



CBS NEWS/NEW YORK TIMES POLL  
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**MAJORITY OF AMERICANS WOULD VOTE FOR A SHORT-TEMPERED CANDIDATE**  
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37% of Americans say they would vote against a bad-tempered presidential candidate, even if they agreed with that candidate's position on most issues. 57% would still vote for that candidate, according to the latest CBS News/New York Times national poll.

**WOULD YOU VOTE FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WITH A BAD TEMPER?**

Yes 57%  
No 37

Concerns about a candidate with a temper are shared by similar numbers of men and women. But Democrats (44%) are more likely than Republicans (36%) to say they would vote against a presidential candidate who had a bad temper.

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This poll was conducted among a random sample of 1133 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone December 5-9, 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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q72 If you believed that a Presidential candidate had a bad temper, would that be enough to make you vote against that candidate, even if you agree with him or her on most of the same issues, or not?

\*\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Yes, vote against	37	36	44	31
No	57	59	52	60
DK/NA	6	5	4	9