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MAJORITY OF VOTERS WOULD BACK A CANDIDATE WHO WAS UNFAITHFUL
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A candidate's infidelity to their spouse is twice as likely to bother Republicans as Democrats. 44% of Republicans say they would vote against a candidate who was unfaithful in his or her marriage, even if they agreed with that candidate on most issues. Just 22% of Democrats in the latest CBS News/New York Times national poll say that.

WOULD YOU VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE WHO WAS UNFAITHFUL?

(Among Registered Voters)

Yes 64%
No 32

Overall, 32% of registered voters would vote against a candidate who was unfaithful in their marriage even if they agreed with the candidate on most issues. 64% would vote for that candidate anyway.

Men and women feel similarly; but 77% of young voters say they would still back a candidate who was unfaithful.

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 1133 adults nationwide, including 969 registered voters, interviewed by telephone December 5-9, 2007. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample and sample of registered voters could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher.

q73 If you believed that a Presidential candidate was unfaithful in his or her marriage, 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?

** REGISTERED VOTERS **

Table with 5 columns: Response, Total %, Rep %, Dem %, Ind %. Rows include Yes, vote against (32, 44, 22, 30), No (64, 51, 76, 65), and DK/NA (4, 5, 2, 5).