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2008: HAPPY DEMOCRATS, CONCERNED REPUBLICANS
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Democratic primary voters are much more likely than Republican primary voters to say they are satisfied with the current field of contenders for their party's nomination. Now, with nine months left before the Iowa Caucuses, the differences between the parties on this question are even greater than they were just a month ago. Six in ten Democratic voters are content with their choices, while six in ten Republican voters are not.

SATISFIED WITH YOUR PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS?

	Republican		Democratic	
	Primary Voters		Primary Voters	
	Now	3/2007	Now	3/2007
Satisfied	35%	40%	59%	57%
Want more choices	61	57	36	39

This is a reversal from previous elections, when Democrats tended to be less satisfied than Republicans with their options.

While many of those who say they will vote in a Republican primary or caucus want more choices, most are unable to name a specific candidate they would like to see run. 11% of those who want more choices want to see former Senator (and actor) Fred Thompson run, and 8% pick former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. No one else was mentioned by more than 2%.

On the Democratic side, most of the third who'd like another candidate to join the race can't suggest anyone. Those who do name someone reach back to the past, mentioning former candidates Al Gore, Bill Bradley, and even former President (and ineligible candidate) Bill Clinton.

Among those actually running for the nomination, Democratic voters continue to give Hillary Rodham Clinton a lead, while John McCain appears to have lost ground on his party's frontrunner, Rudy Giuliani.

THE RACE FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION

Among those who intend to vote in a Republican primary or caucus next year, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani's lead in a hypothetical 2-way match-up with Arizona Senator John McCain has widened this month, and is now back to its February levels.

IF THESE WERE THE CANDIDATES, WHO WOULD YOU WANT AS REP NOMINEE?

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

	Now	3/2007	2/2007
Giuliani	52%	43%	50%
McCain	29	34	29
Neither	15	11	13

Giuliani continues to draw more support than McCain among both conservatives and moderates.

Each candidate's voters differ somewhat in what they volunteer as the nation's top problem. While 29% of McCain's voters cite the war in Iraq as the nation's top concern and 25% of Giuliani's voters agree, Giuliani's voters cite illegal immigration (16% do) more often than McCain's voters (8% of whom do). Both sets of voters are about equally likely to name terrorism.

Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney runs third in a contest with McCain and Giuliani, although he has now made his fundraising prowess known to the political world. Romney draws support from both the McCain and Giuliani voters in the 2-way race.

IF THESE WERE THE CANDIDATES, WHO WOULD YOU WANT AS REP NOMINEE?

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

Giuliani	47%
McCain	25
Romney	10
None	13

GOP primary voters are most likely to think Giuliani will ultimately win the nomination. Most of McCain's backers expect McCain to win, though they are more pessimistic about their candidate's chances than Giuliani's backers are about his.

This early in the campaign, voters associate the major Republican candidates with their prominent accomplishments, more so than their policy positions or perceived ideology.

Asked the first things that come to mind when voters hear the name Rudy Giuliani, the September 11th attacks and his former title, Mayor of New York, are by far the most-mentioned. Almost no one volunteers his stance on abortion policy or his ideology, generally, or personal issues such as his marital history.

John McCain's name is mainly associated with his war record as a POW in Vietnam. Few mention his ideology. Most voters cannot name anything about Mitt Romney off the top of their heads, but those who do cite his former position as Governor or his Mormon religion.

FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF...

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

<u>Giuliani</u>		<u>McCain</u>		<u>Romney</u>	
Mayor of NYC	28%	War vet/POW	27%	Mormon faith	9%
9/11	28	Senator	4	Mass. Governor	7
Strong leader	3	Iraq stance	4	Olympics	2
Cleaned up NYC	3	Good/I like him	4	Conservative	2
Good/I like him	3	Honesty	3		
Honesty	2				
Nothing/DK	17	Nothing/DK	27	Nothing/DK	66

Even though few mention Giuliani's marital history, Republican primary voters are much more likely than the nation's voters as a whole to say they care about a candidate's personal life as opposed to solely judging them on their political record.

SHOULD A PRES. CANDIDATE BE JUDGED ON...

	Rep Primary voters	All Voters
Only political record	32%	49%
Political record AND personal life	68	49

Giuliani leads McCain in the 2-way match-up among both those who would judge the personal and the political, and those sticking only to the political.

When asked specifically about two particular personal issues, multiple divorces (a Giuliani concern) and age (McCain is 70), most Republican primary voters say each of these issues would make no difference in their vote for a candidate. About one in four would resist a candidate divorced more than once and about the same number would shy away from one age 70 or over.

WOULD YOU BE MORE/LESS LIKELY TO VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE WHO...

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

	Less likely	More likely	No impact
Was divorced more than once	24%	0	72
Is 70 or over	27%	0	67

Primary voters of all age groups say a candidate being 70-plus doesn't matter to them. Those who say they would not prefer a candidate 70 and over are backing Giuliani over McCain. Among those who don't want a candidate who was divorced more than once, the race between McCain and Giuliani is even.

Like their Democratic counterparts, Republican Primary voters have favorable views of all three of their leading candidates. McCain, Giuliani and Romney have all become better known to GOP primary voters since last month, and favorable opinions of them have all risen.

OPINION OF ...

(Among Republican Primary Voters)

	<u>McCain</u>		<u>Giuliani</u>		<u>Romney</u>	
	Now	3/2007	Now	3/2007	Now	3/2007
Favorable	39%	33%	60%	48%	20%	13%
Not favorable	20	21	10	12	9	10
Undecided/Haven't heard enough	41	46	30	40	71	76

But in the eyes of all voters, not just Republicans, Giuliani and McCain now face more unfavorable ratings now than they did in March, as they have become better-known. This shift is driven by Independents and Democrats. Unfavorable views of both Giuliani and McCain have risen among Independent voters since last month.

OPINION OF ...

(Among all voters)

	<u>McCain</u>		<u>Giuliani</u>		<u>Romney</u>	
	Now	3/2007	Now	3/2007	Now	3/2007
Favorable	28%	25%	37%	34%	10%	9%
Not favorable	29	22	26	18	16	15
Undecided/Haven't heard enough	43	52	37	47	74	75

JOHN MCCAIN AND THE IRAQ WAR

McCain's current position on the Iraq war - as an outspoken supporter of the "surge" of U.S. troops - may hurt his overall assessment with voters, but it is a net positive for him among Republican primary voters. These voters strongly support the war and six in ten of them believe, much like McCain, the troop surge is succeeding.

But many of those Republican primary voters say they are not factoring McCain's Iraq stance into their consideration of him so far: 44% say his war position makes no difference in their decision whether or not to vote for him. Among those who are weighing McCain's Iraq views, McCain benefits: more say they'll back the Arizona Senator because of his Iraq positions (26%) than would vote against him because of them (16%).

ARE MCCAIN'S POSITIONS ON IRAQ MAKING YOU...

	Rep primary voters	All voters
More likely to vote for McCain	26%	18%
Less likely to vote for McCain	16	23
Makes no difference	44	42

However, McCain's stance on Iraq is a net negative for him among all voters, though once again many say it makes no difference. There was not much difference in responses on this between those interviewed before and after McCain's Wednesday speech.

Though McCain has been a strong supporter of President Bush's Iraq policy in general, right now most Republican primary voters predict that a President McCain, if elected, would follow different strategies in Iraq than George W. Bush.

MCCAIN'S STRATEGIES IN IRAQ WOULD BE...

(Among Republican primary voters)

Same as Bush's	28%
Different from Bush's	58

Republican primary voters give George W. Bush high marks for his handling of the war - much higher than Americans overall: two-thirds of them approve of Bush's performance on Iraq, while only about one in three Americans overall does.

One of McCain's central arguments on Iraq - that withdrawal now would only embolden terrorists - finds particular favor among Republican primary voters: 61% of them think a U.S. pullout now would increase the terror threat to the U.S. This is dramatically different from Americans' sentiments overall; only 30% of all Americans foresee that increased risk.

THE RACE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION

Democrats continue to look forward to the 2008 election campaign - they are satisfied with the people currently running, and they like all three major contenders for their party's nomination. Right now, with nine months left before the Iowa caucuses, Democratic primary voters favor Hillary Clinton and expect her to be the Democratic nominee. But this early in the campaign, many voters have less than clear perceptions of some of their candidates.

In a three-way contest, Democrats choose Hillary Rodham Clinton over her closest challengers, Senator Barack Obama and former Senator John Edwards. Clinton leads Obama by 15 points, and Edwards by 18.

IF THESE WERE THE CANDIDATES, WHO WOULD YOU WANT AS DEM NOMINEE?

(Among Democratic Primary Voters)

	Now	3/2007
Clinton	39%	36%
Obama	24	28
Edwards	21	18

Clinton continues to fare better with women than with men, and better among Democratic identifiers than with those Independent voters who say they would vote in the Democratic primary.

Still, Democratic voters like all three of their frontrunners. Far more have favorable views of each candidate than have unfavorable views. Senator Clinton is the best known of the three, and more Democratic voters express an opinion of her than of the two men. Obama and Edwards receive very similar ratings from Democratic voters.

OPINIONS OF MAJOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

(Among Democratic Primary Voters)

	Now	3/2007
Hillary Rodham Clinton		
Favorable	62%	55%
Not favorable	18	15
Undecided/Haven't heard enough	20	30
Barack Obama		
Favorable	47%	53%
Not favorable	12	7
Undecided/ Haven't heard enough	41	40
John Edwards		
Favorable	42%	44%
Not favorable	11	5
Undecided/ Haven't heard enough	47	50

In recent weeks, the ratio of opinions about Barack Obama has become slightly less positive among Democratic voters.

Democratic voters are still only hazily aware of these contenders, and when they are asked to describe the first thing that comes to mind about the candidates, their answers are more biographical than either issue or character oriented. 28% of Democratic primary voters think first of Bill Clinton when given Hillary Clinton's name, with the next most popular answer her terms as First Lady. Only then do characteristics like strong leader and intelligence emerge.

For Barack Obama, the answers are a generalized "he's good, I like him," African-American, and Senator, though a number of Democratic voters comment on his age and intelligence. As many Democratic voters say he is a fresh face as say he is inexperienced. And John Edwards registers his service as John Kerry's running mate, although his wife's battle with cancer is a popular answer.

FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF...

(Among Democratic Primary Voters)

<u>Hillary Clinton</u>		<u>Barack Obama</u>		<u>John Edwards</u>	
Bill's wife	28%	"Good/like him"	10%	Wife's cancer	12%
First Lady	9	African-American	8	"Good/like him"	9
Smart	7	Senator	7	Kerry's VP	8
Strong leader	6	Young	6	Lawyer	4
Senator	6	Smart	5	Honest	4
"Good/like her"	5	Fresh face	4		
		Inexperienced	4		
Nothing/DK	6	Nothing/DK	27	Nothing/DK	30

When asked specifically whether John and Elizabeth Edwards' actions since announcing her cancer recurrence made people feel differently about John Edwards, the overwhelming answer among Democratic primary voters was "no," expressed by 78%. 14% said it made them feel more

favorably towards him, while 7% said it made them less favorable. Americans as a whole feel pretty much the same way.

Senator Clinton remains a polarizing figure among all voters, however. She is the only one of the leading three Democratic contenders who gets a negative assessment from all registered voters. Obama and Edwards are both more liked than disliked, although many still express no opinion about them. Edwards appears to have gained a bit in overall favorability since last month.

OPINIONS OF MAJOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

(Among Registered Voters)

	Now	3/2007
Hillary Rodham Clinton		
Favorable	37%	32%
Not favorable	46	45
Undecided/Haven't heard enough	18	24
Barack Obama		
Favorable	36%	30%
Not favorable	18	18
Undecided/ Haven't heard enough	46	51
John Edwards		
Favorable	32%	24%
Not favorable	23	26
Undecided/ Haven't heard enough	44	50

Americans and Democratic voters agree on who the Democratic frontrunner is, and it's Hillary Rodham Clinton.

WHO WILL WIN THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION?

	All	Democratic Primary Voters
Clinton	35%	47%
Obama	22	16
Edwards	16	16
Someone Else	12	9

Since 1989, a member of the Bush or Clinton family has been President of the United States, and that doesn't seem to bother most Americans. Six in 10 do not think it makes any difference that a member of the Clinton or Bush family has occupied the White House for nearly 20 years. 31% do think it is a bad thing for the country, while 4% think it's a good thing. Independents are more likely than both Republicans and Democrats to say it is a bad thing for the country - 42% say it is.

BUSH AND CLINTON FAMILIES AND THE PRESIDENCY

Good thing	4%
Bad thing	31
No difference	60

WHO ELSE WILL GET IN THE RACE?

Speculation continues about possible candidates who may join the race, like Al Gore on the Democratic side, and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and former Senator Fred Thompson on the Republican side.

Although relatively few Democratic voters are looking for other candidates, Al Gore is well-known and well-liked by Democrats. More than six in 10 Democratic primary voters hold a favorable view of Gore (similar to the number who views Hillary Clinton favorably). Registered voters overall are a bit more divided in the opinions of the former Vice President: 38% view him favorably, while 41% view him unfavorably.

OPINION OF AL GORE

	All Voters	Democratic Primary Voters
Favorable	38%	62%
Not favorable	41	19
Undecided/Haven't heard enough	20	18

Moreover, most Democratic primary voters think Gore has struck the right balance between protecting both environmental and economic concerns. Among voters nationwide, 47% say Gore's positions strike the right balance, but 37% say his positions go too far in protecting the environment at the expense of economic concerns.

More Republican voters are looking for other choices, but so far many don't know much about Thompson, and there are Republicans who view Gingrich negatively. Nearly eight in 10 Republican primary voters are undecided or haven't heard enough about Fred Thompson, but 21% have a favorable view of the *Law & Order* actor. No Republican primary voter views him unfavorably. 33% of Republican primary voters have a favorable opinion of Gingrich, but 25% view him negatively.

OPINION OF ...

	<u>THOMPSON</u>		<u>GINGRICH</u>	
	All <u>Voters</u>	Republican <u>Prim. Voters</u>	All <u>Voters</u>	Republican <u>Prim. Voters</u>
Favorable	11%	21%	16%	33%
Not favorable	4	0	43	25
Undecided/Haven't heard enough	85	78	41	42

Some of the dissatisfaction on the Republican side may stem from the fact that most self-identified Republicans - 65% - think their party has abandoned the principles of former President Ronald Reagan. Republican primary voters who think the Republican party has gone in a different direction are more likely to be dissatisfied with the current field of Republican candidates.

MONEY AND POLITICS

Even though some Americans are personally bothered by the amount of money the 2008 candidates have raised - a new record - most say a candidate's fundraising does not affect their views of him or her.

Although 38% of Americans are personally bothered by the amount of money the presidential candidates have raised so far, 56% say they are not bothered by it. Democrats and Republicans hold similar views on this.

BOTHERED BY THE AMOUNT CANDIDATES HAVE RAISED?

Yes	38%
No	56

Most Americans say the amount of money a candidate is able to raise does not impact their view of him or her.

DOES THE AMOUNT OF A CANDIDATE'S FUNDRAISING AFFECT YOUR VIEW?

Yes	22%
No	73

55% of Americans are paying attention to reports about how much money presidential candidates have raised, including 21% who are paying a lot of attention. Those who are paying more attention to campaign finance reports are more likely to be bothered by the amount of money raised by candidates.

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 994 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone April 9-12, 2007. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher.

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q1-q15 RELEASED SEPARATELY

q16 Do you think the candidates for President should be judged on both their political record and their personal life, or should they be judged only on their political record?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				Rep.	
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Prim.	Oct99d
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Both	49	65	34	52	68	49
Only on political record	49	34	65	45	32	49
Don't know/No answer	2	1	1	3	0	2

q17 How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2008 Presidential campaign -- a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

					Mar07b
A lot	25	27	25	22	22
Some	51	47	54	52	51
Not much	20	23	19	19	20
No attention	4	3	2	7	6
DK/NA	0	0	0	0	1

q18 Are you generally satisfied with the candidates now running for the Democratic nomination for President, or do you wish there were more choices?

	*** DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS**		Mar07a
	%		%
Satisfied	59		57
More choices	36		39
DK/NA	5		4

q19 What other Democrat would you like to see run?

	DEM. PRIMARY VOTERS WHO WANT MORE CHOICES
Al Gore	6
Bill Clinton	5
Bill Bradley	3
John Kerry	2
Joe Biden	1
Howard Dean	1
Dennis Kucinich	1
No one	1
Other	7
DK/NA	73

q20 Are you generally satisfied with the candidates now running for the Republican nomination for President, or do you wish there were more choices?

	*** REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS**		Mar07a
Satisfied	35		40
More choices	61		57
DK/NA	4		3

q21 What other Republican would you like to see run?

REP. PRIMARY VOTERS WHO WANT MORE CHOICES

	%
Fred Thompson	11
Newt Gingrich	8
George H.W. Bush (former president)	2
Ralph Nader	2
Condoleezza Rice	2
Other	13
DK/NA	62

q22 I'm going to name some possible 2008 presidential candidates and ask you what you think of them. If you haven't heard much about someone I name, just tell me. Is your opinion of Hillary Rodham Clinton favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Hillary Rodham Clinton yet to have an opinion?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				Dem. Prim. Voters	Mar07b
Favorable	37	7	68	29	62	32
Not favorable	46	83	12	48	18	45
Undecided	15	6	16	22	17	17
Haven't heard enough	3	4	4	1	3	7
Refused	0	0	0	0	0	0

q23 Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Barack Obama yet to have an opinion?

						Mar07b
Favorable	36	24	50	32	47	30
Not favorable	18	30	10	13	12	18
Undecided	25	26	22	29	26	23
Haven't heard enough	21	19	18	25	15	28
Refused	0	1	0	1	0	1

q24 Is your opinion of John Edwards favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about John Edwards yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	32	21	43	31	42	24
Not favorable	23	41	7	25	11	26
Undecided	27	24	29	28	28	29
Haven't heard enough	17	13	21	16	19	21
Refused	1	1	0	0	0	0

q25 Is your opinion of John McCain favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about John McCain yet to have an opinion?

					Rep. Prim. Voters	Mar07a
Favorable	28	40	17	31	39	25
Not favorable	29	18	39	26	20	22
Undecided	27	28	24	28	31	27
Haven't heard enough	16	13	20	15	10	25
Refused	0	1	0	0	0	1

q26 Is your opinion of Rudy Giuliani favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Rudy Giuliani yet to have an opinion?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				Rep.	
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Prim.	Mar07a
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Favorable	37	59	20	36	60	34
Not favorable	26	9	43	25	10	18
Undecided	26	24	24	29	24	27
Haven't heard enough	11	8	13	10	6	20
Refused	0	0	0	0	0	1

q27 Is your opinion of Mitt Romney favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Mitt Romney yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	10	18	4	6	20	9
Not favorable	16	9	24	15	9	15
Undecided	17	19	14	19	20	18
Haven't heard enough	57	53	58	59	51	57
Refused	0	1	0	1	0	1

q28 Suppose the race for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination in 2008 comes down to a choice among Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama, and John Edwards. Who would you most like to see nominated -- Clinton, Obama, Edwards, or would you rather see someone else nominated?

	DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS	Mar07b
Clinton	39	36
Obama	24	28
Edwards	21	18
Someone else/None	6	5
Undecided (Vol.)	8	8
DK/NA	2	5

q29 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

q30 Other than running for president, what is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the name Hillary Rodham Clinton?

Wife of Pres. Bill Clinton	28
First Lady/former First Lady	9
Smart/intelligent	7
Senator	6
Strong leader	6
She's good/I like her	5
Woman	4
Politician/politics	2
Health care/Hillary care	2
She's bad/I don't like her	2
Experienced	2
Other	21
Nothing/DK/NA	6

q31 Other than running for president, what is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the name Barack Obama?

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS

	%
He's good/I like him	10
African American/Black	8
Senator	7
Young	6
Smart/intelligent	5
Inexperienced	4
He's someone new/fresh face	4
From Illinois/Chicago	2
Strong leader	2
Honesty/Integrity	2
Fresh/new ideas	2
Middle name is Hussein	2
Will win in 2008/Next President	2
Other	17
Nothing/DK/NA	27

q32 Other than running for president, what is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the name John Edwards?

Wife has cancer	12
He's good/I like him	9
VP Candidate	8
Lawyer	4
Honesty/Integrity	4
He's bad/I don't like him	3
Former Senator	2
Experienced	2
Other	26
Nothing/DK/NA	30

q33 Suppose the race for the Republican Party's presidential nomination in 2008 comes down to a choice between John McCain and Rudy Giuliani. Who would you most like to see nominated -- McCain or Giuliani, or neither of these two candidates?

	REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	Mar07a
John McCain	29	34
Rudy Giuliani	52	43
Neither/Other	15	11
Undecided (vol.)	3	8
DK/NA	1	4

q34 Suppose the race for the Republican Party's presidential nomination in 2008 comes down to a choice among John McCain, Rudy Giuliani, and Mitt Romney. Who would you most like to see nominated -- McCain, Giuliani, Romney, or would you rather see someone else nominated?

McCain	25
Giuliani	47
Romney	10
Someone else/None	13
Undecided (Vol.)	3
DK/NA	2

q35 Other than running for president, what is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the name John McCain?

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS

Was prisoner of war/veteran	27
Senator	4
He's good/I like him	4
Stand on Iraq War	4
Honesty/integrity	3
From Arizona	2
Too liberal/not conservative enough	2
He's bad/I don't like him	2
Strong leader	2
Politician/in politics	2
Old/too old	2
Other	19
Nothing/DK/NA	27

q36 Other than running for president, what is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the name Rudy Giuliani?

Mayor of New York	28
9/11 attacks/handling of	28
Strong leader	3
He's good/I like him	3
Cleaned up New York/tough	3
Politician/in Politics	2
Other	16
Nothing/DK/NA	17

q37 Other than running for president, what is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the name Mitt Romney?

Mormon faith	9
Governor of Massachusetts	7
2002 Olympics	2
Conservative	2
Honesty/Integrity	2
Other	12
Nothing/DK/NA	66

q38 Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you expect to finally win the Democratic nomination for President in 2008 -- Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama, John Edwards, or someone else?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Dem.
	*** Party ID ***				Prim.
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Voters
	%	%	%	%	%
Clinton	35	29	46	29	47
Obama	22	28	17	20	16
Edwards	16	17	17	13	16
Someone else	12	13	5	18	9
DK/NA	15	13	15	20	12

q39 Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you expect to finally win the Republican nomination for President in 2008 -- John McCain, Rudy Giuliani, Mitt Romney, or someone else?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Rep.
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Prim.
	%	%	%	%	Voters
McCain	24	20	28	22	22
Giuliani	38	50	33	33	49
Romney	4	5	3	3	4
Someone else	19	15	20	22	16
DK/NA	15	10	16	20	9

q40 Would you describe the Republican Party today as following the same principles as Ronald Reagan, or has the Republican Party gone off in a different direction?

					REPUBLICANS
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Mar07a
Following Reagan's principles	15	23	11	12	28
Different direction	70	65	77	67	64
DK/NA	15	12	12	21	8

q41 Does John McCain's position on the Iraq war make a difference in whether or not you would vote for him?

IF YES: Does John McCain's position on the Iraq war make you more likely or less likely to vote for him?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				Rep.
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Prim.
					Voters
More likely	18	26	13	17	26
Less likely	23	15	29	24	16
No difference	42	44	43	40	44
Wouldn't consider anyway(vol.)	3	3	2	3	3
DK/NA	14	12	13	16	11

q42 If John McCain were elected President in 2008, what do you think he would do in Iraq -- would John McCain use mostly the same strategies and tactics in Iraq as George W. Bush, or would McCain use mostly different strategies and tactics in Iraq than George W. Bush?

Mostly same	31	29	36	27	28
Mostly different	51	57	44	51	58
DK/NA	18	14	20	22	14

q43 When John McCain talks about how things are going for the United States in Iraq today, do you think he is making things in Iraq sound better than they really are, making things sound worse than they really are, or is he describing the situation in Iraq accurately?

Sound better	35	18	49	35	17
Sound worse	8	13	7	5	13
Describing accurately	32	46	21	30	49
Don't know/No answer	25	23	23	30	21

q44 Is your opinion of Fred Thompson favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Fred Thompson yet to have an opinion?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				Rep.
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Prim.
	%	%	%	%	Voters
Favorable	11	19	4	12	21
Not favorable	4	1	6	4	0
Undecided	11	8	10	14	10
Haven't heard enough	74	72	79	71	68
Refused	0	0	1	0	1

q45 Is your opinion of Newt Gingrich favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Newt Gingrich yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	16	33	3	13	33
Not favorable	43	22	57	49	25
Undecided	21	27	16	20	26
Haven't heard enough	20	18	24	18	16
Refused	0	0	0	0	0

q46 Is your opinion of Al Gore favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Al Gore yet to have an opinion?

					Dem.
					Prim.
					Voters
Favorable	38	13	63	35	62
Not favorable	41	71	14	43	19
Undecided	17	13	20	19	15
Haven't heard enough	3	3	3	4	3
Refused	1	0	0	0	1

q47 As far as you know, do Al Gore's positions on the environment go too far in protecting the environment at the expense of economic concerns or do they strike the right balance between protecting environmental and economic concerns?

Go too far in protecting env.	37	63	15	35
Strike the right balance	47	25	67	46
Neither/Other (vol.)	2	2	1	4
DK/NA	14	10	17	15

q48 If a presidential candidate were 70 years old or older, would that make a difference in whether or not you would vote for him or her?

IF YES, ASK: Would it make you more likely or less likely to vote for him or her?

					Rep.
					Prim.
					Voters
Yes, more likely	1	0	1	1	0
Yes, less likely	36	29	44	32	27
No difference	60	66	52	63	67
Depends (Vol.)	3	4	2	3	5
DK/NA	0	1	1	1	1

q49 If a presidential candidate has been divorced more than once, would that make a difference in whether or not you would vote for him or her?
 IF YES, ASK: Would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for him or her?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				Rep.
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Prim.
	%	%	%	%	Voters
Yes, more likely	1	0	1	1	0
Yes, less likely	18	26	13	16	24
No difference	77	69	81	81	72
Depends (Vol.)	3	3	4	2	4
DK/NA	1	2	1	0	0

q50 Has the way in which John and Elizabeth Edwards have handled the recurrence of Elizabeth Edwards' cancer affected your view of John Edwards as a candidate for president, or hasn't it had any affect on your view of him?
 IF YES, AFFECTED: Does it make you view him more favorably, or less favorably?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Dem.
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Prim.
	%	%	%	%	Voters
Yes, more favorably	9	9	11	7	14
Yes, less favorably	8	13	7	4	7
No, has not affected view	81	74	80	87	78
DK/NA	2	4	2	2	1

q51 BLANK

q52 Since 1989, a member of the Bush or Clinton family has been President of the United States. How do you feel about members of these two families holding the presidency for nearly 20 years -- 1. It is a good thing for the country, because the individuals in these families have a lot of experience in government and politics; or 2. It is a bad thing for the country, because it concentrates too much power among a small group of people, or 3. It doesn't really make much difference, because each election is about individuals, not families?

Good thing	4	6	5	2
Bad thing	31	16	34	42
Doesn't make difference	60	76	57	47
Some good, some bad (vol.)	2	1	2	4
DK/NA	3	1	2	5

q53-q73 RELEASED SEPARATELY

q74 How much attention do you pay to reports about how much money a presidential candidate is able to raise -- a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
A lot	21	21	24	19
Some	34	39	33	32
Not much	21	24	19	21
No attention	21	15	22	27
DK/NA	3	1	2	1

q75 Does the amount of money a candidate is able to raise affect your view of a candidate, or doesn't it have any effect on your view of a candidate?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Yes, affects	22	20	25	20
No effect	73	77	70	73
Depends (Vol.)	3	2	3	3
DK/NA	2	1	2	4

q76 In general, are you personally bothered or not bothered by the amount of money the 2008 presidential candidates have raised so far for their presidential campaigns?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

Yes, bothered	38	36	40	36
No, not bothered	56	59	56	53
DK/NA	6	5	4	11

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	994	
Registered Voters	875	797
Republican Primary Voters	274	251
Democratic Primary Voters	392	367