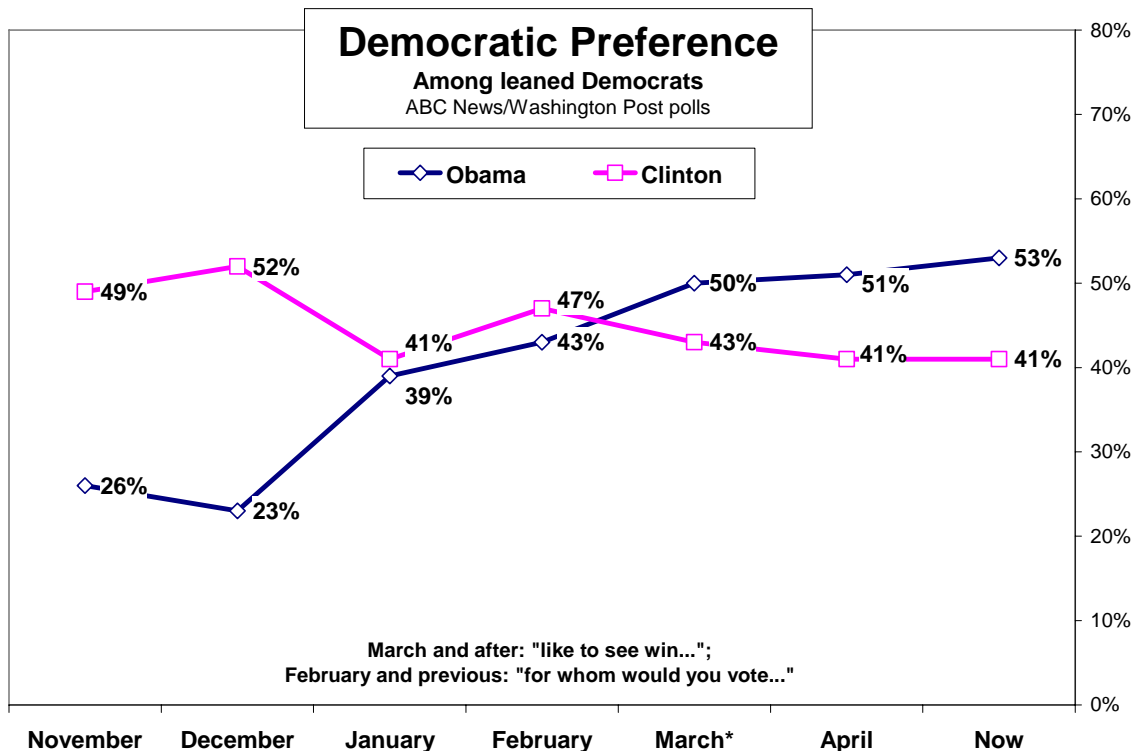


No Rush for Clinton to Go, But it's Still Advantage Obama

Pushing back against political punditry, more than six in 10 Democrats say there's no rush for Hillary Clinton to leave the presidential race – even as Barack Obama consolidates his support for the nomination and scores solidly in general-election tests.

Despite Obama's advantage in delegates and popular vote, 64 percent of Democrats in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll say Clinton should remain in the race. Even among Obama's supporters, 42 percent say so.

That's not a majority endorsement of Clinton's candidacy; Democrats by a 12-point margin would rather see Obama as the nominee, a lead that's held steadily in ABC/Post polls since early March. Instead it reflects a rejection of the notion that the drawn-out contest will hurt the party's prospects. Seventy-one percent think it'll either make no difference in November (56 percent) or actually help the party (15 percent).



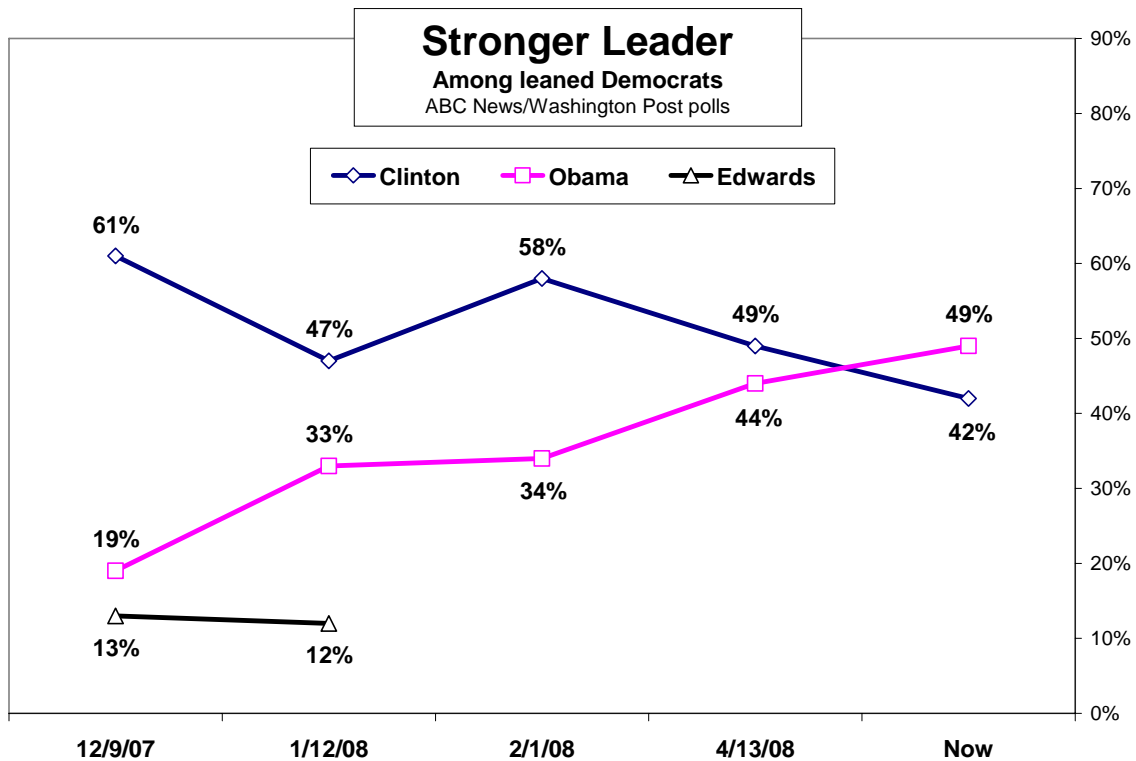
Those views correspond with opinions on Clinton continuing her candidacy. And in a related result, 85 percent of Democrats (including Democratic-leaning independents) are

confident the party would come together behind Obama as the nominee – though fewer, 45 percent, are “very” confident of it. That underscores the importance of the endgame for the party’s prospects.

The second slot is one possibility: Clinton continues as the preferred choice as Obama’s running mate, with 39 percent of Democrats saying they’d like him to pick her if he’s the nominee. That peaks at 59 percent of African-Americans, 47 percent of Clinton supporters and 42 percent of women (vs. 34 percent of men).

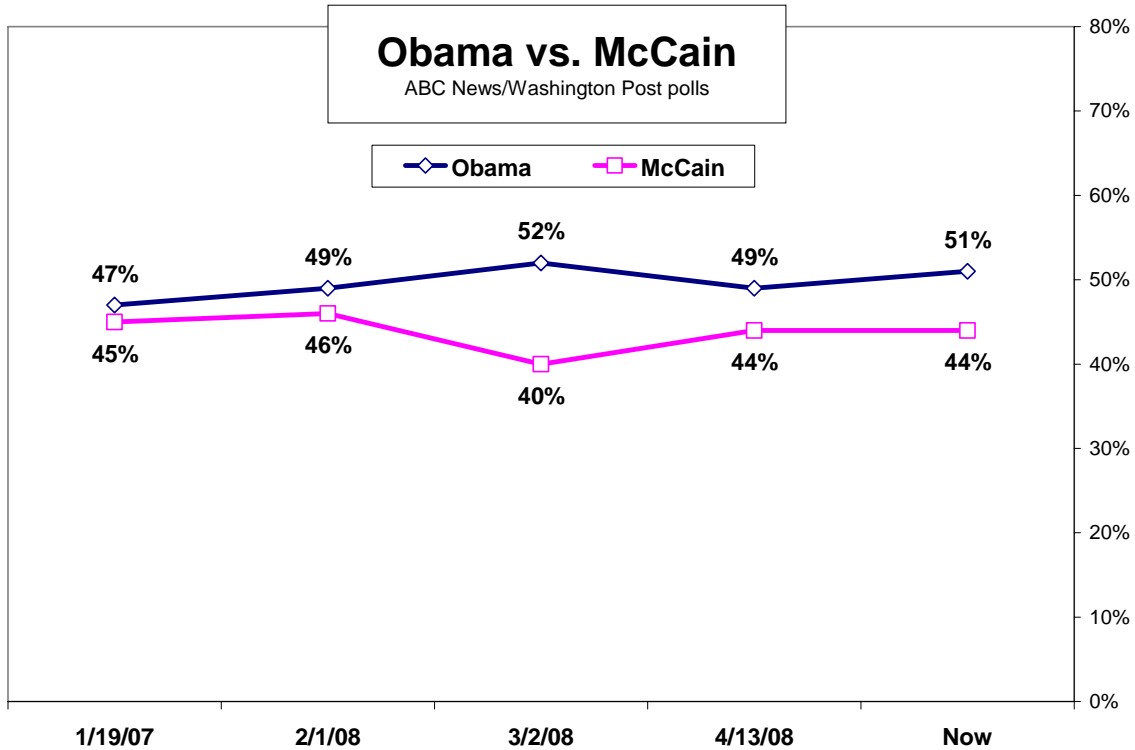
There’s also an indication that Clinton on the ticket would be a slight net plus in the general election: Among all Americans, more say having her run with Obama would make them more likely to vote Democratic (25 percent) than to vote Republican (18 percent). The rest (54 percent) say it wouldn’t make a difference in their choice.

OBAMA and NOVEMBER – For his part, Obama, who surpassed Clinton on electability last month, now has knocked down another of her campaign’s tent posts, for the first time slipping ahead of her as the “stronger leader.” Her sole remaining advantage is on experience – a challenge in a contest in which Obama’s theme of “change” has far outstripped experience as the attribute of top concern to Democrats.



In general election matchups, Obama leads McCain by 51-44 percent, similar to the last two ABC/Post polls. Standings in a Clinton vs. McCain race are 49-46 percent, again roughly similar to previous ABC/Post results.

About a quarter of Clinton supporters (26 percent) say they'd favor John McCain over Obama, and about as many Obama supporters (22 percent) say they'd take McCain over Clinton. However that's a measure taken in the heat of Democratic battle; again, how the race ends, and goes forward toward November, likely will count for much.

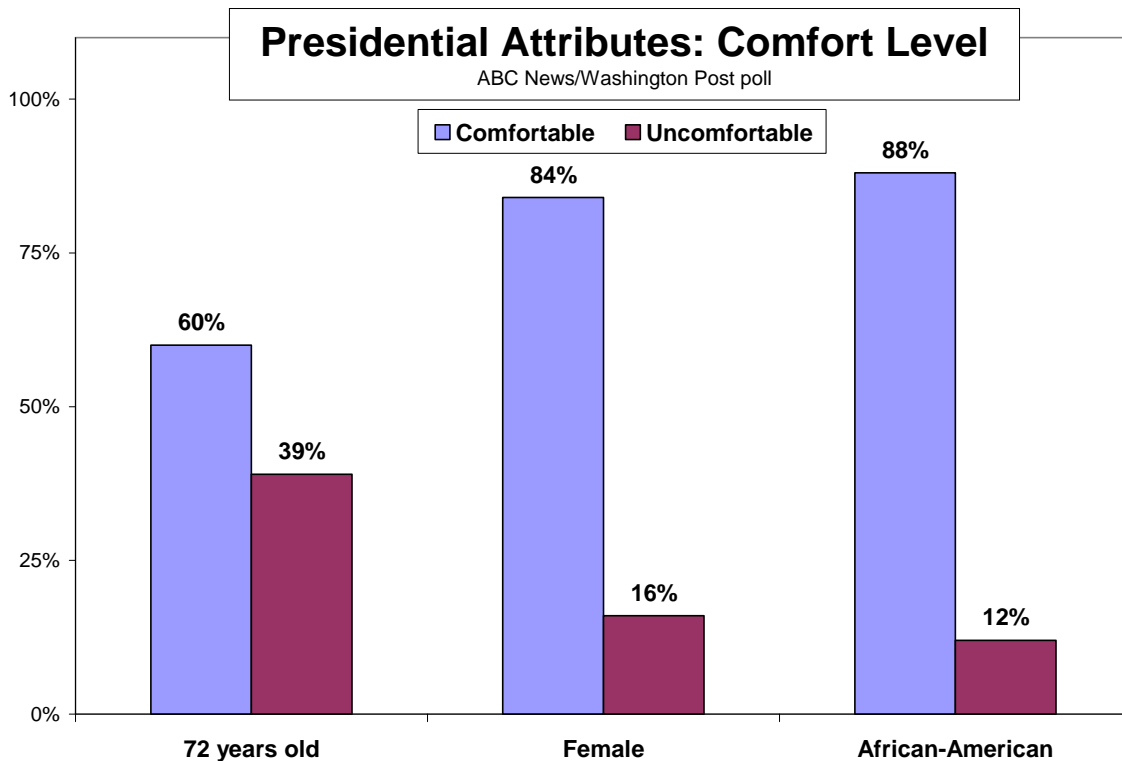


Indeed, relatively few mainstream Democrats (as opposed to independents) say they'd cross over (13 and 10 percent, respectively). And as many Republicans say they'd defect the other way – 10 percent for Clinton if she faced McCain; 15 percent for Obama vs. McCain.

	Obama-McCain	Clinton-McCain
Democrats	81-13%	85-10%
Independents	51-42	46-49
Republicans	15-83	10-87

FACTORS – Age continues to look like a major hurdle for McCain. Thirty-nine percent of Americans say they'd be uncomfortable with a president first taking office at age 72, far more than say they'd be uncomfortable with a woman (16 percent) or African-American (12 percent) as president.

The greatest risk of losing votes is among those who are “entirely” uncomfortable with the idea; that's 15 percent for a 72-year-old president, vs. 6 and 7 percent, respectively, for a black or female president. Slightly more seniors say they'd be entirely uncomfortable with a president that age, 20 percent, as do adults under 65, 14 percent.



While overall discomfort with an African-American president is much lower, it rises among less-educated whites – the same group that’s been a challenge for Obama in the Democratic primaries. Among whites who haven’t gone through college, 17 percent say they’d be at least somewhat uncomfortable with a black president; that compares with just 4 percent of white college graduates. Clinton may face a similar problem, however; less-educated whites also are more apt to be uncomfortable with a woman president (21 percent, vs. 7 percent of white college graduates).

This poll – like the last ABC/Post survey – finds no apparent damage to Obama in the controversy over his former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright. Six in 10 Americans, and 73 percent of Democrats, say Obama has done “the right amount” to distance himself from Wright, rather than too little or too much.

In another measure, 26 percent say the more they hear about Obama the more they like him – more than say that about Clinton (15 percent) or McCain (14 percent). Obama’s the only one among them to have gained as much as he’s lost in the recent public glare.

	The more you hear...		
	Like more	Like less	No change
Obama	26%	24	49
Clinton	15	23	61
McCain	14	20	64

McCain – In other signs of difficulties for McCain, Obama leads him in trust to handle the public’s top issue, the economy, by 10 points; in trust to handle gasoline prices, by 20 points; and in trust to handle health care, by 24 points. On personal attributes Obama leads by wide margins as being better able to bring needed change, having the better temperament for the job, better empathy and a clearer vision for the future.

	Preference on attributes	
	Obama	McCain
Bring needed change	59%	29
Better temperament	56	32
Better understands your problems	54	35
Vision for the future	54	34
Stronger leader	42	46
Better ethics	42	41
Knows world affairs	24	65
Better experience	18	71

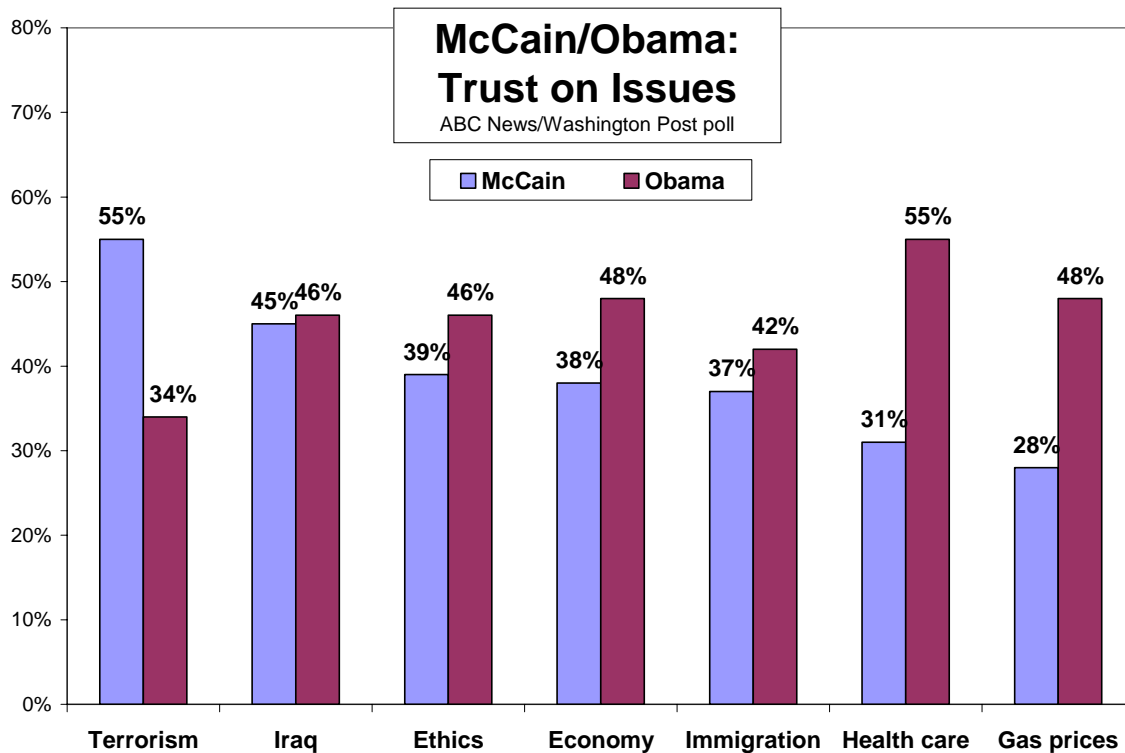
McCain also could suffer from the broader public discontent, generally and with George W. Bush in particular. Public disgruntlement neared a record high in this poll, with 82 percent of Americans saying the country’s seriously off on the wrong track, up 10 points in the past year to a point from its record high in polls since 1973. And Bush slipped to his career low approval rating, 31 percent. (Separate story at abcnews.com/pollingunit.)

In a related result, the Democratic Party in general leads the Republicans in trust to handle the main issues the nation faces, by 53-32 percent – the biggest gap in favor of the Democrats in data since 1982. The question, again, is whether that fades in Bush’s wake.

There’s less consensus among Republicans about McCain’s vice presidential choice than there is among Democrats on Obama’s, if he’s the nominee. Among Republicans, 12 percent prefer Mitt Romney to run with McCain; 7 percent are for Mike Huckabee, down from 17 percent in early March. Five percent favor Condoleezza Rice.

PUSH BACK – There are significant areas in which McCain can push back against Obama. After a five-year decline prompted by the unpopular president and the war in Iraq, there’s been a recovery this year in Republican affiliation – possibly the precursor of post-Bush politics. The change is slight but bears watching: On average in ABC/Post polls this year 28 percent of Americans have identified themselves as Republicans, compared with a 24-year low of 25 percent last year. It peaked at 31 percent in 2003.

Also, in head-to-head matchups against Obama, McCain scores very well in experience, knowledge of world affairs and trust to handle terrorism; he’s roughly even with Obama on leadership, ethics and trust to handle the war in Iraq, and he’s closed the gap on immigration.



As well as immigration, McCain has gained ground on some personal attributes. Compared with early March he's advanced by 10 points in his rating as having higher personal and ethical standards and by 6 points as better understanding "the problems of people like you." He's lost 5, though, as the stronger leader

Most fundamentally, the country's roughly divided on whether "strength and experience" or "new ideas and a new direction" are more important in the presidential election. Currently "strength and experience" voters favor McCain by 68-27 percent, while those more concerned with "new ideas and a new direction" favor Obama by an even broader margin, 79-18 percent. Just as these choices have driven the Democratic nominating contest, so they likely will in the general election.

METHODOLOGY - This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone May 8-11, 2008, among a random national sample of 1,122 adults, including an oversample of African Americans (weighted to their correct share of the national population), for a total of 206 black respondents. The results from the full survey have a 3-point error margin; among the 620 leaned Democrats it's 4 points. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, PA.

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

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1-2 previously released.

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

	----- 2008 -----				----- 2007 -----		
	5/11	4/13	2/1	1/12	12/9	11/1	9/7
Iraq/War in Iraq	21	18	19	20	23	29	35
Terrorism/National security	4	5	5	4	9	5	6
Economy/Jobs	36	41	39	29	24	14	11
Education	2	2	2	2	1	2	1
Environment	1	*	1	1	1	2	1
Health care	6	7	8	10	10	13	13
Ethics/Honesty/Corruption in government	3	4	4	5	4	4	6
Immigration/Illegal immigration	2	4	4	4	5	5	5
Abortion	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Morals/Family values	2	2	2	2	3	3	2
Federal budget deficit	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Housing/Mortgages	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Global warming	0	0	*	*	*	*	*
Social Security	*	*	*	1	1	2	1
Foreign policy	1	1	1	2	1	2	1
Iran/Situation in Iran	*	0	0	*	0	*	0
Taxes	2	*	1	1	1	1	1
Guns/Gun control	1	*	*	*	*	0	0
Gas/Oil prices/Energy	2	1	*	1	0	0	0
None/Nothing	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Other	7	7	6	10	7	9	7
No opinion	6	5	7	7	7	8	9

4. Overall, which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
5/11/08	53	32	2	10	2
10/8/06	54	35	2	7	2
9/7/06	47	38	1	10	4
6/25/06	48	38	1	10	3
5/15/06	50	36	1	11	3
4/9/06	51	37	1	9	2
3/5/06	42	40	2	14	2
1/26/06	51	37	1	8	3
12/18/05	47	42	1	8	2
11/2/05	49	37	3	9	3
6/5/05	46	41	1	9	2
8/11/03	39	40	3	10	7

12/15/02	41	44	2	11	2
10/27/02 LV	39	51	2	5	2
9/26/02	39	46	3	8	4
7/15/02	42	45	2	7	4
1/27/02	40	44	3	10	4
4/22/01	47	40	4	7	3
7/23/00	42	42	2	9	6
9/2/99	45	39	4	9	4
6/6/99	45	35	3	13	5
3/14/99	47	37	5	9	3
2/14/99	48	37	4	7	4
10/18/98	44	36	3	12	6
9/28/98	49	38	2	8	3
8/21/98	48	36	4	9	3
7/12/98	45	38	3	8	6
1/31/98	47	37	4	6	7
1/19/98	45	42	2	7	4
7/8/97	44	37	2	14	3
9/15/96 RV	45	38	3	11	3
8/5/96	43	38	3	11	3
6/30/96	46	37	3	12	3
5/22/96	47	38	3	10	3
11/6/94 RV	41	39	2	12	6
10/31/94	43	43	2	8	4
10/23/94	39	40	3	15	3
9/11/94	43	40	4	11	3
6/26/94	41	36	3	14	5
2/27/94	46	32	4	16	3
11/14/93	42	39	3	11	4
1/17/93	49	28	5	13	5
7/8/92	48	38	1	8	4
6/7/92	43	37	3	11	6
3/11/92	45	37	1	11	5
3/8/92	51	36	1	7	5
2/2/92	49	39	2	7	3
12/15/91	39	37	3	15	6
10/21/91	39	40	3	13	5
6/2/91	37	42	5	10	6
3/4/91	34	47	5	9	5
11/4/90 LV	42	40	3	11	4
10/14/90	46	41	1	8	4
5/21/90	41	45	3	8	2
1/16/90	38	50	3	6	3
8/21/89	42	43	4	9	2
10/10/88 RV	45	45	1	4	5
8/17/88	40	43	2	8	8
8/14/88	47	36	1	11	5
7/20/88	51	36	1	7	6
7/17/88	43	39	1	10	7
5/25/88	45	40	2	7	7
5/21/88	45	42	1	7	4
1/23/88	43	44	1	9	2
12/17/87	49	39	1	6	5
10/19/87	44	43	2	8	3
6/1/87	47	41	3	6	3
3/9/87	47	38	3	9	3
1/18/87	46	38	3	8	6
9/8/86	38	47	2	8	5
6/23/86	41	46	2	8	4
3/24/86	40	46	NA	8	7
2/12/86	40	46	2	8	5
10/28/85	37	45	NA	11	7
9/23/85	39	45	NA	10	6

7/29/85	41	43	NA	10	6
6/22/85	36	47	10	NA	6
2/26/85	40	52	5	NA	3
1/16/85	33	49	11	NA	7
7/8/84	44	43	9	NA	5
5/22/84	41	40	12	NA	7
2/15/84	41	45	8	NA	6
1/17/84	42	37	11	NA	10
12/13/83	38	38	14	NA	10
8/1/83	45	36	9	2	8
10/11/82	44	38	10	NA	9
9/13/82	45	37	10	NA	8

5. 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
5/11/08	83	39	44	17	13	5	0
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:							
5/23/04	74	33	41	26	17	9	*
4/18/04	75	30	45	25	16	9	0
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:							
4/2/00	53	17	36	47	24	23	0
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	*
7/17/95	36	7	29	63	33	31	*
7/8/92	76	28	48	24	16	8	*
1/27/92	51	14	37	48	25	23	1
5/25/88	76	25	51	25	19	6	*
8/23/87	50	9	41	49	31	18	*
6/1/87	50	11	39	49	32	17	*

6. (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 SUPPORT

	Hillary Clinton	Barack Obama	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
5/11/08	41	53	*	4	2
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 1/12 and previous, 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

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

5/11/08 - Summary Table

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. has the better chance of getting elected president in November	26	62	6	2	4
b. is the stronger leader	42	49	5	2	3
c. has better experience to be president	65	24	5	4	2

Trend:

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

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
5/11/08	26	62	6	2	4
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

b. is the stronger leader

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
5/11/08	42	49	5	2	3
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 better experience to be president

	Clinton	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
5/11/08	65	24	5	4	2
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

8. 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
5/11/08	46	49	*	2	1	1
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

9. 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
5/11/08	44	51	*	3	1	1
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

10. (IF NAMED CANDIDATE) Would you definitely vote for (CANDIDATE), 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?

5/11/08 - Summary Table

	Definitely vote for	-Chance change mind - NET	Good	Unlikely	No opinion
John McCain	66	32	17	15	2
Barack Obama	71	26	13	13	3

11. 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
5/11/08	47	43	9	1	1
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

12. Regardless of who you may support, would you say the more you hear about [CANDIDATE] the (more you like {him/her}), the more you hear about {him/her} the (less you like {him/her}), or has your opinion about {him/her} not changed lately one way or the other?

5/11/08 - Summary Table

	More you like	Less you like	Opinion not changed	No opinion
a. Obama	26	24	49	2
b. Clinton	15	23	61	1
c. McCain	14	20	64	2

13. If you honestly assessed yourself, thinking in general about (ITEM), is that something you'd be entirely comfortable with, somewhat comfortable, somewhat uncomfortable or entirely uncomfortable?

5/11/08 - Summary Table

	--- Comfortable ---			-- Uncomfortable--			No opinion
	NET	Ent.	Smwt.	NET	Smwt.	Ent.	
a. a woman president of the United States	84	62	22	16	9	7	*
b. an African-American president of the United States	88	66	22	12	6	6	1
c. someone entering office as president of the United States at							

Al Gore	2	1
Anthony Zinni	0	*
Bill Richardson	3	3
Chris Dodd	0	*
Colin Powell	*	*
Evan Bayh	*	*
Hillary Clinton	39	36
Janet Napolitano	0	0
Jim Webb	1	*
John Edwards	10	11
Joe Biden	*	1
Joe Lieberman	*	*
Kathleen Sebelius	*	*
Mark Warner	0	0
Mike Bloomberg	*	*
Sam Nunn	*	*
Ted Strickland	0	*
Tim Kaine	0	0
Tom Daschle	*	*
Tom Vilsack	0	0
Wesley Clark	0	*
Other	4	8
None	*	
Up to him (vol.)	4	5
No opinion	36	34

18. If Obama is the presidential nominee, would having Hillary Clinton as his vice presidential running-mate make you more likely to vote for the Democratic ticket in November, more likely to vote for the Republican ticket, or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote?

	Democratic ticket	Republican ticket	Wouldn't make much difference	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
5/11/08	25	18	54	3	1

19. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Who would you like McCain to choose as his vice presidential running-mate?

	5/11/08	3/2/08
Bobby Jindal	0	0
Charlie Crist	*	*
Chuck Hagel	0	*
Colin Powell	3	2
Condoleezza Rice	5	3
Fred Thompson	1	2
Jeb Bush	1	0
Joe Lieberman	1	2
John Cornyn	0	0
John Thune	*	0
Jon Huntsman Jr.	0	0
Kay Bailey Hutchison	*	*
Mark Sanford	*	1
Mike Bloomberg	*	1
Mike Huckabee	7	17
Mitt Romney	12	11
Rob Portman	*	0
Rudy Giuliani	2	2
Sonny Perdue	*	0
Tim Pawlenty	*	*
Tom Ridge	0	0
Ron Paul	1	0

Other	9	11
None	*	0
Up to him (vol.)	7	3
No opinion	47	43

20. Regardless of who you may support, who do you think (ITEM) - (Obama) or (McCain)?

Summary Table* - 5/11/08

	McCain	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. is the stronger leader	46	42	3	2	6
b. has the better experience to be president	71	18	3	4	5
c. would do more to bring needed change to Washington	29	59	2	6	4
d. has a better personality and temperament to be president	32	56	4	3	6
e. better understands the problems of people like you	35	54	2	5	3
f. has a clearer vision for the future	34	54	3	5	3
g. has higher personal and ethical standards	41	42	9	3	5
h. has better knowledge of world affairs	65	24	4	2	5

*Half sample asked items a-d, other half sample asked items e-h.

Trend:

a. is the stronger leader

	McCain	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
5/11/08	46	42	3	2	6
3/2/08	51	40	2	1	6

b. has the better experience to be president

5/11/08	71	18	3	4	5
3/2/08	70	19	2	5	5

c. would do more to bring needed change to Washington

5/11/08	29	59	2	6	4
3/2/08	31	56	1	6	6

d. has a better personality and temperament to be president

5/11/08	32	56	4	3	6
3/2/08	28	57	2	5	8

e. better understands the problems of people like you

5/11/08	35	54	2	5	3
3/2/08	29	56	2	7	7

f. has a clearer vision for the future

5/11/08	34	54	3	5	3
3/2/08	32	53	5	5	4

g. has higher personal and ethical standards

5/11/08	41	42	9	3	5
3/2/08	31	43	10	4	11

h. has better knowledge of world affairs

5/11/08	65	24	4	2	5
3/2/08	64	24	4	3	5

21. Regardless of who you may support, who do you trust more to handle (ITEM) - (Obama) or (McCain)?

Summary Table* - 5/11/08

	McCain	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. Gasoline prices	28	48	3	14	7
b. The economy	38	48	2	8	4
c. The war in Iraq	45	46	1	5	3
d. Immigration issues	37	42	3	10	7
e. The U.S. campaign against terrorism	55	34	4	4	3
f. Health care	31	55	2	7	5
g. Ethics in government	39	46	8	4	4

*Full sample asked item a, half sample asked items b-d, other half sample asked items e-g.

Trend where available:

a. No trend.

b. The economy

	McCain	Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
5/11/08	38	48	2	8	4
3/2/08	37	49	2	6	6

c. The war in Iraq

5/11/08	45	46	1	5	3
3/2/08	48	43	1	4	5

d. Immigration issues

5/11/08	37	42	3	10	7
3/2/08	35	48	3	6	8

e. The U.S. campaign against terrorism

5/11/08	55	34	4	4	3
3/2/08	58	33	2	3	5

f. Health care

5/11/08	31	55	2	7	5
3/2/08	30	56	*	7	6

g. Ethics in government

5/11/08	39	46	8	4	4
3/2/08	35	48	7	5	6

22. 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
5/11/08	6	27	60	7
4/13/08	5	30	59	7

23. (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 -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
5/11/08	44	13	31	56	22	34	*
4/13/08	47	15	32	51	21	30	2

24-33 Held for release.

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