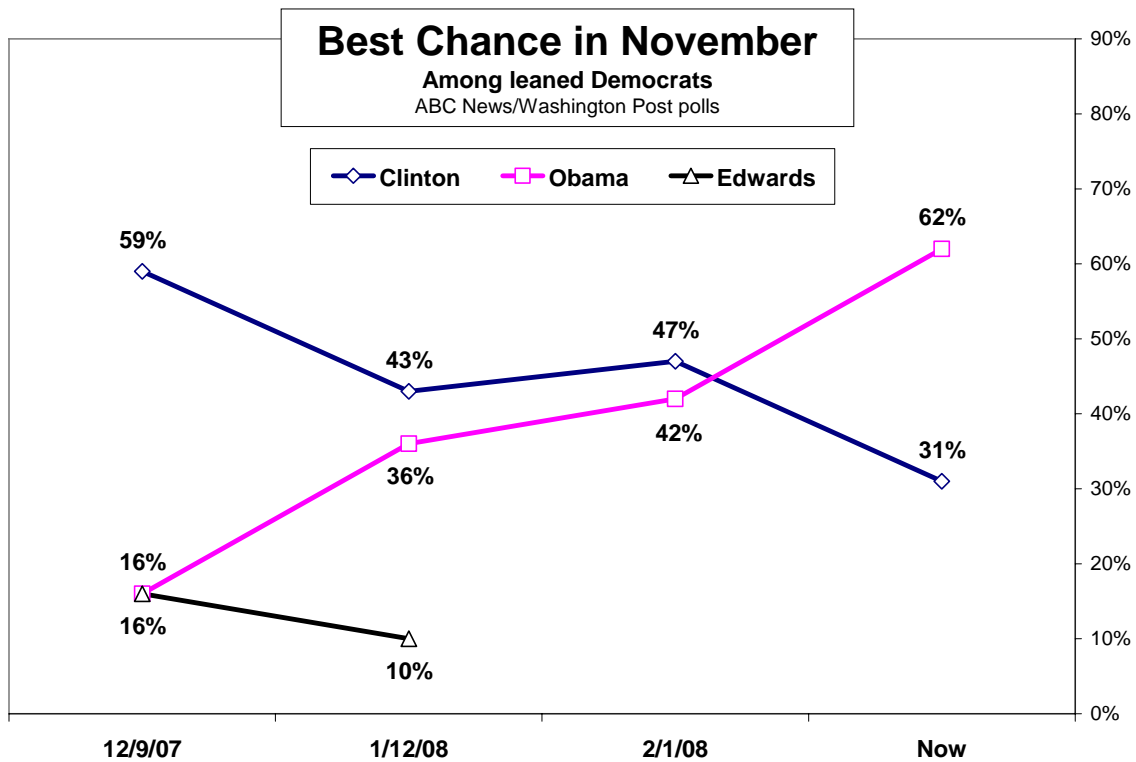


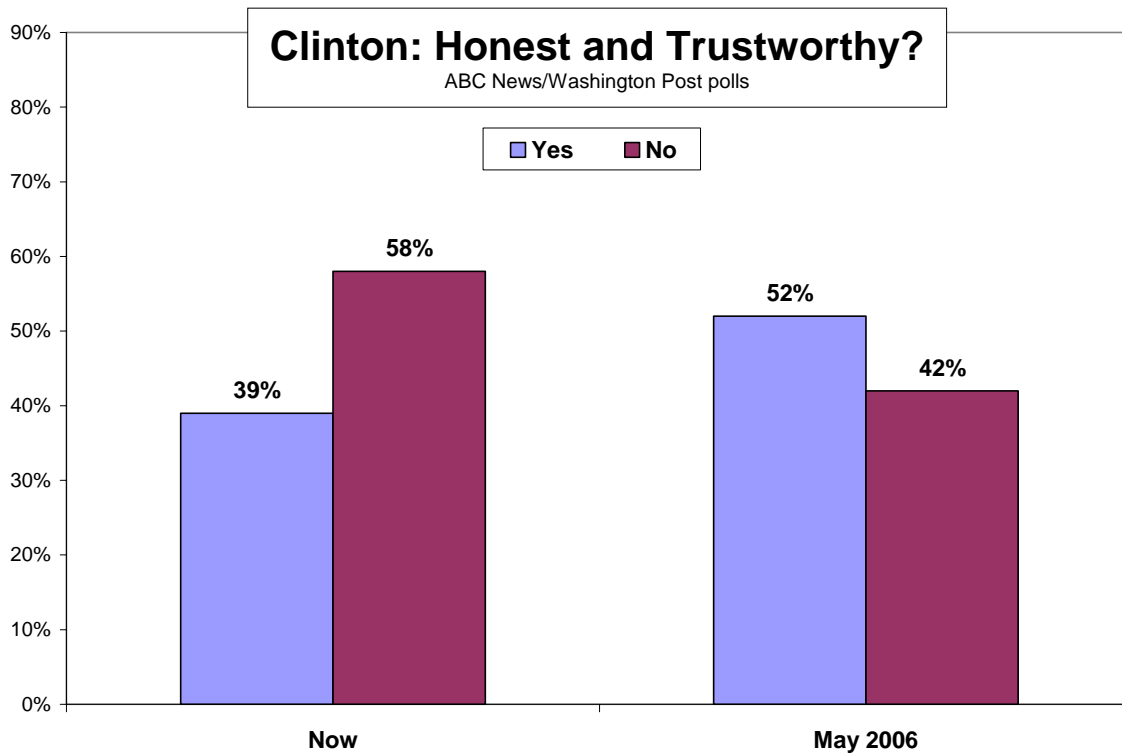
## Obama Surges on Electability, Challenges Clinton on Leadership

Barack Obama has knocked down one of the three tent poles of Hillary Clinton's campaign for president, surging ahead of her as the candidate Democrats see as most likely to win in November. He's challenging her on leadership as well, leaving only experience as a clear Clinton advantage in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll.

On the eve of their debate before the Pennsylvania primary next week, Democrats by a 2-1 margin, 62-31 percent, now see Obama as better able to win in November – a dramatic turn from February, when Clinton held a scant 5-point edge on this measure, and more so from last fall, when she crushed her opponents on electability.



The poll finds other pronounced problems for Clinton. Among all Americans, 58 percent now say she's not honest and trustworthy, 16 points higher than in a pre-campaign poll two years ago. Obama beats her head-to-head on this attribute by a 23-point margin.



The number of Americans who see Clinton unfavorably overall has risen to a record high in ABC/Post polling, 54 percent – up 14 points since January. Obama’s unfavorable score has reached a new high as well, up 9 points, but to a lower 39 percent.

A favorability rating is the most basic measure of any public figure’s popularity; it’s trouble when unfavorable views outscore favorable ones. That’s now the case for Clinton, alone among the current candidates.

There are other strong signs of the toll of the long Democratic campaign. The number of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents who describe the tone of the contest as “mostly negative” has risen by 14 points since February, from 27 percent then to 41 percent now. Those who say so mainly blame Clinton over Obama, by nearly a 4-1 margin, 52 percent to 14 percent. (An additional 25 percent blame both equally.)

In a similar result, half of Democrats say their candidates are “arguing about things that really aren’t that important” rather than discussing real issues.

The candidates are at or near dead heats in trust to handle a range of issues, including the economy, the war in Iraq, international trade and terrorism. Clinton’s lack of a significant advantage on these, despite her wide edge on experience, is another challenge.

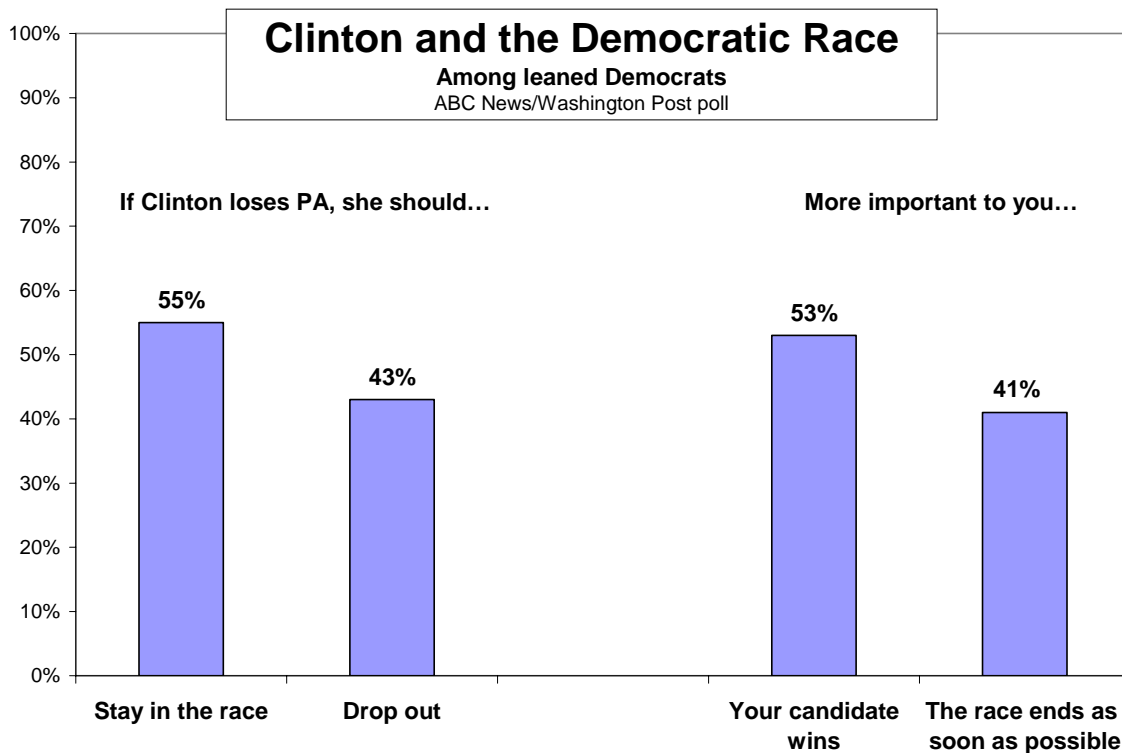
Obama, meanwhile, has largely been successful at moving past controversial comments by the former minister of his church, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright; 59 percent of all adults, and 72 percent of leaned Democrats, approve of the way Obama has distanced himself

from Wright. (Nearly half of Democrats, however, are concerned the Republicans will use the Wright imbroglio effectively against Obama if he is nominated.)

Nor does the controversy over Obama’s remark calling some voters “bitter” seem to have hurt; his favorability rating, though down from January, lost no ground across the nights this poll was done (Thursday through Sunday) as the issue gained volume.

Equally problematic for Clinton in all this is the bottom line: Democrats by 51-41 percent say they’d like to see Obama win the nomination, his biggest advantage to date.

FIGHT ON – Yet most Democrats also are willing to see Clinton fight on; 55 percent say she should stay in the race even if she loses Pennsylvania. One reason is that about as many, 53 percent, say it’s more important to them that their candidate wins, even if that means a longer race.



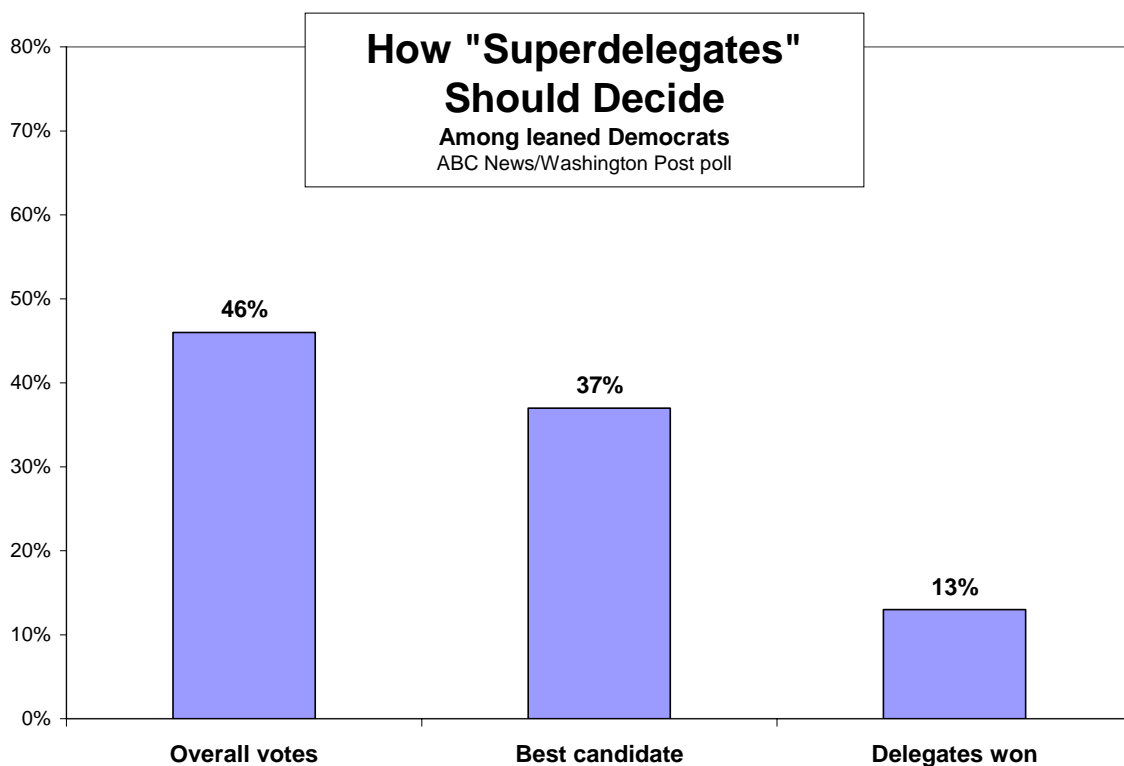
Another factor is that most Democrats reject the notion that the long campaign will damage their chances in November. While 32 percent share this view, more, 67 percent, think that ultimately the length of the race either won’t make much difference in the general election (50 percent) or will end up helping the Democrats’ cause (17 percent).

But there is an indication the increasingly contentious race is taking a toll: In this poll 35 percent of Americans identify themselves as Democrats – down from 40 percent last month and the fewest since the primary season began.

DELEGATES – There’s a brighter result for Clinton in preferences on how so-called Democratic “superdelegates” should choose a candidate. Only 13 percent of Democrats say superdelegates should support whoever’s won the most regular delegates in primaries and caucuses – a count in which Obama’s ahead, and seemingly likely to stay so.

Instead a plurality, 46 percent, say superdelegates should support the candidate who’s won the most popular votes, a tally in which Clinton still has hopes. And 37 percent say superdelegates should go with their own sense of which candidate they think is best.

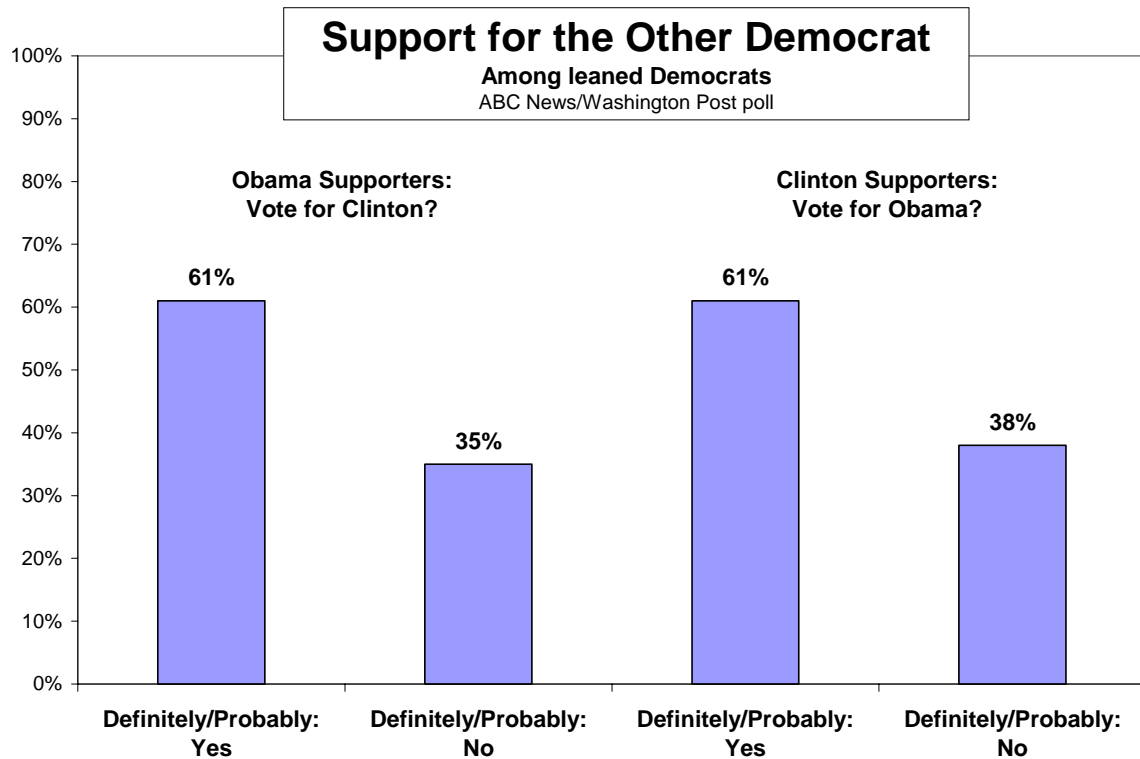
(Democrats who favor relying on popular vote broadly prefer that it be based on national vote, not the vote within each superdelegate’s home state. Either way, whether to count uncontested Florida and Michigan remains a vexing point.)



DEM DAMAGE? – Significant numbers of Democrats currently say they’d defect to Republican John McCain if their candidate loses the nomination; in this poll 21 percent of Obama’s supporters, and 23 percent of Clinton’s, say they’d jump to McCain. But that’s a result worthy of caution; it’s hardly an opportune time – in the midst of the Democrats’ continuing food fight, with their dander up – to put much stock in the result.

Still, it’s clear that the Democrats’ eventual nominee will have some persuading to do, within the party as well as without. A potentially greater threat than crossover voting is that disaffected Democrats might simply sit out the general election.

Another gauge underscores the point: Just 61 percent of Obama supporters say they'd definitely or probably vote for Clinton if she wins the nomination; 38 percent say they definitely or probably would not. It's very similar among Clinton supporters: Sixty-one percent say they'd be inclined to vote for Obama, 35 percent definitely or probably not.



Among core Democrats – excluding Democratic-leaning independents – about a third on each side say they're disinclined to kiss and make up.

That would be a highly unusual – perhaps unprecedented – level of party defections. From 1992-2004 just 10 or 11 percent of Democrats have voted Republican. In 1988 Mike Dukakis yielded 17 percent of Democrats; in 1980 and 1984, Ronald Reagan attracted a quarter of Democrats.

Any significant defections of disenchanted Democrats to McCain would be a concern to the Democratic nominee. It's a balance worth watching – but one that will be more meaningfully measured after the Democrats pick their candidate and lick their wounds.

There's also the possibility of GOP crossover: Fourteen percent of Republicans say they'd vote for Obama if he's the nominee; fewer, 7 percent, say they'd cross over for Clinton.

As noted, there are other concerns for Democrats – the level of Democratic partisanship, and also whether Republican allegiance will recover. On average across 2007 just 25

percent of Americans identified themselves as Republicans, the fewest since 1984. So far this year it's ticked up to 28 percent on average; in this poll, 29 percent.

NOVEMBER – As things stand, this poll suggests a close general election contest. Obama has a scant 5-point advantage over McCain, 49-44 percent, compared with a 52-40 percent race last month. McCain and Clinton stand at 48-45 percent; it was a Clinton advantage, 50-44 percent, last month.

	General election preference			
	Obama	McCain	Clinton	McCain
Now	49%	44	45%	48
March	52	40	50	44

One factor is the shift in partisan affiliation. Another, in the McCain-Clinton matchup, is independents, one of the key swing voter groups. Last month Clinton had a 7-point edge among independents; now it's a 10-point McCain advantage. (Obama continues to lead McCain among independents, by 8 points.)

All the candidates have vulnerabilities. McCain's major speech on the economy this week likely was aimed at his comparative weakness in this area; among voters who say the economy is their top concern he trails Obama (by 53-39 percent) and Clinton (by 51-42 percent) alike. And the economy is the top issue by far, cited by 41 percent; the war in Iraq follows, cited by 18 percent as their chief concern.

In another measure, Americans by 55-34 percent say a Democratic president would do a better job than a Republican handling the economy; and by 52-35 percent also think a Democrat would do a better job dealing with the situation in Iraq.

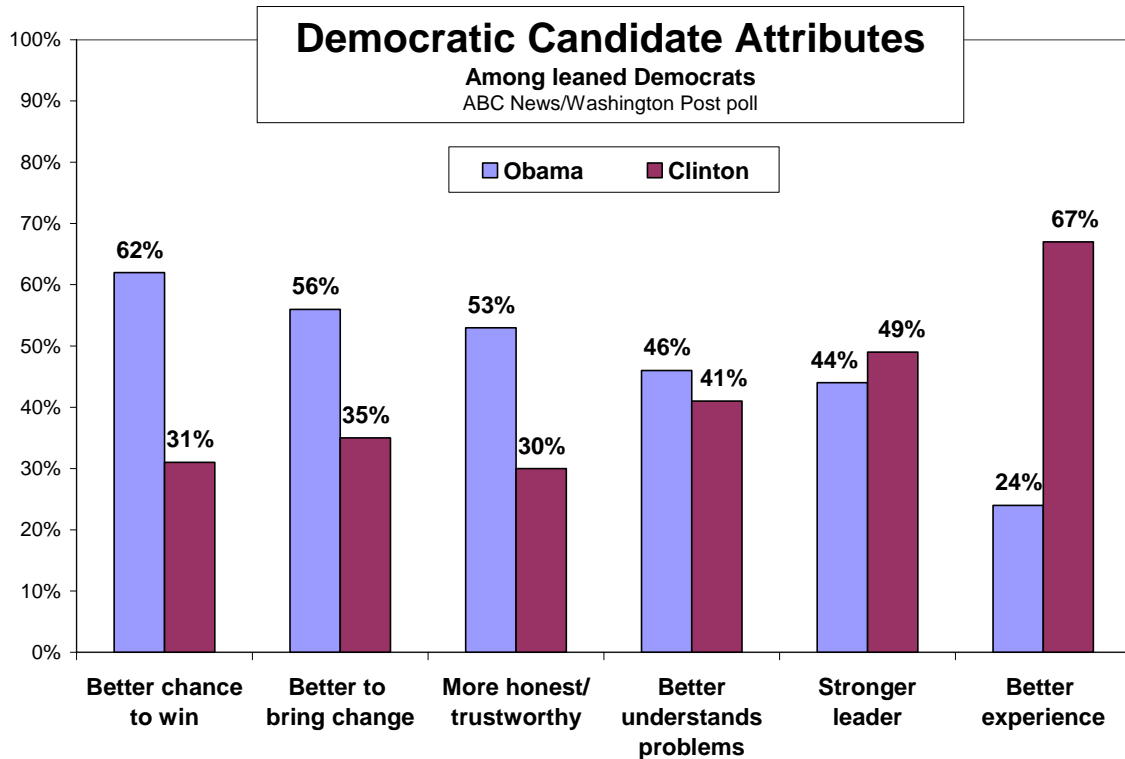
McCain's age – he'd be the first president to take office at 72 – also is a continued negative; 26 percent say it makes them “less enthusiastic” about supporting his candidacy, including 13 percent of Republicans and 24 percent of independents. That is, however, down slightly from its high, 31 percent in January.

Nearly half of Americans, 48 percent, also think McCain's temperament would hurt his ability to serve effectively as president. But 51 percent say Obama's level of experience would hurt him, and 49 percent say Clinton would be damaged by her political style. Each is a broad enough concern for the candidates to take notice.

FAVORABILITY – Clinton and Obama are not alone in their higher unfavorability ratings. McCain's unfavorable score, similarly, has gained 10 points since January, to 40 percent; and Bill Clinton's has advanced about as much, to 51 percent, its worst since he left office.

Both Clintons stand out in the level of antipathy they attract. Thirty-nine percent of Americans have a “strongly” unfavorable opinion of Hillary Clinton (up 10 points since January); fewer, 22 percent, have a “strongly” favorable view (down 10 points). Thirty-four percent are strongly negative on Bill Clinton.

ATTRIBUTES – Hillary Clinton, naturally, does much better on favorability in her own party (29 percent unfavorable among leaned Democrats, vs. Obama’s 21 percent). But she’s got trouble vs. Obama on several specific personal attributes, which matter especially in primaries, with candidates relatively close on the issues.



Obama now leads Clinton, as noted, by 62-31 percent as having the better chance of winning in November; he also owns the “change” mantra, leading by 56-35 percent as the one who’d “do more to bring needed change to Washington.” And he leads by 53-30 percent as more honesty and trustworthy; even among women, a more pro-Clinton group, Obama leads on trustworthiness by a 16-point margin. (It’s 35 points among men.)

It’s a close Obama +5 on the candidate who “better understands the problems of people like you,” with men and women dividing, and an equally close Clinton +5 on being the stronger leader – an attribute on which Clinton was +24 in February, and +41 back in September against Obama and John Edwards combined.

Clinton, then, is down to a broad advantage on only one attribute tested in this poll – having the better experience, on which she leads Obama by 67-24 percent. The question is whether it’s enough.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone April 10-13, 2008, among a random national sample of 1,197 adults, including an oversample of African Americans for a total of 213 and an oversample of Catholics for a

total of 292 (both weighted to their correct share of the national population). The results have a 3-point error margin for the full sample, 4 points for the 643 leaned Democrats. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, Pa.

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

1-2 Previously released.

3. Thinking ahead to the November presidential election, what is the single most important issue in your choice for president?

	4/13/08	2/1/08	1/12/08	12/9/07	11/1/07	9/7/07
Iraq/War in Iraq	18	19	20	23	29	35
Terrorism/National security	5	5	4	9	5	6
Economy/Jobs	41	39	29	24	14	11
Education	2	2	2	1	2	1
Environment	*	1	1	1	2	1
Health care	7	8	10	10	13	13
Ethics/Honesty/Corruption in government	4	4	5	4	4	6
Immigration/Illegal immigration	4	4	4	5	5	5
Abortion	1	1	1	1	1	1
Morals/Family values	2	2	2	3	3	2
Federal budget deficit	*	*	*	*	1	1
Housing/Mortgages	*	*	*	*	*	*
Global warming	0	*	*	*	*	*
Social Security	*	*	1	1	2	1
Foreign policy	1	1	2	1	2	1
Iran/Situation in Iran	0	0	*	0	*	0
Taxes	*	1	1	1	1	1
Guns/Gun control	*	*	*	*	*	*
None/Nothing	*	*	*	1	*	*
Other	7	6	10	7	9	7
No opinion	5	7	7	7	8	9

4. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of (NAME)? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

4/13/08 - Summary Table

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No op.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
a. Hillary Clinton	44	22	23	54	15	39	2
b. John McCain	53	17	36	40	19	21	7
c. Barack Obama	56	28	28	39	14	25	5



d. Bill Clinton            47            25            22            51            16            34            3

Trend where available:

a. Hillary Clinton

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
4/13/08	44	22	23	54	15	39	2
1/12/08	58	32	26	40	11	29	2
11/1/07	50	28	22	46	11	35	4
2/25/07	49	25	24	48	13	35	3
1/19/07	54	31	23	44	14	30	3
12/11/06	56	27	29	40	11	29	4
5/15/06	54	29	25	42	11	31	4
3/5/06	52	27	25	46	12	33	2
6/5/05	51	NA	NA	46	NA	NA	3
6/1/03	44	15	29	48	16	32	8
9/2/99	49	NA	NA	44	NA	NA	7
6/6/99	59			35			6
3/14/99	60			36			4
2/14/99	63			31			6
11/1/98	64			31			5
8/21/98	64			28			8
8/19/98	64			32			4
4/4/98	58			33			10
1/30/98	60			30			10
1/19/98	52			39			9
3/9/97	47			44			9
9/4/96    RV	47			42			12
6/30/96	44			47			9
1/21/96	28			36			36
1/19/96	32			34			34
10/31/94	47			44			8
5/15/94	54			41			5
3/27/94	53			39			8
1/23/94	55			34			11
11/14/93	58			33			9
8/8/93	59			33			8
4/26/93	54			26			20
2/23/93	59			24			18
1/17/93	51			20			29
7/8/92	30			26			43
3/28/92	28			22			51

b. John McCain

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
4/13/08	53	17	36	40	19	21	7
1/12/08	59	24	35	30	17	13	11
11/1/07	43	10	34	42	23	19	14
2/25/07	52	13	39	35	22	13	13
1/19/07	49	NA	NA	35	NA	NA	16
12/11/06	50	17	33	31	20	11	19
5/15/06	55	20	35	31	20	11	14
3/5/06	59	22	38	29	18	11	12
6/5/05	57	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	11
7/30/01	57			30			12
2/27/00	60			21			19
10/31/99	36			22			41
9/2/99	22			10			68
3/14/99	20			10			69

c. Barack Obama

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
4/13/08	56	28	28	39	14	25	5
1/12/08	63	31	32	30	14	16	7
11/1/07	51	21	30	36	16	20	13
2/25/07	53	21	33	30	16	14	16
1/19/07	45	NA	NA	29	NA	NA	25
12/11/06	44	21	22	23	17	6	33

d. Bill Clinton

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
4/13/08	47	25	22	51	16	34	3
2/1/08	55	32	23	42	15	27	3
2/25/07	55	33	22	42	13	30	2
1/19/07	61	NA	NA	37	NA	NA	2
5/15/06	59	36	24	39	13	25	2
12/15/00	56	NA	NA	40	NA	NA	4
7/23/00	44	23	21	50	36	13	6
6/6/99*	52	NA	NA	44	NA	NA	4
2/14/99	57	32	25	40	29	11	3
1/30/99	54	35	19	42	30	12	3
9/28/98	48	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	5
8/23/98	45	NA	NA	49	NA	NA	6
8/21/98	56	NA	NA	40	NA	NA	4
8/19/98	39	NA	NA	57	NA	NA	4
7/12/98	54	NA	NA	40	NA	NA	6
5/12/98	54	NA	NA	42	NA	NA	4
4/4/98	55	NA	NA	39	NA	NA	6
2/18/98	56	NA	NA	41	NA	NA	3
1/30/98	60	NA	NA	35	NA	NA	6
1/25/98	54	NA	NA	42	NA	NA	5
1/24/98	51	NA	NA	44	NA	NA	5
1/19/98	59	NA	NA	35	NA	NA	6
1/12/98	59	NA	NA	33	NA	NA	7
10/13/97	59	NA	NA	37	NA	NA	4
9/10/97	57	NA	NA	38	NA	NA	5
3/9/97	60	NA	NA	38	NA	NA	3
9/4/96 RV	58	NA	NA	38	NA	NA	4
6/30/96	56	NA	NA	38	NA	NA	5
10/30/95	54	NA	NA	41	NA	NA	6
7/17/95	59	NA	NA	38	NA	NA	3
6/8/95	53	NA	NA	43	NA	NA	4
3/19/95	55	NA	NA	42	NA	NA	3
10/31/94	51	NA	NA	44	NA	NA	5
5/15/94	57	NA	NA	40	NA	NA	3
3/27/94	59	NA	NA	37	NA	NA	4
1/23/94	60	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	8
11/14/93	58	NA	NA	37	NA	NA	5
11/11/93	52	NA	NA	43	NA	NA	6
8/8/93	56	NA	NA	39	NA	NA	5
4/26/93	59	NA	NA	29	NA	NA	12
2/23/93	59	NA	NA	30	NA	NA	11
1/17/93	68	NA	NA	20	NA	NA	11
10/18/92 LV	56	NA	NA	36	NA	NA	8
9/27/92 LV	55	NA	NA	36	NA	NA	9
8/23/92 RV	54	NA	NA	36	NA	NA	10
7/19/92 RV	58	NA	NA	23	NA	NA	18
7/8/92	52	NA	NA	33	NA	NA	15

6/7/92	41	NA	NA	38	NA	NA	21
3/18/92	37	NA	NA	37	NA	NA	26
3/11/92	39	NA	NA	31	NA	NA	30
2/2/92	37	NA	NA	24	NA	NA	39
1/27/92	23	NA	NA	11	NA	NA	66
10/21/91	13	NA	NA	9	NA	NA	78
*Post poll							

5-8 Held for release.

9. How closely are you following the presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

	---- Closely ----			---- Not closely ----			No
	NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not too	At all	opinion
4/13/08	84	37	47	16	11	5	*
3/2/08	84	42	42	15	11	4	*
2/1/08	81	35	46	19	12	7	*
1/12/08	79	32	47	21	15	6	*
12/9/07	72	21	51	28	19	8	*
11/1/07	67	21	46	33	22	12	0
9/30/07	69	21	48	30	21	10	*
7/21/07	70	22	48	30	20	10	*
6/1/07	66	18	48	34	22	13	*
4/15/07	66	20	45	34	20	14	*
2/25/07	65	20	44	35	25	10	*
Early 2004:							
3/7/04	75	33	42	25	18	7	*
2/11/04	75	30	45	25	15	10	*
1/18/04	66	22	44	35	22	13	*
10/29/03	54	15	39	45	30	15	0
9/13/03	56	16	40	44	27	17	*
Early 2000:							
3/11/00	61	21	40	38	21	17	0
2/27/00	70	24	46	30	20	10	*
2/6/00	65	19	48	34	21	13	0
1/16/00	50	11	39	50	26	24	*
12/15/99	45	12	33	55	31	24	*
10/31/99	61	16	45	38	25	13	*

10. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) Who would you like to see win the Democratic nomination for president this year - (Hillary Clinton) or (Barack Obama)? Which candidate are you leaning toward?

NET LEANED VOTE

	Hillary Clinton	Barack Obama	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	41	51	1	2	5
3/2/08	43	50	1	3	2

Compare to:

(ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) If the Democratic presidential primary or caucus in your state were being held today, and the candidates were: (Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama), for whom would you vote?

NET LEANED VOTE - ALL LEANED DEMS

	-- 2008 --		----- 2007 -----							
	2/1	1/12	12/9	11/1	9/30	9/7	7/21	6/1	4/15	2/25
Hillary Clinton	47	41	52	49	53	41	45	42	41	43
Barack Obama	43	39	23	26	20	27	30	27	25	27
John Edwards	1	11	12	12	13	14	12	11	17	14
Other (vol.)	1	1	0	*	*	1	1	*	1	*
None (vol.)	2	2	2	1	4	4	2	4	3	4
Wouldn't vote (vol.)	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1
No opinion	5	4	3	2	2	5	2	6	5	4

\*Asked Dennis Kucinich 1/12 and previous, Bill Richardson, Joe Biden, and Chris Dodd 12/9 and previous, Mike Gravel 11/1 and previous, Al Gore 7/21 and previous, Wesley Clark 4/15 and previous, Tom Vilsack 2/25 and previous, John Kerry 1/19 and previous, Evan Bayh 12/11

11. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) Regardless of who you may support, who do you think (ITEM) - (Clinton) or (Obama)?

4/13/08 - Summary Table\*

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
a. is more honest and trustworthy	30	53	8	4	5
b. is the stronger leader	49	44	3	1	2
c. has the better chance of getting elected president in November 2008	31	62	1	2	3
d. better understands the problems of people like you	41	46	6	4	3
e. would do more to bring needed change to Washington	35	56	3	3	3
f. has better experience to be president	67	24	3	5	1

\*Item a asked of full sample, items b-d asked of half sample, items e-f asked of other half sample.

Trend where available:

a. is more honest and trustworthy

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	30	53	8	4	5

Compare to:

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	All (vol.)	Any 2 (vol.)	None (vol.)	No opinion
1/12/08	30	38	16	3	2	6	6
12/9/07	35	27	20	3	2	7	6
11/1/07	34	29	18	5	2	7	5
9/30/07	35	26	22	2	1	8	5
6/1/07	28	34	22	3	2	6	6
2/25/07	29	34	21	3	2	7	5

b. is the stronger leader

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	49	44	3	1	2
2/1/08	58	34	2	1	4

Compare to:

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	All (vol.)	Any 2 (vol.)	None (vol.)	No opinion
1/12/08	47	33	12	1	2	1	4
12/9/07	61	19	13	*	1	1	4
11/1/07	59	24	12	1	1	1	3
9/30/07	61	20	13	1	1	2	3
6/1/07	50	26	15	1	1	1	5
2/25/07	52	23	17	1	1	1	5

c. has the better chance of getting elected president in November

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	31	62	1	2	3
2/1/08	47	42	3	2	7

Compare to:

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	All (vol.)	Any 2 (vol.)	None (vol.)	No opinion
1/12/08	43	36	10	2	1	*	7
12/9/07	59	16	16	1	2	1	5
11/1/07	62	15	14	1	2	1	5
9/30/07	57	16	20	*	1	1	3
6/1/07	43	21	26	1	2	1	6
2/25/07	48	17	25	*	2	1	6

d. better understands the problems of people like you

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	41	46	6	4	3
2/1/08	48	41	5	2	4

Compare to:

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	All (vol.)	Any 2 (vol.)	None (vol.)	No opinion
1/12/08	40	34	15	1	2	4	4
12/9/07	48	25	16	1	1	3	4
6/1/07	38	33	18	2	1	4	5
2/25/07	39	31	20	1	1	3	4

e. would do more to bring needed change to Washington

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	35	56	3	3	3
2/1/08	42	49	3	2	3

Compare to:

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	All (vol.)	Any 2 (vol.)	None (vol.)	No opinion
1/12/08	41	40	10	*	2	2	4

f. has better experience to be president

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	67	24	3	5	1

Compare to:

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	All (vol.)	Any 2 (vol.)	None (vol.)	No opinion
1/12/08	71	11	9	2	1	2	4
12/9/07	73	8	13	1	*	1	3
6/1/07	66	9	19	1	1	2	3
2/25/07	71	5	17	1	1	2	3

12. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) Regardless of who you may support, who do you trust more to handle (ITEM) - (Clinton) or (Obama)?

4/13/08 - Summary Table\*

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. International trade agreements	47	43	2	2	5
b. The war in Iraq	46	46	4	2	2
c. The economy	45	48	4	2	1
d. Health care	51	41	3	2	2
e. The U.S. campaign against terrorism	47	42	5	3	3

\*Item a asked of full sample, items b-c asked of half sample, items d-e asked of other half sample.

Trend where available:

a. No trend.

b. The war in Iraq

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	46	46	4	2	2
2/1/08	48	40	6	3	3

Compare to:

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	All (vol.)	Any 2 (vol.)	None (vol.)	No opinion
1/12/08	40	36	12	1	2	4	6
12/9/07	51	26	14	2	1	2	4
9/30/07	52	22	17	1	*	4	5

c. The economy

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	45	48	4	2	1
2/1/08	52	38	4	1	5

Compare to:

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	All (vol.)	Any 2 (vol.)	None (vol.)	No opinion
1/12/08	46	33	13	1	1	2	4
12/9/07	58	18	16	2	1	1	4
9/30/07	56	17	17	1	1	3	4

d. Health care

Both      Neither      No

	Clinton	Obama	(vol.)	(vol.)	opinion
4/13/08	51	41	3	2	2
2/1/08	60	32	4	1	3

Compare to:

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	All (vol.)	Any 2 (vol.)	None (vol.)	No opinion
1/12/08	54	27	11	1	1	2	5
12/9/07	60	15	16	1	1	1	6
9/30/07	66	15	14	1	*	2	2

e. The U.S. campaign against terrorism

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	47	42	5	3	3

Compare to:

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	All (vol.)	Any 2 (vol.)	None (vol.)	No opinion
1/12/08	43	34	11	2	1	3	7
12/9/07	50	23	15	3	2	2	6
9/30/07	51	20	19	1	*	3	6

13. (AMONG CLINTON SUPPORTERS) If Obama wins the Democratic nomination, would you say you'd definitely vote for him in November, probably vote for him, probably not vote for him, or definitely not vote for him?

	NET	Will vote for Definitely	Probably	NET	Will not vote for Probably	Definitely	No opinion
4/13/08	61	29	31	35	17	19	4

14. (AMONG OBAMA SUPPORTERS) If Clinton wins the Democratic nomination, would you say you'd definitely vote for her in November, probably vote for her, probably not vote for her, or definitely not vote for her?

	NET	Will vote for Definitely	Probably	NET	Will not vote for Probably	Definitely	No opinion
4/13/08	61	29	32	38	18	20	1

15. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) Overall, in the Democratic campaign so far, do you think Clinton and Obama have focused more on (discussing real issues) or on (arguing about things that really aren't that important)?

	Discussing real issues	Arguing about things that aren't important	No opinion
4/13/08	45	49	5

Compare to:

(AMONG LEANED DEMOCRATS) Overall, in the presidential campaign so far, do you think the candidates have focused more on (discussing real issues) or on (arguing about things that really aren't that important)?

	Discussing real issues	Arguing about things that aren't important	No opinion
2/1/08	39	57	4

16. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) How would you describe the tone of the Democratic campaign so far? Would you say it has been mostly (positive) or mostly (negative) in tone?

	Mostly positive	Mostly negative	About equal (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	53	41	4	2
2/1/08	64	27	5	4

16a. (IF MOSTLY NEGATIVE) Which campaign do you mainly blame for that?

	Clinton's	Obama's	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	52	14	25	4	5
2/1/08	48	17	28	4	2

16/16a NET

	Mostly positive	NET	Mostly negative Clinton	Mostly negative Obama	Both	Neither	About equal (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	53	41	21	6	10	1	4	2
2/1/08	64	27	13	5	8	1	5	4

17. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) Some people say the length of the Democratic race (is bad for the Democrats because they're attacking each other and spending money on the primary campaign rather than focusing on the November election). Others say it (is good for the Democrats because it's energizing Democratic voters keeping the attention on their side). What's your opinion - do you think the length of the Democratic contest is [good] for the Democrats, [bad] for the Democrats, or won't make much difference in the end?

	Good	Bad	No difference	No opinion
4/13/08	17	32	50	1

18. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) The Democratic nomination may be decided by so-called "super delegates" who can pick any candidate they choose. Do you think the super delegates should support the candidate who won the most (delegates) in primaries and caucuses; the candidate who won the most (overall votes); or the candidate they think is best, regardless of either delegate or vote totals?

	Delegates	Overall votes	Candidate they think is best	No opinion
4/13/08	13	46	37	4

19. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS WHO SAY DELEGATES/VOTES) Is that the candidate who won the most (delegates/votes) in all primaries and caucuses, or the most (delegates/votes) in the super delegate's own home state?

	Most in all	Most in home state	No opinion
4/13/08	75	22	2

18/19 NET

	NET	Delegates All	Delegates Home state	NET	Overall votes All	Overall votes Home state	Best cand.	No op.
4/13/08	13	9	3	46	35	10	37	4



20. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) What's more important to you - that (the candidate you support wins the nomination, even if the race goes on into the summer); or that (the race ends as soon as possible, even if your candidate loses the nomination)?

	Candidate wins	Race ends	No opinion
4/13/08	53	41	6

21. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) As you may know, the Pennsylvania Democratic primary will be held later this month. If Clinton loses in Pennsylvania, should she (stay in the race), or (drop out)?

	Stay in the race	Drop out	No opinion
4/13/08	55	43	2

Compare to:

(ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) As you may know, the Texas and Ohio Democratic primaries will be held next Tuesday. If Clinton wins one of these primaries but loses the other, should she (stay in the race), or (drop out)?

	Stay in the race	Drop out	No opinion
3/2/08	67	29	4

(ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) If Clinton loses both the Texas and Ohio primaries, should she (stay in the race), or (drop out)?

	Stay in the race	Drop out	No opinion
3/2/08	45	51	4

22. If the 2008 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (John McCain, the Republican) and (Hillary Clinton, the Democrat), for whom would you vote?

NET LEANED VOTE

	McCain	Clinton	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	48	45	1	3	2	1
3/2/08	44	50	*	3	2	1
2/1/08	49	46	*	2	1	2
11/1/07	43	52	1	2	1	1
1/19/07	45	50	*	3	1	1

23. If the 2008 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (John McCain, the Republican) and (Barack Obama, the Democrat), for whom would you vote?

NET LEANED VOTE

	McCain	Obama	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	44	49	*	3	3	2
3/2/08	40	52	*	3	2	3
2/1/08	46	49	*	2	1	3
1/19/07	45	47	*	3	1	3

24. Overall, do you think (ITEM) would help or hurt [his/her] ability to serve effectively as president? Would it help/hurt a great deal or somewhat?

a. Obama's level of experience

	----- Help -----			----- Hurt -----			No diff.	No
	NET	Great deal	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Great deal	(vol.)	opinion
4/13/08	38	16	22	51	26	25	6	6

b. Clinton's political style

	----- Help -----			----- Hurt -----			No diff.	No
	NET	Great deal	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Great deal	(vol.)	opinion
4/13/08	44	19	25	49	21	28	2	5

c. McCain's temperament

	----- Help -----			----- Hurt -----			No diff.	No
	NET	Great deal	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Great deal	(vol.)	opinion
4/13/08	37	11	25	48	28	20	7	9

25. If nominated and elected, John McCain would be the first person to become president at age 72. Does that make you (more) or (less) enthusiastic about his candidacy, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	More enthusiastic	Less enthusiastic	Wouldn't make a difference	No opinion
4/13/08	3	26	70	1
3/2/08	4	27	67	1
1/12/08	3	31	64	1

26. 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
4/13/08	49	43	6	1	1
3/2/08	45	46	7	1	1
2/1/08	51	39	7	1	1
1/12/08	47	43	9	*	1
12/9/07	54	38	6	*	1
11/1/07	49	41	8	1	1
9/30/07	52	40	7	1	1
7/21/07	50	41	6	*	2

27. As you may know there has been some controversy lately over the preaching of Reverend Jeremiah Wright, who has been Barack Obama's minister. In terms of distancing himself from Wright's comments, do you think Obama has done (too much), (too little) or about the right amount?

	Too much	Too little	Right amount	No opinion
4/13/08	5	30	59	7

28. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) How concerned are you that the Republicans would be able to use Wright's comments effectively against Obama in a general election campaign - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned or not concerned at all?

	----- Concerned -----			----- Not concerned -----			
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	No opinion
4/13/08	47	15	32	51	21	30	2

29. Please tell me if the following statements apply to Hillary Clinton or not:  
She is honest and trustworthy.

	Yes	No	No opinion
4/13/08	39	58	3
5/15/06	52	42	6

30-31 Held for release.

32 Previously released.

33-34 Held for release.

35. Thinking ahead to the next presidential election, do you think a  
(Democratic) or a (Republican) president would do a better job [ITEM]?

a. resolving the situation in Iraq

	Democratic	Republican	Depends (vol.)	No diff. (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	52	35	2	7	4
9/30/07	51	31	6	8	4

b. handling the economy

	Democratic	Republican	Depends (vol.)	No diff. (vol.)	No opinion
4/13/08	55	34	2	6	4

36-42 Previously released.

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