



SOUTH CAROLINA POLL

Interviews with 1,256 adults in South Carolina conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on December 9-12, 2007, including 555 voters who say they plan to vote in the South Carolina Republican presidential primary and 428 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 4 percentage points for Republican primary voters and 4.5 for Democratic primary voters.

5. Which of the following issues will be MOST important to you when you decide how to vote for president? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Dec. 9-12, 2007</u>	
	Republican	Democratic
	Primary	Primary
	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Voters</u>
Economy	24%	24%
Illegal immigration	23%	7%
War in Iraq	16%	31%
Terrorism	13%	3%
Abortion	11%	3%
Health care	10%	30%
Other (vol.)	1%	2%
No opinion	2%	*

BASED ON 555 LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4% PTS.

6. 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 -- 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 or former Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson? (RANDOM ORDER)

	Dec. 9-12 <u>2007</u>	July 16-18 <u>2007</u>
Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee	24%	3%
Former Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson	17%	18%
Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani	16%	30%
Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney	16%	6%
Arizona Senator John McCain	13%	21%
Texas Congressman Ron Paul	11%	2%
California Congressman Duncan Hunter	1%	2%
Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo	1%	2%
No opinion	3%	11%

As you may know, several states, including Iowa and New Hampshire, will hold their presidential primaries and caucuses before South Carolina.

7. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view: you have definitely made up your mind about who you will vote for in the South Carolina primary, you are waiting to see what happens in those earlier primaries before you make up your mind or you have not made up your mind, but the results of those earlier primaries will not affect your vote at all.

	Dec. 9-12 <u>2007</u>
Definitely have made up mind	25%
Waiting to see what happens in earlier primaries before deciding	22%
Have not made up mind, but primary results won't impact vote	52%
No opinion	*

BASED ON 555 LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4% PTS.

8. 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. Which Republican candidate do you think: (RANDOM ORDER)

- a. Is the most likeable

Dec. 9-12
2007

Huckabee	21%
Thompson	20%
Romney	19%
Giuliani	17%
McCain	12%
Paul	6%
Hunter	*
Tancredo	*
None (vol.)	2%
No opinion	2%

- b. Is least likely to act like a typical politician if elected President

Dec. 9-12
2007

Huckabee	22%
Giuliani	16%
Thompson	16%
Paul	14%
McCain	10%
Romney	10%
Tancredo	2%
Hunter	1%
None (vol.)	3%
No opinion	5%

BASED ON 555 LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4% PTS.

c. Has the best chance of beating the Democratic nominee in the general election next November

Dec. 9-12
2007

Giuliani	36%
Romney	19%
Huckabee	15%
McCain	10%
Thompson	10%
Paul	5%
Hunter	*
Tancredo	*
None (vol.)	1%
No opinion	5%

d. Has the right experience to be President?

Dec. 9-12
2007

Giuliani	26%
McCain	19%
Huckabee	15%
Romney	14%
Thompson	13%
Paul	6%
Hunter	1%
Tancredo	*
None (vol.)	3%
No opinion	2%

BASED ON 555 LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4% PTS.

e. Is most believable

	Dec. 9-12 <u>2007</u>
Huckabee	26%
Giuliani	15%
Romney	15%
Thompson	15%
McCain	14%
Paul	10%
Hunter	1%
Tancredo	*
None (vol.)	2%
No opinion	3%

f. Spends the least time criticizing the other candidates

	Dec. 9-12 <u>2007</u>
Huckabee	25%
Thompson	19%
Romney	13%
McCain	12%
Giuliani	8%
Paul	8%
Hunter	2%
Tancredo	1%
None (vol.)	6%
No opinion	6%

SUMMARY TABLE FOR QUESTION 8

	<u>Huckabee</u>	<u>Giuliani</u>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Thompson</u>	<u>Romney</u>
Is most believable	26%	15%	14%	15%	15%
Spends the least time criticizing the other candidates	25%	8%	12%	19%	13%
Is least likely to act like a typical politician if elected President	22%	16%	10%	16%	10%
Is the most likeable	21%	17%	12%	20%	19%
Has the right experience to be President	15%	26%	19%	13%	14%
Has the best chance of beating the Democratic nominee in the general election next November	15%	36%	10%	10%	19%

BASED ON 428 LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5% PTS.

9. 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 Alaska Senator Mike Gravel, Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Illinois Senator Barack Obama, or New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson? (RANDOM ORDER)

ALL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS

	Dec. 9-12 <u>2007</u>	July 16-18 <u>2007</u>
New York Senator Hillary Clinton	42%	43%
Illinois Senator Barack Obama	34%	27%
Former North Carolina Senator John Edwards	16%	17%
Delaware Senator Joe Biden	3%	1%
New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson	2%	2%
Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich	1%	*
Connecticut Senator Christopher Dodd	*	*
Former Alaska Senator Mike Gravel	*	*
No opinion	2%	8%

BASED ON 241 WHITE LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS (SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 6.5% PTS.) AND 152 BLACK LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS (SAMPLING ERROR: +/-8% PTS.)

9. 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 Alaska Senator Mike Gravel, Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Illinois Senator Barack Obama, or New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson? (RANDOM ORDER)

WHITE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS

	Dec. 9-12 <u>2007</u>	July 16-18 <u>2007</u>
New York Senator Hillary Clinton	41%	33%
Illinois Senator Barack Obama	24%	20%
Former North Carolina Senator John Edwards	27%	31%
Delaware Senator Joe Biden	4%	3%
New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson	3%	3%
Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich	1%	*
Connecticut Senator Christopher Dodd	*	*
Former Alaska Senator Mike Gravel	0	1%
No opinion	1%	9%

BLACK DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS

	Dec. 9-12 <u>2007</u>	July 16-18 <u>2007</u>
New York Senator Hillary Clinton	46%	52%
Illinois Senator Barack Obama	45%	33%
Former North Carolina Senator John Edwards	5%	5%
Delaware Senator Joe Biden	0	0
New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson	1%	*
Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich	0	1%
Connecticut Senator Christopher Dodd	0	0
Former Alaska Senator Mike Gravel	*	0
No opinion	3%	9%

BASED ON 428 LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS (+/- 4.5% PTS.); 241 WHITE LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS (+/- 6.5% PTS.) AND 152 BLACK LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS (+/-8% PTS.)

As you may know, several states, including Iowa and New Hampshire, will hold their presidential primaries and caucuses before South Carolina.

10. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view: you have definitely made up your mind about who you will vote for in the South Carolina primary, you are waiting to see what happens in those earlier primaries before you make up your mind or you have not made up your mind, but the results of those earlier primaries will not affect your vote at all.

	Dec. 9-12, 2007		
	<u>All</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
Definitely have made up mind	41%	36%	48%
Waiting to see what happens in earlier primaries before deciding	22%	22%	22%
Have not made up mind, but primary results won't impact vote	36%	42%	29%
No opinion	1%	0	1%

BASED ON 428 LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5% PTS.

11. 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. Which Democratic candidate do you think: (RANDOM ORDER)

- a. Is the most likeable

	Dec. 9-12 <u>2007</u>
Clinton	38%
Obama	34%
Edwards	21%
Biden	3%
Dodd	1%
Gravel	1%
Richardson	1%
Kucinich	*
None (vol.)	1%
No opinion	1%

- b. Is least likely to act like a typical politician if elected President

	Dec. 9-12 <u>2007</u>
Obama	32%
Clinton	25%
Edwards	17%
Richardson	6%
Biden	4%
Kucinich	4%
Gravel	3%
Dodd	2%
None (vol.)	3%
No opinion	4%

BASED ON 428 LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5% PTS.

c. Has the best chance of beating the Republican nominee in the general election next November

Dec. 9-12
2007

Clinton	62%
Obama	20%
Edwards	12%
Richardson	2%
Biden	1%
Kucinich	1%
Dodd	*
Gravel	*
None (vol.)	1%
No opinion	1%

d. Has the right experience to be President?

Dec. 9-12
2007

Clinton	64%
Obama	15%
Edwards	10%
Biden	5%
Richardson	2%
Kucinich	1%
Dodd	*
Gravel	*
None (vol.)	2%
No opinion	*

BASED ON 428 LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5% PTS.

e. Is most believable

Dec. 9-12
2007

Clinton	38%
Obama	31%
Edwards	20%
Biden	3%
Richardson	2%
Dodd	1%
Gravel	1%
Kucinich	1%
None (vol.)	1%
No opinion	2%

f. Spends the least time criticizing the other candidates

Dec. 9-12
2007

Obama	27%
Clinton	26%
Edwards	23%
Biden	7%
Richardson	5%
Kucinich	3%
Dodd	2%
Gravel	1%
None (vol.)	3%
No opinion	3%

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SUMMARY TABLE FOR QUESTION 11

	ALL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS		
	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Edwards</u>	<u>Obama</u>
Has the right experience to be President	64%	10%	15%
Has the best chance of beating the Republican nominee in the general election next November	62%	12%	20%
Is the most likeable	38%	21%	34%
Is most believable	38%	20%	31%
Spends the least time criticizing the other candidates	26%	23%	27%
Is least likely to act like a typical politician if elected President	25%	17%	32%

	WHITE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS		
	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Edwards</u>	<u>Obama</u>
Has the right experience to be President	62%	14%	12%
Has the best chance of beating the Republican nominee in the general election next November	60%	16%	18%
Is the most likeable	29%	36%	26%
Is most believable	36%	26%	23%
Spends the least time criticizing the other candidates	28%	30%	14%
Is least likely to act like a typical politician if elected President	20%	24%	34%

	BLACK DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS		
	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Edwards</u>	<u>Obama</u>
Has the right experience to be President	72%	6%	17%
Has the best chance of beating the Republican nominee in the general election next November	67%	10%	21%
Is the most likeable	47%	7%	43%
Is most believable	42%	12%	40%
Spends the least time criticizing the other candidates	24%	15%	42%
Is least likely to act like a typical politician if elected President	32%	11%	30%

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12. 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?

ALL LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS

	Dec. 9-12 <u>2007</u>	July 16-18 <u>2007</u>
Better off if Clinton were elected	46%	39%
Better of if Obama were elected	41%	31%
Both equal (vol.)	8%	18%
No opinion	4%	12%

WHITE LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS

	Dec. 9-12 <u>2007</u>	July 16-18 <u>2007</u>
Better off if Clinton were elected	46%	32%
Better of if Obama were elected	39%	29%
Both equal (vol.)	10%	22%
No opinion	5%	17%

BLACK LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS

	Dec. 9-12 <u>2007</u>	July 16-18 <u>2007</u>
Better off if Clinton were elected	48%	44%
Better of if Obama were elected	43%	33%
Both equal (vol.)	7%	15%
No opinion	2%	8%

BASED ON 1,080 REGISTERED VOTERS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 3% PTS.

- 13/14. If Hillary Clinton were the Democratic Party's candidate and Rudy Giuliani were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- Clinton, the Democrat, or Giuliani, the Republican? (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward? (RANDOM ORDER)

Dec. 9-12

2007

Clinton	48%
Giuliani	47%
Neither (vol.)	4%
Other (vol.)	*
No opinion	1%

- 15/16. If Hillary Clinton were the Democratic Party's candidate and Mike Huckabee were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- Clinton, the Democrat, or Huckabee, the Republican? (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward? (RANDOM ORDER)

Dec. 9-12

2007

Huckabee	48%
Clinton	47%
Neither (vol.)	4%
Other (vol.)	*
No opinion	1%

17. With respect to the abortion issue, would you consider yourself to be pro-choice or pro-life?

	Dec. 9-12 <u>2007</u>	July 16-18 <u>2007</u>
Pro-choice	40%	41%
Pro-life	53%	49%
Don't know what the terms mean (vol.)	2%	3%
Mixed/both/neither (vol.)	3%	4%
No opinion	2%	3%