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Interview dates: April 23-27, 2008  
 Interviews: 1,001 adults; 760 registered voters  
 457 Democrats/Lean Democrat; 346 Republican /Lean Republican  
 Margin of error: +-3.1 for all adults; +-3.6 for registered voters;  
 +-4.6 for Democrats; +5.3 for Republicans

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**NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.**

**PRESIDENT STUDY**

**[ONLY ASKED OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED "DEMOCRAT" TO PARTY AFFILIATION OR "LEAN DEMOCRAT" TO FOLLOW-UP] {Base size is 457 respondents}**

2a. If the 2008 Democratic presidential primary or caucus in your state were being held today and the candidates were... for whom would you vote?

	<u>4/23- 27/08</u>	<u>4/7- 9/08</u>	<u>2/22- 24/08</u>	<u>2/7- 10/08</u>	<u>1/15- 17/08</u>	<u>12/3- 5/07</u>	<u>11/5- 7/07</u>
Barack Obama	46	46	46	41	33	23	22
Hillary Clinton	43	43	43	46	40	45	45
(DO NOT READ) Other	-	3	-	1	-	1	2
(DO NOT READ) None	5	4	5	7	6	5	6
DK/NS	6	4	6	5	8	7	7
Al Gore*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bill Richardson*	-	-	-	-	-	4	3
Joe Biden*	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Chris Dodd*	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
John Edwards*	-	-	-	-	13	12	12

  

	<u>10/1- 3/07</u>	<u>9/21- 25/07</u>	<u>9/10- 12/07</u>	<u>7/9- 11/07</u>	<u>6/4- 6/07</u>	<u>3/5- 7/07</u>
Barack Obama	20	23	20	20	21	21
Hillary Clinton	42	35	34	36	33	38
(DO NOT READ) Other	*	1	-	-	-	-
(DO NOT READ) None	3	5	4	4	3	5
DK/NS	9	9	8	9	7	7
Al Gore*	12	12	16	15	20	14
Bill Richardson*	2	3	4	2	3	4
Joe Biden*	2	2	3	2	1	1
Chris Dodd*	1	1	1	1	-	-
John Edwards*	9	9	10	11	12	10

\* John Edwards, Al Gore, Joe Biden, Chris Dodd, and Bill Richardson were not asked in this wave of the study.

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QUESTION BLOCKS (3a/3b AND 4a/4b).]**

3a. If the election for president were held today and the candidates were **(READ ANSWER LIST)**, for whom would you vote? **[IF "NEITHER/DK/REF" TO QU. 3a, PROBE:]** 3b. Well, do you lean more toward Clinton or McCain? **(ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMIZE ANSWER LIST.)**

**INITIAL RESPONSE, BEFORE LEANER:**

	<u>4/23-27/08</u>	<u>4/7-9/08</u>	<u>2/22-24/08</u>	<u>2/7-10/08</u>
Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	48	45	46	43
John McCain, the Republican	39	43	41	43
(DO NOT READ) Neither	11	8	10	10
DK/NS	2	4	3	4

**COMBINED RESPONSE, AFTER LEANER:**

	<u>4/23-27/08</u>	<u>4/7-9/08</u>	<u>2/22-24/08</u>	<u>2/7-10/08</u>
Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	50	48	48	46
John McCain, the Republican	41	45	43	45
(DO NOT READ) Neither	7	5	7	7
(DK/NS)	2	2	2	2

5a. If the election for president were held today and the candidates were **(READ ANSWER LIST)**, for whom would you vote? **[IF "NEITHER/DK/REF" TO QU. 4a, PROBE:]** 5b. Well, do you lean more toward Obama or McCain? **(ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMIZE ANSWER LIST.)**

**INITIAL RESPONSE, BEFORE LEANER:**

	<u>4/23-27/08</u>	<u>4/7-9/08</u>	<u>2/22-24/08</u>	<u>2/7-10/08</u>
Barack Obama, the Democrat	43	44	48	46
John McCain, the Republican	41	43	39	40
(DO NOT READ) Neither	12	9	9	10
DK/NS	4	4	4	4

**COMBINED RESPONSE, AFTER LEANER:**

	<u>4/23-27/08</u>	<u>4/7-9/08</u>	<u>2/22-24/08</u>	<u>2/7-10/08</u>
Barack Obama, the Democrat	46	45	51	48
John McCain, the Republican	44	45	41	42
(DO NOT READ) Neither	8	7	6	8
(DK/NS)	2	3	2	2

**(ASKED AMONGST ALL DEMOCRATS AND LEAN DEMOCRATS)**

6. In your view, is the continued competition between Obama and Clinton **(RANDOMIZED ORDER)** going to...

Make it harder for Democrats to win November	44
Have no impact	30
Help the Democrats win in November	18
DK/NS	8

**(ASKED AMONGST ALL RESPONDENTS)**

7. How much do you trust **(INSERT CANDIDATE)** to **(INSERT ISSUE)**...

	<u>COMPLETELY</u>	<u>QUITE A BIT</u>	<u>ONLY A LITTLE</u>	<u>NOT AT ALL</u>	<u>DK/NS</u>
<b>Barack Obama</b>					
Handle the economy	14	30	30	23	3
Handle Iraq	14	23	27	33	3
Understanding the problems faced by people like you	17	27	28	26	2
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>					
Handle the economy	16	32	26	24	2
Handle Iraq	14	25	29	30	2
Understanding the problems faced by people like you	16	27	28	27	2
<b>John McCain</b>					
Handle the economy	8	30	33	26	3
Handle Iraq	17	24	25	31	3
Understanding the problems faced by people like you	7	29	32	29	3

**PARTY AFFILIATION**

A. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Yes	76
No	24
(DK/NS)	-

2a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

**INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION**

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Republican	23
Democrat	32
Independent	22
None of these	20
(DK/NS)	3

(IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.2a, Q.2b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.2a, Q.2c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.2a, Q.2d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

- 2b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
- 2c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
- 2d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Strongly Democrat	22
Moderately Democrat	10
Lean Democrat	14
Strongly Republican	13
Moderately Republican	11
Lean Republican	11
Independent	16
(DK/NS)	3
<b>Total Republicans</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total Democrats</b>	<b>46</b>

3. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE", ASK:) Would you say you are very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

	<u>ALL ADULTS</u>
Very Liberal	7
Somewhat Liberal	13
Moderate	31
Very Conservative	18
Somewhat Conservative	23
Refused	8
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>41</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>
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**NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.**

D1a. In what year were you born?

D1b. Have you already had a birthday this year?

**(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES Q.D1a OR Q.D1b, Q.D1c ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

D1c. Are you:

18-34	30
35-49	25
50-64	27
65+	16
(DK/NS)	2

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	61
Full time	48
Part time	13
Not employed	17
Retired	21
(DK/NS)	1

D3. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade school or some high school	11
Completed high school	41
Some community college or university, did not finish	14
Completed technical school or a community college	8
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	14
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	11
(DK/NS)	1

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	57
No	42
(DK/NS)	1

D5. Including yourself and any children, how many people are currently living in your household?

1	20
2	29
3	19
4	18
5	7
6+	6
(DK/NS)	1

**(Q.D6a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D5.)**

D6a. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?

D6b. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?

D6c. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

ANY CHILDREN (NET)	36
Under 6	19
6-12	16
13-17	14
NO CHILDREN	62
(DK/NS)	2
Summary	
<b>Any children 12 or younger</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Any children 6 to 17</b>	<b>26</b>

D8. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	45
No	51
(DK/NS)	4

D9. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination? **(IF "SOME OTHER RELIGION, ASK) Is that a Christian denomination, or not? (IF YES, CODED AS "PROTESTANT".)**

Protestant	46
Catholic	24
Mormon	1
Jewish	1
Muslim	-
Some other religion	5
None	20
(DK/NS)	3

Zz5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	41
More than once a week	16
Once a week	25
Less than once a week (Net)	35
A few times a month	14
A few times a year	21
Never	21
(DK/NS)	3

D10. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

**(Q.D11 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D12a.)**

D11. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

**(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

White	74
Hispanic	13
Black	12
Asian	3
(NOT READ) American Indian	2
(NOT READ) Other	2
(DK/NS)	3

D12. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2007?

Under \$15,000	10
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	4
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	4
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	5
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	6
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	11
\$100,000 or more	13
(DK/NS)	21

**REGION:**

Northeast	20
Midwest	22
South	36
West	22

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

Urban	31
Suburban	46
Rural	23

**GENDER:**

Male	48
Female	52