

ELECTION 2008 - RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

REPUBLICAN PARTY	LATEST POLL RESULTS*	WAR IN IRAQ	CLIMATE CHANGE	STRENGTHS	WEAKNESS
Rudy Giuliani (R)  Ex-Mayor, NY	1st favored by 34% of GOP voters.	Supported invasion, supports troop increase.	The former New York Mayor said "I do believe there's global warming" and cited the "overwhelming number of scientists" that now believe there is significant human cause. Al Gore's documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" frightens people but "doesn't recommend solutions," he said.	Known as "America's Mayor" for handling of 9/11.	Stance on social issues, private sector business, personal life plagued with scandal.
John McCain (R)  Senator, AZ	2nd favored by 27% of GOP voters	Voted to authorize invasion; opposes specific timetable for withdrawal of troops, emphasizes support of Iraqi government.	Introduced a bill in the Senate to set mandatory caps on greenhouse gas emissions and a cap-and-trade system. Supports raising miles-per-gallon rules. Opposes public subsidies for corn-based ethanol.	GOP frontrunner, worked hard to earn support from the party's right wing.	Aura of independence and sincerity has begun to erode in conspicuous attempts to woo hard-line conservatives.
Mitt Romney (R)  Governor, MA	Tied for 3rd, favored by 9% of GOP voters	Supported invasion; supports president's plan to increase troops but wants objectives clarified.	Supports energy independence from foreign oil and drilling in ANWR. Has dismissed the idea of a carbon tax and said "global warming is something the scientists haven't entirely resolved."	Money organization, goes to the right of McCain on immigration and interrogation.	His faith (Mormon) might not resonate with GOP base.
Tommy Thompson (R)  Ex-Governor, WI	Favored by 1% of GOP voters	Supported invasion, now opposes troop increase but does not favor date for withdrawal. Supports dividing country along sectarian lines and sharing oil revenue.	Supports President Bush's plan to reduce the reliance on gasoline and fuel by 20% by 2018. Thompson supports "meaningful investments in ethanol and other alternative energy sources."	Resonates with conservative Democrats.	Low name recognition, organization and funding.
Sam Brownback (R)  Senator, KS	Favored by 1% of GOP voters	Voted for invasion, unwilling to call the vote a mistake. Does not support troop increase.	Mentioned the need to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in announcing his candidacy. Won't use the term "global warming" but recognizes "climate increase and temperature change."	Card-carrying religious conservative in line with party base, avoids one-dimensional image by opposing Bush policy.	Suffers from media bias against pro-life candidates, opposes embryonic stem cell research.
Duncan Hunter (R)  Rep. CA	Favored by less than .5% of GOP voters	Voted to authorize invasion; supports Bush troop increase.	Supports federally-funded government subsidies for increasing ethanol production.	Voting record which appeals to defense and immigration hardliners.	Lacks organization, money and visibility in early nominating states.
Jim Gilmore (R)  Former Governor, VA	Favored by 1% of GOP voters	Hedges on whether he supported invasion; opposes troop increase.	Former Virginia Governor supports energy independence from foreign oil, increases in domestic energy production and expanding use of alternative fuels like ethanol. Wants "the long-range development of hydrogen power for vehicles."	From a state the GOP would like to reclaim, good national security credentials.	Unknown outside of Virginia and party.
Newt Gingrich (R)  Former Speaker, GA	Tied for 3rd, favored by 9% of GOP voters	Supported initial invasion, disagreed with war's execution; supports 30,000 troop increase if Congress supports.	Believes more research is necessary on climate change and says the Kyoto Agreement is "a bad treaty". The greatest dangers to biodiversity on the planet today are poor people cutting down tropical forests for money and killing endangered species for meat," he says on his website.	Rock star among conservative activists for leading party to power in '94 to reclaim control of Congress.	Associated with leading role in impeachment of President Clinton, plagued with ethics violations.

 Chuck Hagel (R) Senator, Neb	Favored by less than .5% of GOP voters	Voted to authorize invasion. Highly critical of conduct of war; calling for phased withdrawal of troops.	The moderate GOP Senator from Nebraska wants to expand the availability of alternative fuels, such as ethanol to reduce dependence on foreign sources of energy.	Decorated Vietnam vet, has appeal as an independent-minded conservative.	Public speaking style, lags behind top-tier candidates in fundraising and organization.
 Mike Huckabee (R) Governor Ark	Favored by 1% of GOP voters	Supports Bush troop increase plan, saying "we're there for the long haul".	Arkansas' former governor greenhouse gas emissions must be controlled through the innovations of the private-sector.	Personable, feel-good candidate of 2008.	Lags in fundraising and organization.
 George Pataki (R) Governor, NY	4th, favored by 2% of GOP voters	Supported initial invasion of Iraq but now says he hopes troops could begin to come home in a year.	Former New York Gov. George E. Pataki set ambitious goals of reducing carbon emissions in his state when he was Governor.	Three-time Republican-elected governor of blue state.	Did not leave office with high approval ratings.
 Tom Tancredo (R) Rep, CO	Favored by 1% of GOP voters	Voted to authorize invasion, opposes troop increase, supports phased withdrawal.	The Colorado congressman is not convinced that science has proved humans are contributing to global warming. Supports drilling in ANWR for energy independence. Does not support a national policy requiring the reductions of greenhouse gas emissions.	Hard-liner on immigration, distinctive immigration voice in the party.	Not well-known, lacking money and organization.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY	LATEST POLL RESULTS*	WAR IN IRAQ	CLIMATE CHANGE	STRENGTHS	WEAKNESS
 Hillary Clinton (D) Senator, NY	1st 41% of Dem. voters	Voted to authorize invasion, now says vote was based on bad intelligence. Proposes troop cap at Jan. 1, 2007, level. Vows to end the war if elected president.	Supports reducing carbon dioxide emission, federal investment in renewable energy, carbon sequestration, and a market-based the emissions reduction approach. Supports funding for research and development of advanced clean coal technologies.	Vast organization power, Bill Clinton, worked hard to be bipartisan in the Senate.	Polarizing reputation, vote to authorize troops could haunt her.
 Barack Obama (D) Senator, IL	2nd 17% of Dem. voters	Spoke against invasion before elected to Senate. Opposes troop increase. Supports withdrawal of all combat brigades by March 2008.	Focused on speeding up the development of renewable fuels and expanding ethanol production. Supports McCain's cap-and-trade system for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Supports development of a coal-to-liquid fuels industry.	Thrilling speaker, prodigious fundraiser, promotes bipartisanship.	Only been in Senate since 2005, substantive policy message yet to be seen.
 John Edwards (D) Ex- Senator, NC	3rd 11% of Dem. voters	Voted to authorize invasion, says he regrets it. Supports immediate withdrawal of 40,000 troops. Wants Congress to block funding for surge.	Ranks global warming as one of his top three issues. Announced he will be running a "carbon neutral" campaign and that his staff will be purchasing carbon offsets for the energy he uses while campaigning. Has given up his SUV for a hybrid one.	Former VP running mate, vocal on poverty, aggressive critic of Bush administration.	Lacks practical governmental experience, fundraising could be a question mark.
 Joe Biden (D) Senator, DE	5th place, favored by 3% of Dem. voters	Voted for invasion; opposes troop increase as well as date-certain withdrawal. Says U.S. can be out by 2008. Wants to divide Iraq along sectarian lines while sharing oil revenue.	Introduced a resolution calling for the U.S. to return to international negotiations on climate change that President Bush has spurned.	Best foreign policy resume in the race, one of war's most outspoken critics, blunt manner.	Famous for enjoying the sound of his own voice.

<p>Wesley Clark (D)</p>  <p>General</p>	<p>Favored by 1% of Dem voters</p>	<p>Said he would have never voted for the war. Opposes troop increase.</p>	<p>His pollution plan would crack down on electric power plants and "use American technology and know-how to clean our air while creating jobs."</p>	<p>Military experience that most candidates can only dream of.</p>	<p>Struggled with consistency in answering questions during his 2004 bid.</p>
<p>Chris Dodd (D)</p>  <p>Senator, DE</p>	<p>Favored by less than .5% of Dem. voters</p>	<p>Voted to authorize invasion; has called vote a mistake. Favors Senate vote on re-authorizing U. S. military effort. Opposed nonbinding Senate resolution disapproving of surge.</p>	<p>Supports a national program requiring reductions of U. S. greenhouse gas emissions and research to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies.</p>	<p>Positioned as an experienced fresh face, fluent in Spanish.</p>	<p>Doesn't hold executive accomplishments and voted in favor of Iraq War.</p>
<p>Al Gore (D)</p>  <p>Former Vice President</p>	<p>4th, favored by 10% of Dem. voters</p>	<p>Publicly opposed invasion before the start of the war. Wants troops home "as soon as possible."</p>	<p>The former vice-president's Oscar-winning documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" warns about the dangers of global warming and climate change.</p>	<p>Reinvented himself since 2000, internationally-respected environmental crusader.</p>	<p>Gore 2.0 could lapse into Gore 1.0.</p>
<p>Dennis Kucinich (D)</p>  <p>Representative, OH</p>	<p>Favored by 1% of Dem. voters</p>	<p>Opposed the invasion; opposes increase. Co-sponsored bill to cut off war funds.</p>	<p>Supports the Kyoto Agreement and the federal subsidization of new energy technologies such as wind, solar, hydrogen, geothermal and biomass.</p>	<p>Idealistic, passionate and able to woo di-hards, refuses to cede spotlight to more popular candidates.</p>	<p>Often dismissed for cosmetic reasons, time as former Cleveland mayor extremely tumultuous.</p>
<p>Bill Richardson (D)</p>  <p>Governor, NM</p>	<p>Favored by 1% of Dem. voters</p>	<p>Opposes troop increase; wants Congress to withdraw its authorization and troops by December 2007.</p>	<p>Bill Clinton's former energy secretary sets a goal of reducing oil imports by 40 percent and replacing liquid fuels with biofuels by 2025. He calls for a 75 percent reduction in greenhouse gases by 2050. Would promote tax breaks for the construction of energy efficient buildings, offer tax credits for hybrid cars and public transportation, and create a system of tradable energy credits to encourage private investment in alternative energy technologies.</p>	<p>Dynamic resume, strong record as governor.</p>	<p>Reputation for showboating and embellishment.</p>

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