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Iowa Republican Caucuses: Gingrich in the Lead
November 30- December 5, 2011

With the Iowa caucuses just four weeks away, Newt Gingrich, at 31%, holds a double-digit lead over Mitt Romney (17%) and Ron Paul (16%). Romney and Paul are virtually tied for second.

Herman Cain's departure from the presidential race is not a large factor – his support had already declined in Iowa before he suspended his campaign on Saturday. Gingrich does benefit some from Cain's withdrawal, but Gingrich was the top choice among caucus-goers (at 28%) even with Cain in the mix. Cain received just 7% support among Iowa caucus-goers.

Most of the interviewing for this poll was conducted before Cain left the race; caucus-goers were asked their candidate preference in questions including and excluding Herman Cain.

Iowa Caucus-goers: Choice for Nominee
(Among Republican Caucus-Goers)

	Without Cain	With Cain
Newt Gingrich	31%	28%
Mitt Romney	17	18
Ron Paul	16	14
Rick Perry	11	10
Michele Bachmann	9	4
Rick Santorum	4	4
Jon Huntsman	1	1
Herman Cain	n/a	7

More results from this poll will be released at 6:30 pm.

CBS News and The New York Times conducted telephone interviews November 30 -December 5, 2011 with 1,869 Republican and independent registered voters in Iowa, including 642 registered voters who said they would definitely or probably attend the Republican caucus in Iowa. The error due to sampling could be plus or minus four points for caucus-goers.

The sample was drawn from two sources: the state of Iowa's registered voter list, and an RDD sample of cell phone interviews.

The full sample was weighted by probabilities of selection and by demographic characteristics to reflect the eligible caucus-goers on the Iowa voter list.

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The Iowa Republican Caucuses
November 29 - December 5, 2011

q8 If the Iowa Republican Presidential caucuses were held today, which candidate would you support - Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Ron Paul, Rick Perry, Mitt Romney, or Rick Santorum?

IOWA REPUBLICAN CAUCUS-GOERS
(Includes Herman Cain)

	%
Newt Gingrich	28
Mitt Romney	18
Ron Paul	14
Rick Perry	10
Herman Cain	7
Michele Bachmann	4
Rick Santorum	4
Jon Huntsman	1
Someone Else (Vol.)	1
Undecided (Vol.)	10
No/No one	1
DK/NA	2

q12 If the Iowa Republican Presidential caucuses were held today and THESE were the candidates - Michele Bachmann, Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Ron Paul, Rick Perry, Mitt Romney, and Rick Santorum - which candidate would you support?

IOWA REPUBLICAN CAUCUS-GOERS
(Omits Herman Cain)

Gingrich	31
Romney	17
Paul	16
Perry	11
Bachmann	9
Santorum	4
Huntsman	1
Someone else (vol.)	1
Undecided (Vol.)	6
No/No one	2
DK/NA	2

Total Iowa Republican caucus-goers: 642