

2008 REPUBLICAN DELEGATES: WHO ARE THEY?

July 23 - August 26, 2008

- The Republican delegation is a pretty homogeneous group: 93% of the Republican delegates are white, 2% are African American and only 5% are Hispanic. The Democratic delegation is much more diverse; it is 23% African American and 11% Hispanic.
- 32% of the Republican delegates are women, down from 43% in 2004; 68% are men. The Democratic delegation is split more evenly, 51% are men and 49% are women.
- The average age of Republican delegates is 54; the same as the Democratic delegates. However a scant 3% of Republican delegates are under the age of 30 compared to 7% in the Democratic delegation.
- About a third of Republican delegates are white evangelicals, compared to just 5% of Democratic delegates. 34% of Republican voters are white evangelicals.
- 43% of Republican delegates are regular churchgoers, attending every week. This is a sharp contrast to the Democratic delegates: only 23% of Democratic delegates say they attend that often.
- When it comes to ideology, 72% of Republican delegates describe themselves as conservatives; one quarter say they are moderates.
- Both delegations are well-educated. About 8 in 10 in both delegations have at least a college degree. 18% of Republican delegates have a Masters degree and 17% have a Law degree (22% and 19% for the Democrats).
- This is an affluent delegation, wealthier than the Democratic delegation. 34% of Republicans say their net worth is over \$1 million; in contrast to the 22% of Democrats who have a net worth that high. 17% say their net worth is between \$500,000 and \$1 million. 32% estimate their net worth under \$500,000.
- 6 in 10 of the Republican delegates have a firearm in their household and one quarter of Republican delegates are members of the NRA. Only 3% of Democratic delegates are NRA members.
- Only 5% of the Republican delegates are union members compared to the nearly one quarter of the Democratic delegates.

- 23% of Republican delegates have served in the armed forces, compared to 14% in the Democratic delegation who are veterans.
- 24% say they considered themselves a Democrat at some point - 12% of the Democratic delegates said they once were Republican.

The CBS News/New York Times Delegate Poll was conducted July 23-August 26, 2008 with a random sample of 854 Republican delegates from every state except Indiana. The error due to sampling could be plus or minus three percentage points for results based on the entire sample. Interviews were conducted via phone; if a delegate preferred, he or she could complete the survey online. Online interviewing was conducted by CfMC, a San Francisco-based research software company.

2008 REPUBLICAN CONVENTION: DELEGATES VS. VOTERS

	<u>Republican Delegates</u>	<u>Republican Voters</u>	<u>Democratic Delegates</u>	<u>Democratic Voters</u>
White	93%	93%	65%	72%
Black	2	2	23	23
Hispanic	5	10	11	9
Under age 30	3%	13%	7%	23%
Liberal	0%	5%	43%	4%8
Moderate	26	30	50	34
Conservative	72	63	3	16
Income \$75K+	67%	39%	70%	27%
College graduate	80%	39%	81%	30%
White evangelical	31%	34%	5%	13%
Union member	5%	6%	24%	10%
Gun owner - Household	60%	58%	33%	33%
Served in Armed Forces	23%	16%	14%	7%
Once a Democrat	24%	n/a	12%	18%

OVERVIEW OF THE REPUBLICAN DELEGATES (1968-2008)

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1968</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Women	32	43	35	36	43	33	44	29	31	29	16
Black	2	6	4	3	5	4	4	3	3	4	2
Hispanic	5	7	6	3	4	3	4	1			
Asian	2	2	2	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
Under age 30	3	4	3	2	--	3	4	5	7	6	4
Median age (yrs.)	54	54	53	52	--	51	51	49	48	--	49
Liberal	0	1	1	*	1	*	1	2	3	--	--
Moderate	26	33	34	27	32	35	35	36	45	--	--
Conservative	72	63	63	70	63	58	60	58	48	--	--
Lawyer	16	--	9	11	--	17	14	15	15	--	22
Teacher	--	--	2	2	--	5	6	4	4	--	2
Union member	5	3	4	4	--	3	4	4	3	--	--
Millionaire	34	27	23	18	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Currently hold GOP party office	57	65	58	61	--	49	46	59	--	--	--
First convention attended	58	55	54	65	--	68	69	69	78	78	66
Protestant	57	65	63	62	--	69	71	72	73	--	--
Catholic	30	26	27	25	--	22	22	22	18	--	--
Jewish	3	2	2	3	--	2	2	3	3	--	--
White Evangelical/ Born-again	31	33	27	31	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NRA member	26	24	17	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Served in Armed Forces	23	19	27	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Gun owner -HH	60	45	46	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Former Democrat	24	28	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

* = less than zero

-- = not asked in that year's delegate survey