) If the presidential primary in South Carolina were held today, please tell me which of the following people you would be most likely to support -- Delaware Senator Joe Biden, New York Senator Hillary Clinton, Connecticut Senator Christopher Dodd, former North Carolina Senator John Edwards, former Vice President Al Gore, former Alaska Senator Mike Gravel, Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Illinois Senator Barack Obama, or New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson? (RANDOM ORDER) And who would be your second choice?

IF GORE WERE IN THE RACE

	<u>All</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
New York Senator Hillary Clinton	39%	30%	47%
Illinois Senator Barack Obama	25%	18%	31%
Former North Carolina Senator John Edwards	15%	27%	4%
Former Vice President Al Gore	10%	11%	10%
New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson	2%	3%	*
Delaware Senator Joe Biden	1%	2%	0
Connecticut Senator Christopher Dodd	*	*	0
Former Alaska Senator Mike Gravel	*	1%	0
Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich	*	*	1%
No opinion	7%	7%	8%

IF GORE WERE NOT IN THE RACE

	<u>All</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
New York Senator Hillary Clinton	43%	33%	52%
Illinois Senator Barack Obama	27%	20%	33%
Former North Carolina Senator John Edwards	17%	31%	5%
New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson	2%	3%	*
Delaware Senator Joe Biden	1%	3%	0
Connecticut Senator Christopher Dodd	*	*	0
Former Alaska Senator Mike Gravel	*	1%	0
Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich	*	*	1%
No opinion	9%	9%	9%

10. (DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY:) Would you say you will definitely support that candidate in 2008, or is it possible you would change your mind?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
Definitely support	46%	30%	58%
Possible to change mind	46%	63%	33%
No opinion	8%	7%	9%

12. (DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY:) 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 Democratic nomination or whether you would not support them for the nomination under any circumstances. (RANDOM ORDER)

- Would you consider supporting Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination or would you not support him for the nomination under any circumstances?
- Would you consider supporting Barack Obama for the Democratic nomination or would you not support him for the nomination under any circumstances?
- Would you consider supporting John Edwards for the Democratic nomination or would you not support him for the nomination under any circumstances?

	<u>Currently Supporting</u>	<u>Would Consider Supporting</u>	<u>Would Not Support Under Any Circumstances</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>				
All Dem. Primary Voters	39%	44%	16%	1%
White Dem. Primary Voters	30%	39%	30%	1%
Black Dem. Primary Voters	47%	49%	4%	1%
<b>Barack Obama</b>				
All Dem. Primary Voters	25%	52%	20%	3%
White Dem. Primary Voters	18%	56%	24%	2%
Black Dem. Primary Voters	31%	51%	15%	3%
<b>John Edwards</b>				
All Dem. Primary Voters	15%	57%	25%	4%
White Dem. Primary Voters	27%	57%	14%	2%
Black Dem. Primary Voters	4%	56%	35%	6%

*NOTE: Figures in the "currently supporting" column represent all respondents who said that candidate was their first choice in Question 9. Figures in the "would consider supporting question" include respondents who said that candidate was their second choice in Question 11.*

13. (DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY:) If you had to choose, would you say the following words and phrases better describe Hillary Clinton or better describe Barack Obama? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Both Equal (vol.)</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Has the right experience to be President				
All Dem. Primary Voters	69%	22%	5%	4%
White Dem. Primary Voters	68%	22%	4%	6%
Black Dem. Primary Voters	72%	19%	6%	3%
Has the best chance of beating the Republican nominee in the general election next November				
All Dem. Primary Voters	54%	35%	7%	4%
White Dem. Primary Voters	46%	40%	7%	7%
Black Dem. Primary Voters	63%	29%	7%	2%
Understands the needs and problems of people like you				
All Dem. Primary Voters	50%	37%	6%	6%
White Dem. Primary Voters	48%	38%	6%	8%
Black Dem. Primary Voters	53%	35%	7%	5%
Is most likely to bring needed change to the U.S.				
All Dem. Primary Voters	48%	40%	9%	4%
White Dem. Primary Voters	42%	44%	9%	5%
Black Dem. Primary Voters	52%	37%	9%	2%

14. (DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY:) If you had to choose, would you say that blacks in the country would be better off if Hillary Clinton were elected President, or if Barack Obama were elected President?

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Both Equal (vol.)</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
All Dem. Primary Voters	39%	31%	18%	12%
White Dem. Primary Voters	32%	29%	22%	17%
Black Dem. Primary Voters	44%	33%	15%	8%