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THE REPUBLICAN RACE: GIULIANI STAYS STRONG
 August 8-12, 2007

Four months before the first primary, Rudy Giuliani remains firmly in the lead as the number one choice among Republican primary voters nationally for their party's presidential nominee. 38% of Republican primary voters favor the former New York City Mayor, a slight increase from last month and 20 points above the next most popular choice, former Senator Fred Thompson, who has yet to officially announce his candidacy.

Giuliani leads the other major Republican primary hopefuls with a number of groups not expected to be favorable towards his candidacy, including voters who live in the South and West, conservatives, evangelical and born-again Christians, as well as voters who think that a candidate's personal life should be a factor in deciding whom to support.

THE RACE FOR THE NOMINATION

If they had to choose today, almost 4 in 10 Republican primary voters would choose Rudy Giuliani in a four-candidate race. Fred Thompson comes in second at 18% - a seven point drop from last month - while Giuliani's support has risen five percentage points in the same amount of time. Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney continues a slow but steady increase since June. He is now at 13%, just ahead of John McCain, who has dropped down to 12% from 15% last month.

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

(Among Republican primary voters)

	Now	7/2007	6/2007
Giuliani	38%	33%	34%
Thompson	18	25	22
Romney	13	8	6
McCain	12	15	21
Someone else	1	11	7

46% of Republican primary voters say they are satisfied with their choices, the highest percentage so far this year, while 49% say they are not.

**ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH
 THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT?**

(Among Republican primary voters)

	Now	7/2007	6/2007
Yes	46%	36%	30%
No	49	60	61

In July, 60% of Republican primary voters said they were not satisfied with their choices, while only 36% said they were. However, Republicans remain far less satisfied

with their choices than their Democratic counterparts (67% of whom say they are satisfied).

47% of Giuliani supporters say they strongly favor their candidate, while 45% say they like him as a choice, but with reservations. Only 7% choose Giuliani because they dislike the other candidates. That matches the 47% of all Republican primary voters who strongly favor their first choice, while 43% like their choice with reservations.

STRENGTH OF SUPPORT FOR REP NOMINEE CHOICE

	All Rep Primary Voters	Giuliani Supporters
Strongly favor choice	47%	47%
Like choice with reservations	43	45
Dislike other candidates	8	7

While few Republican primary voters choose McCain as their first choice, he is the top second choice among the candidates running for the nomination. 30% of Republican primary voters pick McCain as their *second* choice, as do 35% of Giuliani supporters. Romney is the second choice of 15% of primary voters, and picks up 20% of the Giuliani vote when primary voters consider their second choice, while Thompson (who is named as second choice by only 8% of Republican primary voters) gets 8% of those who now support Giuliani.

SECOND CHOICE FOR REP NOMINEE

(Among Republican primary voters)

	Total	Giuliani Supporters
McCain	30%	35%
Giuliani	21	--
Romney	15	20
Thompson	8	8
Someone else	6	9

THE REPUBLICAN RACE AND THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTER

Giuliani leads among Republican primary voters who support the job President Bush is doing overall and the way he is handling the situation in Iraq - a clear majority of those planning to vote in the Republican primary. And while Giuliani leads among Republican primary voters who say the war is going well, he also leads among those who think the war is going badly.

Giuliani's perceived weaknesses among the Republican base do not seem to be getting much traction among Republican primary voters. Giuliani leads in all regions of the country, with conservatives as well as moderates, and with evangelical Christians as well. And while Giuliani leads among primary voters who think their nominee should be judged on their political record alone, he also leads among those who think a candidate's personal life should be taken into consideration, though by a smaller margin.

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

(Among Republican primary voters)

	Giuliani	Thompson	Romney	McCain
Republican primary voters who...				
Are men	38%	18	12	15
Are women	39%	19	14	8
Approve of Bush	40%	21	15	12
Approve of Bush handling Iraq	33%	22	15	13
Think Iraq War is going well	39%	21	14	11
Think Iraq War is going badly	37%	15	12	13
Consider political record only	47%	11	10	11
Consider record & personal life	33%	24	15	10
Live in the Northeast	39%	18	12	18
Live in the Midwest	27%	21	16	9
Live in the South	40%	21	11	10
Live in the West	45%	12	15	12
Are moderate	49%	16	9	8
Are conservative	31%	22	17	12
Are evangelical Christians	29%	22	6	19

OPINION OF THE CANDIDATES

More Republicans have a favorable opinion of Giuliani than of any of the other candidates - 48% view Giuliani favorably while only 14% view him unfavorably. McCain is second at 36%, and he has the highest unfavorable rating as well (26%), though that has dropped five points since July. 27% now view Romney favorably - an increase of five percentage points - while Fred Thompson's favorable rating dropped eight points since July to 24% now. A majority of Republican primary voters hasn't formed an opinion about either Romney or Thompson yet.

OPINIONS OF THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

(Among Republican primary voters)

	Giuliani		Thompson		Romney		McCain	
	Now	July	Now	July	Now	July	Now	July
Favorable	48%	55%	24%	32%	27%	22%	36%	39%
Unfavorable	14	13	7	4	9	9	26	31
Undecided/ Don't know	37	31	67	64	64	69	39	30

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 1214 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone August 8-12, 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. An oversample of African Americans was also conducted for this poll, for a total of 169 interviews among this group. The results were then weighted in proportion to the racial composition of the adult population in the U.S. Census. The margin of error for African Americans is plus or minus 8 percentage points.

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q1-10 RELEASED SEPARATELY

q11 Other than running for President, what is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the name Giuliani?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Mayor of NYC	34	35	33	34
9/11 attacks (general)	13	16	12	13
He's bad/I don't like him	8	4	10	8
He's good/I like him	5	9	4	5
Real New Yorker	4	1	6	4
Strong leader	2	4	0	2
Dishonest/corrupt	2	0	3	2
Italian	2	3	2	0
Nothing	2	0	2	2
Good job handling 9/11	1	2	2	0
Honesty/Integrity	1	2	0	0
Republican	1	0	1	1
Mob/Mafia/Went after the mob	1	1	1	1
Other	10	11	12	11
DK/NA	14	12	12	17

q12-q17 HELD FOR SEPARATE RELEASE

q18 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?

Both	46	58	39	45
Only on political record	52	42	60	51
DK/NA	2	0	1	4

q20 HELD FOR SEPARATE RELEASE

q21 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 **		
Satisfied	46		Jul07a 36
More choices	49		60
DK/NA	5		4

q22 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	Primary	Jul07a
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Favorable	34	49	24	33	48	39
Not favorable	27	15	40	21	14	26
Undecided	25	28	21	28	27	23
Haven't heard enough	13	8	15	14	10	12
Refused	1	0	0	3	1	0

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

Favorable	26	37	15	31	36	29
Not favorable	31	25	37	29	26	33
Undecided	25	27	28	21	29	24
Haven't heard enough	17	10	19	19	10	14
Refused	1	1	1	0	0	0

q24 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	14	24	7	15	27	11
Not favorable	16	10	22	14	9	15
Undecided	21	25	19	20	26	24
Haven't heard enough	48	40	51	51	38	49
Refused	1	1	1	0	0	1

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

Favorable	14	25	7	14	24	17
Not favorable	12	7	19	9	7	11
Undecided	19	19	18	19	18	20
Haven't heard enough	54	49	56	57	49	52
Refused	1	0	0	1	2	0

q26-33 HELD FOR SEPARATE RELEASE

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

IF SOMEONE ELSE, ASK: Who would you like to see nominated?

	REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	Jul07a
	%	%
McCain	12	15
Giuliani	38	33
Romney	13	8
Fred Thompson	18	25
Brownback	0	na
Huckabee	0	na
Hunter	0	na
Paul	0	na
Someone else /None	1	11
Undecided (Vol.)	1	5
DK/NA	17	3

na= not available as a choice

q35 Would you describe your support for (Candidate's Name) as strongly favoring him, or do you like him but with reservations, or do you support him because you dislike the other candidates?

	REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	GIULIANI SUPPORTERS
	%	%
Strongly favor	47	47
Like but with reservations	43	45
Dislike other candidates	8	7
Don't know/No answer	2	1

q36 Who would be your second choice?

McCain	30	35
Giuliani	21	--
Romney	15	20
Fred Thompson	8	8
Someone else /None	6	9
Undecided (Vol.)	10	15
DK/NA	10	13

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	1214	
Republicans	302	308 (25%)
Democrats	472	459 (38%)
Independents	440	446 (36%)
Registered Voters	1072	
Republican Primary Voters	295	293