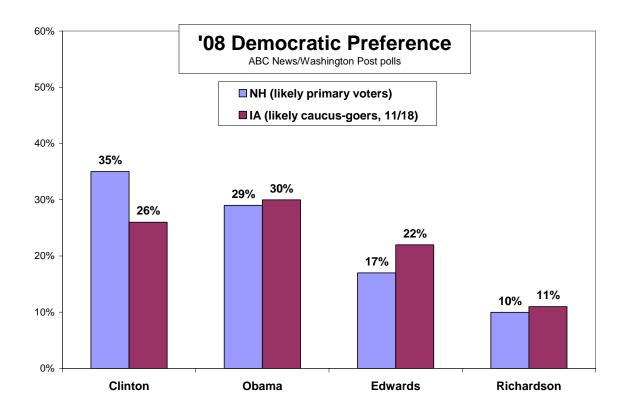
## ABC NEWS/WASHINGTON POST POLL: N.H. DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE AFTER 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007

# Clinton Fends Off Obama in N.H. With More Committed Support

Hillary Clinton is holding off Barack Obama in New Hampshire with a single-digit but seemingly solid lead, with more committed and enthusiastic support, higher trust to handle pressing issues and broad margins on leadership, experience and electability.

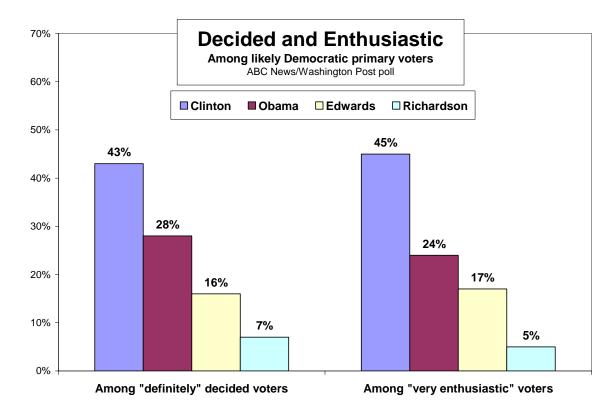
Obama is challenging Clinton in Iowa, and this ABC News/Washington Post poll puts him potentially within striking distance in New Hampshire as well. But some of the underlying currents boosting Obama in Iowa are less powerful here, with Clinton's support more settled.

Among likely voters in the Democratic primary, Clinton has 35 percent support, Obama 29 percent, John Edwards 17 percent and Bill Richardson 10 percent, with others in the low single digits. That compares to a 30-26 percent Obama-Clinton race in Iowa in an ABC/Post poll there two weeks ago.



Clinton's lead in New Hampshire inches up in lower-turnout scenarios, suggesting her support is more reliable. Moreover, among those who've definitely decided on their

candidate, she leads Obama by a wide 43-28 percent; and among the most enthusiastic likely voters she leads him by 45-24 percent. There's no such difference in Iowa.

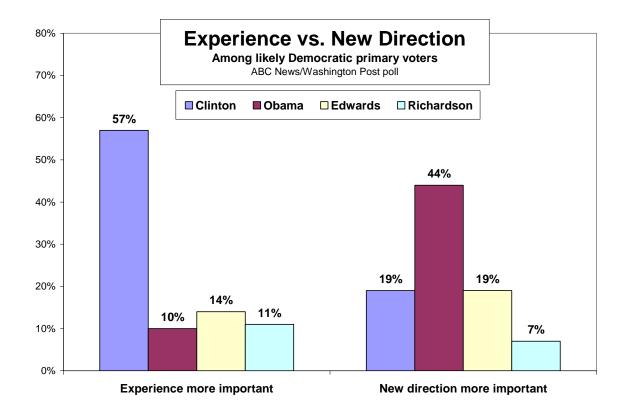


Looking at the flipside, changeability, among the one in four likely voters who say there's a good chance they may change their minds, 23 percent currently support Clinton, 36 percent Obama. That suggests he's more vulnerable to reconsideration.

At the same time Obama is taking full advantage of Clinton's weaknesses. A perceived lack of forthrightness continues to dog her; 41 percent in New Hampshire say Clinton's not willing enough to say what she really thinks, twice as many as say that about her chief competitors. And among those people, hardly any – just 7 percent – support her, while 41 percent go to Obama.

Additionally, a majority of likely voters in the state seek "a new direction and new ideas" – a page from Obama's playbook – rather than strength and experience. And "new direction" voters favor Obama over Clinton by 44 percent to 19 percent. Those who place more value on strength and experience, by contrast, are with Clinton by nearly 6-1.

Obama's lead among "new direction" voters is similar to what it is in the same group in Iowa (and that group is about the same size). But Clinton's advantage among "strength and experience" voters is much bigger in New Hampshire; that theme's better resonance in the Granite State is key to her lead.



For all this, a total of 51 percent of Democratic likely voters in New Hampshire say they still might change their mind – fewer than the 61 percent who say so in the Republican race, but still indicating substantial room to move.

Additionally, 27 percent say they may take the results of the Iowa caucuses, five days before the New Hampshire primary, into account, although fewer than half of them say they'll give it much weight.

GROUPS – Obama's running competitively with Clinton among men, younger likely voters and political independents; she owes her advantage to women (particularly single women), older voters (particularly senior citizens) and mainline Democrats.

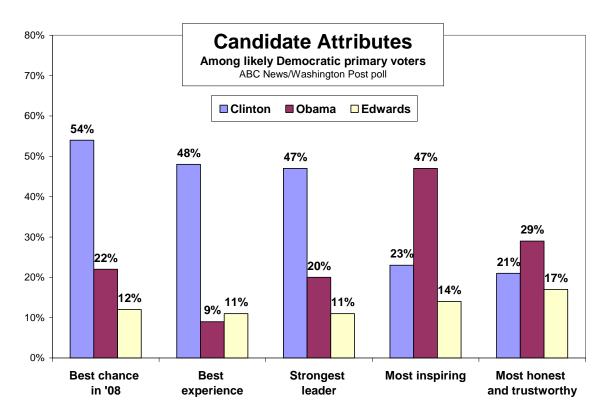
Clinton's better standing among Democrats (41 percent support, and a 15-point lead over Obama) as opposed to independents (27 percent, to Obama's 31) is notable. Again there's no such difference in Iowa, a much lower-turnout event. In New Hampshire, Obama's helped by the fact that an unusually large number of independents participate (46 percent in this poll are registered independents, about their share in the 2004 primary). But in other states where primary voting is limited to party registrants, Clinton could gain.

To address weaknesses among population groups, Clinton may look at married men, among whom she has just 24 percent support; the most highly educated voters, 23 percent; and, as noted, younger adults. She's supported by 27 percent of likely voters under age 40, compared with 44 percent of those 65 and older. The patterns are similar in national ABC/Post polling.

	Size of	f group	Clint	on vs. Obama
	NH	IA	NH	IA
Men	44%	44%	28-3	31% 19-28%
Women	56	56	39-2	27 31-32
Democrats	51	71	41-2	26 28-28
Independents	46	25	27-3	18-35

Clinton's advantage among women also shows up in the 19 percent of likely voters who say the fact that she'd be the first woman president makes them more likely to support her. Women are twice as likely as men to say so, 24 percent vs. 12 percent, rising to 32 percent of single women (which includes divorced and widowed women as well as those never married). It's also higher among Democrats vs. independents, among older people and among liberals vs. moderates.

ATTRIBUTES – In terms of attributes, Obama easily trumps Clinton as the candidate who's the "most inspiring," leads her on honesty and trustworthiness (a Clinton weakness nationally and in Iowa as well) and challenges her on empathy. The two run evenly on the question of who would do most to bring needed change to Washington.



But, as noted, Clinton comes back very strongly on her other attributes – electability, experience (on which Obama is quite weak) and strong leadership. And she leads Obama by 17 points as the candidate who's campaigned hardest in New Hampshire, a plus in a state where candidates are expected early and often.

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	Richardson
Best chance to win	54%	22	12	2
Best experience	48	9	11	13
Strongest leader	47	20	11	7
Campaigned hardest in N.H.	39	22	14	1
Do most to change Washington	31	31	15	8
Best understands your problems	28	24	20	7
Most inspiring	23	47	14	4
Most honest/trustworthy	21	29	17	9

ISSUES – Building on her ratings for experience and leadership, Clinton leads in New Hampshire on six of seven issues tested in this poll, with an especially large advantage on one of the top concerns to likely Democratic voters, health care.

Obama, notably, leads on none of these.

Trust most to handle:	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	Richardson
Health care	45%	18	22	3
Economy	38	21	16	8
Terrorism	32	21	13	11
Iraq	31	25	14	10
Federal deficit	36	19	14	8
Social Security	36	19	14	4
Immigration	24	22	14	16

Unlike Republican voters, there is a clear emphasis among Democrats on top issues: About half cite both health care and the war in Iraq as the two most important issues in their vote, with the economy and education following – quite similar to views in Iowa. Among Democrats nationally the same items come up, with some different emphasis.

Top issues:	NH	IA	National
Health care	51%	50%	33%
Iraq	49	55	54
Economy/jobs	16	21	30
Education	12	10	9

These are in sharp contrast to likely Republican voters in New Hampshire, who, as in Iowa and nationally, disperse among a wider range of issues.

CONTACT and TURNOUT – Likely Democratic voters are more engaged than their Republican counterparts – 12 points more likely to be very enthusiastic about their choice of a candidate, twice as likely to have attended a campaign event (35 percent vs. 17 percent) and 20 points more apt to have received a phone call from a campaign (74 percent vs. 54 percent).

Given the differences among groups in this poll, turnout of course is essential. This survey anticipates turnout in the Democratic primary by 31 percent of the state's adult

population, and by 27 percent in the Republican contest. Tighter turnout scenarios make no difference in the Republican contest (in which Mitt Romney has a broad lead), but indicate a slightly larger Clinton lead (albeit within sampling error) on the Democratic side.

Likely voter estimates can be one source of differences in polls, as can sample sizes; another potential factor is the level of so-called "undecided" voters, in reality a function of polling technique rather than true indecision.

ABC/Post polls have fewer undecideds than most others, given the context of the question – asking whom likely voters would support if the election were today. This survey finds 3 percent undecided, compared with an average of 12 percent in nine other publicly released polls in New Hampshire in the past month.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 2007, among a random sample of 592 New Hampshire adults likely to vote in the 2008 Democratic primary. The results have a four-point error margin. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, Pa.

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Full results follow (\*= less than 0.5 percent).

- 1. Vote registration.
- 2. How closely are you following the 2008 presidential campaign: very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

		Closely	<i>7</i>		Not close	ly	No
	NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not too	At all	opinion
12/3/07	91	46	45	9	7	2	0
IA 11/18/07*	95	53	42	5	4	1	0
Nat. 11/1/07*	70	22	48	30	20	10	0

- \* Iowa trend among likely Democratic caucus-goers; national trend among Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents.
- 3-5. Likelihood of voting in primary.
- 6. Choice of primary.
- 7. If the Democratic primary were being held today, and the candidates were: (Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, Barack Obama, Bill Richardson, Joe Biden, Chris Dodd, Dennis Kucinich, and Mike Gravel), for whom would you vote?

#### NET LEANED VOTE:

		Iowa	National
	12/3/07	11/18/07	11/1/07
Hillary Clinton	35	26	49
John Edwards	17	22	12

Barack Obama	29	30	26
Bill Richardson	10	11	2
Joe Biden	2	4	3
Chris Dodd	1	1	1
Dennis Kucinich	3	2	2
Mike Gravel	0	*	*
Other (vol.)	*	1	*
None of these (vol.)	1	*	1
Would not vote (vol.)	0	0	1
No opinion	3	3	2

8. (IF NAMED CANDIDATE) Will you definitely vote for (NAME), or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for someone else? (IF CHANCE CHANGE MIND) Is there a good chance you'll change your mind, or would you say it's pretty unlikely?

	Definitely	-Char	No		
	vote for	NET	Good	Unlikely	opinion
12/3/07	44	51	26	24	5
IA 11/18/07	55	43	20	23	2

#### 12/3/07 - Summary Table

	Definitely	-Char	nce char	nge mind -	No
	vote for	NET	Good	Unlikely	opinion
Hillary Clinton	53	42	17	26	5
IA 11/18/07	57	43	19	24	1
John Edwards	41	58	29	29	1
IA 11/18/07	53	43	16	27	4
Barack Obama	41	52	31	21	6
IA 11/18/07	56	43	21	22	1

9. (IF NAMED CANDIDATE) How enthusiastic are you about voting for (NAMED CANDIDATE) - very enthusiastic, fairly enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

	Enthusiastic				Not enthusiastic			
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	opinion	
12/3/07	94	46	48	6	6	1	1	
IA 11/18/07	95	49	46	4	3	*	1	

#### 12/3/07 - Summary Table

		Enthusia	astic		Not enthus	siastic	No
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	opinion
Hillary Clinton	98	57	41	2	2	0	0
IA 11/18/07	96	49	47	4	4	0	0
John Edwards	94	44	50	5	5	0	1
IA 11/18/07	94	48	46	6	5	1	0
Barack Obama	90	37	53	9	8	1	*
IA 11/18/07	99	51	47	*	0	*	1

10. (IF NAMED CANDIDATE) Who would your second choice be?

#### NET LEANED VOTE:

		Iowa
	12/3/07	11/18/07
Hillary Clinton	20	19
John Edwards	21	24
Barack Obama	26	26
Bill Richardson	10	13
Joe Biden	3	6
Chris Dodd	1	4
Dennis Kucinich	3	2
Mike Gravel	0	*
Other (vol.)	3	*
None of these (vol.)	7	3
Would not vote (vol.)	*	1
No opinion	5	1

#### First choice/Second choice NET

		Iowa
	12/3/07	11/18/07
Hillary Clinton	54	44
John Edwards	36	45
Barack Obama	53	55
Bill Richardson	19	23
Joe Biden	5	10
Chris Dodd	2	4
Dennis Kucinich	5	4
Mike Gravel	0	*
Other (vol.)	3	1
None of these (vol.)	8	3
Would not vote (vol.)	*	1
No opinion	8	4

### 11. What is the single most important issue in your choice for the Democratic candidate for president?

candidate for president?			
		Iowa	National
	12/3/07	11/18/07	11/1/07
Iraq/War in Iraq	24	33	35
Terrorism/National security	1	1	1
Economy/Jobs	8	10	14
Education	5	3	2
Environment	3	2	1
Health care	30	26	16
Ethics/Honesty/Corruption			
in government	4	5	4
Immigration/Illegal			
immigration	3	2	3
Abortion	0	1	1
Morals/Family values	2	1	2
Federal budget deficit	1	1	*
Housing/Mortgages	0	0	*
Global warming	1	*	*
Social Security	1	1	2
Foreign policy	2	2	2
Iran/Situation in Iran	0	*	*
Taxes	2	0	*
Energy/Ethanol	*	1	0
Farming/Agriculture issues	0	*	0
Guns/Gun control	*	0	0
None/Nothing	*	1	1
Other	10	8	9
No opinion	3	3	6

11a. (IF MENTIONED MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE) Is there one other issue that's nearly as important?

as important.		Iowa	National
	12/3/07	11/18/07	
Iraq/War in Iraq	26	23	20
Terrorism/National security	1	1	2
Economy/Jobs	8	12	17
Education	8	7	7
Environment	3	3	2
Health care	23	24	18
Ethics/Honesty/Corruption			
in government	1	1	1
Immigration/Illegal			
immigration	2	4	1
Abortion	*	1	2
Morals/Family values	1	1	1
Federal budget deficit	1	1	*
Housing/Mortgages	*	*	1
Global warming	1	2	1
Social Security	1	2	2
Foreign policy	1	4	1
Iran/Situation in Iran	1	1	*
Taxes	3	2	2
Energy/Ethanol	*	2	0
Farming/Agriculture issues	0	*	0
Guns/Gun control	1	0	0
None/Nothing	4	4	7
Other	5	4	7
No opinion	7	3	8

11/11a NET: Top two important issues combined.

		Iowa	National
	12/3/07	11/18/07	11/1/07
Iraq/War in Iraq	49	55	54
Terrorism/National security	3	1	3
Economy/Jobs	16	21	30
Education	12	10	9
Environment	6	4	3
Health care	51	50	33
Ethics/Honesty/Corruption			
in government	5	6	5
Immigration/Illegal			
immigration	5	6	4
Abortion	*	2	2
Morals/Family values	2	2	2
Federal budget deficit	2	2	1
Housing/Mortgages	*	*	1
Global warming	2	2	1
Social Security	2	5	4
Foreign policy	4	3	3
Iran/Situation in Iran	1	1	*
Taxes	4	2	2
Energy/Ethanol	1	3	0
Farming/Agriculture issues	0	1	0
Guns/Gun control	1	0	0
None/Nothing	*	1	7
Other	14	12	15
No opinion	3	3	6

12. Regardless of who you may support, which of the Democratic candidates do you think (ITEM) - (Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, Barack Obama, Bill Richardson, Joe Biden, Chris Dodd, Dennis Kucinich, or Mike Gravel)?

12/3/07 - Summary Table

a.	is the strongest leader IA 11/18/07	Clinton 47 32	Edwards 11 17	Obama 20 <i>27</i>	Richardson 7 10	Other/None/ No opinion 15 14
b.	best understands the problems of people					
	like you IA 11/18/07	28 <i>20</i>	20 25	24 30	7 9	20 16
c.	is the most honest and trustworthy	21	17	29	9	23
	IA 11/18/07	15	20	31	13	21
d.	has the best experience to be president	48	11	9	13	19
	IA 11/18/07	38	16	11	16	19
e.	has campaigned the hardest in New Hampshire IA 11/18/07	39 34	14 25	22 26	1 2	23 14
f.	has the best chance of getting elected president					
	in November 2008 IA 11/18/07	54 3 <i>9</i>	12 22	22 25	2 2	10 <i>12</i>
g.	would do the most to bring needed change to Washington	31	15	31	8	15
h.	is the most inspiring	23	14	47	4	11

13. Regardless of who you may support, who do you trust most to handle (ITEM)?

12/3/07 - Summary Table

						Other/None/
		Clinton	Edwards	Obama	Richardson	No opinion
a.	The economy	38	16	21	8	17
	IA 11/18/07	28	21	27	7	16
b.	Health care	45	22	18	3	11
	IA 11/18/07	36	27	20	6	11
c.	Social Security	36	14	19	4	27
	IA 11/18/07	27	20	27	6	19
d.	Immigration issues	24	14	22	16	25
	IA 11/18/07	16	17	22	25	20
e.	The situation in Iraq	31	14	25	10	20
	IA 11/18/07	23	15	26	15	21
f.	The federal budget deficit	36	14	19	8	24

g. The U.S. campaign

against terrorism

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14. Regardless of who you may support, do you think (NAME) is or is not willing enough to say what [he/she] really thinks about the issues?

12/3/07 - Summary Table

		Is	Is not	No opinion
a.	Hillary Clinton	55	41	5
	IA 11/18/07	50	45	5
b.	Barack Obama	78	18	4
	IA 11/18/07	76	20	4
c.	John Edwards	71	22	6
	IA 11/18/07	73	21	6

15. Does the fact that Clinton would be the first woman president make you (more) likely to vote for her, (less) likely to vote for her, or doesn't it make a difference in your vote?

	More	Less	No difference	No opinion
12/3/07	19	3	78	*
IA 11/18/07	15	2	83	1
Nat. 11/1/07	22	5	73	1

- 16-24. Previously released.
- 25. So far in the Democratic campaign, have you (ITEM)?

12/3/07 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opin.
a. been called on the telephone by any of the campaigns	74	26	*
b. attended a campaign event	35	65	0
c. yourself personally spoken with or shaken the hand of			
any of the Democratic candidates or not	17	83	0

Trend where available: December 2003 comparisons to Pew Research Center New Hampshire Democratic primary poll.

a. been called on the telephone by any of the campaigns

	Yes	No	No opinion
12/3/07	74	26	*
IA 11/18/07	80	19	1
Pew NH 12/1/03	55	44	1

b. attended a campaign event

	Yes	No	No opinion
12/3/07	35	65	0
IA 11/18/07	52	48	0
Pew NH 12/1/03	18	82	0

c. yourself personally spoken with or shaken the hand of any of the Democratic candidates or not

Yes No No opinion

12,	/3/07	17	83	0
IA	11/18/07	33	66	*

#### 26. (IF MET CANDIDATE, Q25C) Who'd you meet?

		Iowa
	12/3/07	11/18/07
Hillary Clinton	39	36
John Edwards	47	38
Barack Obama	45	51
Bill Richardson	22	22
Joe Biden	7	18
Chris Dodd	13	13
Dennis Kucinich	12	4
Mike Gravel	0	2
Other	1	2
No opinion	1	0

#### 25/26 NET:

		Iowa
	12/3/07	11/18/07
Have met candidate NET	17	33
Hillary Clinton	6	12
John Edwards	8	13
Barack Obama	7	17
Bill Richardson	4	7
Joe Biden	1	6
Chris Dodd	2	4
Dennis Kucinich	2	1
Mike Gravel	0	1
Other	*	1
No opinion	*	0
Have not met candidate	83	66
No opinion	0	*

28. How much weight will you give the outcome of the Iowa caucuses in your final decision who to support here in New Hampshire - will you give it a great deal of weight, a good amount, just some or little-or-none?

		Great deal/Goo	d amount		Some/Lit	tle or none	No
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Some	Little or none	opin.
12/3/07	11	5	7	88	16	71	1

29. Which of these is more important to you in a candidate for president: (strength and experience) or (a new direction and new ideas)?

	Strength and experience	New direction and new ideas	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
12/3/07	37	53	9	1	*
IA 11/18/07	33	55	11	*	1
Nat. 11/1/07	38	51	9	1	1

30. Which best describes your family's financial situation? Do you feel as if you (are getting ahead financially), have just enough money to maintain your standard of living, or (are falling behind financially)?

Getting	Just enough	Falling	No
ahead	to maintain	behind	opinion

12/3/07	22	58	20	1
IA 11/18/07	21	61	17	1

31. Do you favor or oppose stricter gun control laws in this country? Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

		Favor			Oppose	è	No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
12/3/07	71	51	20	25	11	14	4

32. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

		Legal			- Illega	1	
		All	Most		Most	All	No
	NET	cases	cases	NET	cases	cases	opinion
12/3/07	82	38	43	14	10	4	4
Nat. 11/1/07	66	28	38	32	19	13	2

34. Have you voted in any previous New Hampshire presidential primary, or will this be your first time voting in a New Hampshire primary?

	Have voted	First primary	No opinion
12/3/07	90	10	*
IA 11/18/07*	63	36	*
* "Iowa caucu	ses"		

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