

**SENATOR JOE BIDEN**  
September 14-16, 2007

Despite his long tenure in Congress, Delaware Senator and Democratic Presidential candidate Joe Biden is not known to most voters. But being in Congress since 1972 isn't hurting him: few Democratic primary voters say they're actively looking for a nominee from outside the beltway. And most of them generally like one idea that Biden advocates for a solution in Iraq, creating three autonomous regions there.

Three-quarters of voters - including most Democratic primary voters - don't know enough about Joe Biden to have an opinion of him.

**VIEWS OF JOE BIDEN**

	Registered voters	Dem Primary voters
Favorable	9%	12%
Unfavorable	15	8
Undecided/Don't know	75	79

About half of Democratic primary voters say it doesn't matter whether most of their nominee's experience is inside or outside Washington. Of those with a preference, more prefer someone from inside D.C.

**PREFER A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE FROM..**

(Democratic Primary Voters)

Outside Washington	18%
Inside Washington	28
Doesn't matter	49

Biden has discussed the idea of de-centralizing the Iraqi government and separating Iraq into three distinct regions in order to try to bring peace between the fighting groups there. Asked about that idea in general, most Democratic primary voters (as well as nearly half of all voters) favor it.

**BEST CHANCE FOR PEACE IN IRAQ IS..**

	Reg voters	Dem Primary voters
Separate Iraq into three parts	48%	52%
Keep Iraq under one government	40	37

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This poll was conducted among a random sample of 706 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone September 14-16, 2007. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus four percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher.

**CBS NEWS POLL**  
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q35 Is your opinion of Joe Biden favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Joe Biden yet to have an opinion?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				Dem.	
	*** Party ID ***				Primary	
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Voters	Jan07a
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Favorable	9	3	10	12	12	10
Not favorable	15	27	10	12	8	16
Undecided	19	21	16	22	22	21
Haven't heard enough	56	49	63	52	57	54
Refused	1	0	1	2	1	0

q46 Would you prefer the Democratic nominee for President be someone whose political experience was mostly outside of Washington, someone whose experience was mostly in the government in Washington, or would this not matter to you?

	DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS		Dec03b
	%		%
Outside Washington	18		16
Inside Washington	28		26
Doesn't matter	49		56
DK/NA	5		2

q74 From what you've seen or heard, which plan would give the best chance for long-term peace and stability between the fighting religious and ethnic groups of Iraqis: 1. Let each group have its own separate territory and government; OR 2. Keep the groups in a single territory under one government.

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				Dem.	
	*** Party ID ***				Primary	
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Voters	
	%	%	%	%	%	
Separate territories	48	48	58	38	52	
Single territory	40	44	30	48	37	
DK/NA	12	8	12	14	11	

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	706	
Registered Voters	635	585
Reg. Voters - Republicans	178	147 (25%)
Reg. Voters - Democrats	218	224 (38%)
Reg. Voters - Independents	239	215 (37%)
Democratic Primary Voters	284	289