

# Conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center

Interviews with 793 likely New Hampshire primary voters in New Hampshire conducted by telephone on November 14-18, 2007. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

A total of 404 who say they plan to vote in the Republican presidential primary and 389 who say they plan to vote in the Democratic presidential primary were interviewed. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 5 percentage points for both groups.

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1. As you know, the New Hampshire presidential primary election is being held next January. How interested would you say you are in the primary election -- extremely interested, very interested, somewhat interested, or not very interested?

	November <u>2007</u>	September 2007	March/April 2007	February 2007
Extremely interested				
All Adults	37%	36%	34%	41%
Dem. Primary Voters	38%	41%	39%	45%
GOP Primary Voters	36%	32%	27%	36%
Very interested				
All Adults	45%	44%	42%	34%
Dem. Primary Voters	48%	41%	39%	32%
GOP Primary Voters	43%	47%	48%	36%
Somewhat interested				
All Adults	15%	16%	18%	21%
Dem. Primary Voters	12%	16%	17%	18%
GOP Primary Voters	148%	17%	18%	24%
Not very interested				
All Adults	2%	4%	6%	4%
Dem. Primary Voters	1%	2%	5%	4%
GOP Primary Voters	3%	4%	7%	4%

2. (REGISTERED INDEPENDENTS ONLY) Which Presidential primary election do you think you will vote in, in 2008 -- the Republican Primary or the Democratic Primary? (IF UNSURE:) As of RIGHT NOW, which primary do you think you will vote in?

	November <u>2007</u>	September 2007	July <u>2007</u>	March/April 2007	February 2007
Republican primary	35%	35%	40%	28%	33%
Democratic primary	65%	65%	60%	72%	67%

9. (DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY:) Have you definitely decided who you will vote for in the New Hampshire primary, are you leaning toward someone, or do have you considered some candidates but are still trying to decide?

	November	September	July
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>
Definitely decided	24%	17%	10%
Leaning toward someone	29%	28%	26%
Still trying to decide	47%	55%	64%

10. (DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY:) I'm going to read you the names of the candidates who are either running or considering running for the Democratic nomination. If the Democratic primary for president were held today, which of the following would you support for the Democratic nomination -- Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Chris Dodd, John Edwards, Mike Gravel, Dennis Kucinich, Barack Obama, Bill Richardson or someone else? (RANDOM ORDER)

	November	September	July	June
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>
Clinton	36%	43%	36%	39%
Obama	22%	20%	27%	24%
Edwards	13%	12%	9%	14%
Richardson	12%	6%	11%	11%
Kucinich	3%	3%	3%	2%
Biden	2%	3%	4%	5%
Dodd	1%	1%	*	*
Gravel	0	0	*	*
Someone else	2%	1%	0	3%
No opinion	11%	11%	9%	2%

	September 2007	July <u>2007</u>	June 2007	March/April 2007	February 2007
Clinton	41%	33%	36%	27%	35%
Obama	19%	25%	22%	20%	21%
Edwards	11%	8%	12%	21%	16%
Gore	7%	8%	12%	11%	8%
Richardson	6%	10%	10%	4%	1%
Biden	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%
Kucinich	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%
Dodd	1%	*	*	1%	*
Gravel	0	*	*	*	0
Someone else	*	0	2%	*	0
No opinion	9%	9%	1%	12%	14%

- 11. (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)
- a. Would you consider supporting Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination or would you not support him for the nomination under any circumstances?
- b. Would you consider supporting Barack Obama for the Democratic nomination or would you not support him for the nomination under any circumstances?
- c. Would you consider supporting John Edwards for the Democratic nomination or would you not support him for the nomination under any circumstances?

	Currently Supporting	Would Consider Supporting	Would Not Support Under Any Circumstances	No <u>Opinion</u>
Hillary Clinton				
November, 2007	36%	39%	22%	2%
July, 2007	33%	49%	16%	2%
Barack Obama				
November, 2007	22%	53%	22%	3%
July, 2007	25%	57%	15%	3%
John Edwards				
November, 2007	13%	63%	22%	2%
July, 2007	8%	64%	24%	4%

NOTE: Figures in the "currently supporting" column represent all respondents who said that candidate was their first choice in Question 10.

12. (DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY:) Compared to previous elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting in next year's presidential election than usual, or less enthusiastic?

	November <u>2007</u>
More enthusiastic	68%
Less enthusiastic	14%
As enthusiastic/same (vol.)	16%
No opinion	1%

- 13. Now I'm going to read you a few phrases which describe the candidates, and for each one, tell me who you think that phrase best describes, regardless of who you are voting for. Please feel free to name a candidate even if you may not be voting for that person. (ITEMS ROTATED)
- A. Which Democrat candidate do you think is the most honest and trustworthy?

Obama	27%
Edwards	18%
Richardson	14%
Clinton	13%
Kucinich	7%
Biden	3%
Dodd	2%
Gravel	1%
Someone else	1%
None	7%
No opinion	10%

B. Which Democrat candidate do you think is most likely to win the Democrat nomination?

Clinton	69%
Obama	10%
Edwards	5%
Biden	*
Kucinich	*
Richardson	*
Dodd	0
Gravel	0
Someone else	*
None	*
No opinion	15%

# C. Which Democrat candidate do you think is tough enough to stand up to the Republicans?

Clinton	50%
Obama	13%
Edwards	11%
Richardson	7%
Biden	4%
Kucinich	2%
Dodd	1%
Gravel	*
Someone else	1%
None	1%
No opinion	11%

14. (DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY:) There are many issues facing the candidates in the election for president. In your opinion, which one issue is MOST IMPORTANT to YOUR VOTE in the presidential primary? Which is next most important? What is the third most important?

	1 <sup>st</sup>	$2^{nd}$	$3^{\text{rd}}$
	Resp.	Resp.	Resp.
War in Iraq	41%	24%	12%
Health care	23%	25%	21%
Economy	10%	16%	13%
Foreign policy	4%	3%	12%
Climate change / environment	4%	3%	5%
Taxes	3%	2%	5%
Education	2%	5%	11%
Social Security	2%	5%	0
Abortion	1%	1%	0
Medicare/prescription drugs	1%	1%	2%
Illegal immigration	1%	3%	3%
Gas / energy prices	1%	2%	1%
Budget deficit	1%	2%	4%
Employment/jobs	1%	1%	3%
Electing a Democrat	1%	0	0
Morality	1%	1%	0
Terrorism/Homeland security	1%	1%	2%
Gay marriage	0	1%	1%
Gun control	0	0	1%
Other	3%	2%	5%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%

<sup>\*</sup>Multiple responses possible. Percentages sum to more than 100%.

## **FIRST RESPONSE ONLY**

	November <u>2007</u>	July <u>2007</u>	June <u>2007</u>	March/April 2007
War in Iraq	41%	45%	57%	9%
Health care	23%	17%	8%	21%
Economy	10%	9%	8%	11%
Foreign policy	4%	10%	5%	7%
Education	2%	3%	3%	4%
Budget deficit	1%	1%	*	2%

15. (DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS ONLY:) Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me who you think would best handle that issue if they were elected President. Please feel free to name a candidate even if you may not be voting for that person. Which Republican candidate do you think would do the best job handling: (ITEMS ROTATED)

# A. The war in Iraq

Clinton	27%
Obama	21%
Richardson	16%
Edwards	10%
Biden	5%
Kucinich	3%
Dodd	*
Gravel	0
Someone else	2%
None	2%
No opinion	15%

### B. Terrorism

30%
13%
13%
9%
6%
1%
1%
0
2%
5%
21%

### C. The economy

Clinton	38%
Obama	17%
Edwards	13%
Richardson	8%
Biden	2%
Dodd	2%
Kucinich	2%
Gravel	0
Someone else	2%
None	2%
No opinion	16%

### D. Health care

Clinton	53%
Edwards	15%
Obama	13%
Richardson	5%
Kucinich	3%
Biden	1%
Gravel	1%
Dodd	*
Someone else	*
None	2%
No opinion	8%

# E. Poverty

Obama	30%
Clinton	27%
Edwards	24%
Richardson	5%
Kucinich	2%
Dodd	1%
Gravel	*
Biden	0
Someone else	0
None	1%
No opinion	11%

### WOULD BEST HANDLE...

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Edwards</u>
Health care	53%	13%	15%
The economy	38%	17%	13%
Terrorism	30%	13%	9%
The war in Iraq	27%	21%	10%
Poverty	27%	30%	24%