



behavior research center's

Rocky Mountain Poll

NEWS RELEASE [RMP 2007-I-01]

Contact: Earl de Berge
Research Director

JOHN MCCAIN - HILLARY CLINTON STILL LEAD
IN ARIZONA - BUT BOTH LACK MAJORITY SUPPORT AMONG
RANK AND FILE VOTERS

Phoenix, Arizona , January 24, 2007. U.S. Senator John McCain is the choice of 40 percent of Republicans in Arizona to be their candidate for President of the United States, a number which is two and a half times greater than his nearest rivals - Condoleezza Rice and Rudi Giuliani. On the other hand, in a field of five candidates, a plurality favor Republican candidates other than John McCain.

More specifically, Condoleezza Rice attracts 15 percent of the GOP test vote (and about 70 percent of her appeal traces to GOP women) while Rudi Giuliani attracts 13 percent and Mitt Romney draws 11 percent. Less than ten percent support Newt Gingrich.

On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton has the lead, but with only 32 percent and she also draws the majority of her votes (63%) from Democratic women. New comer Barack Obama grabs second place with 18 percent, followed by John Edwards and Al Gore at 15 percent each. John Kerry and Joe Biden attract five percent or less of Democratic votes in Arizona.

The survey finds that Senator McCain's decision to support sending more U.S. troops to Iraq pulls about 45 percent of Republicans toward his candidacy, but repels a fifth. If the senator makes it to the general election, the price of his decision will be more costly: 66 percent of Democrats and 47 percent Independents say his support of sending more troops makes him less attractive as a presidential candidate.

This report is based on a survey of 629 voters across Arizona conducted between January 12th and January 22nd, 2007, by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona as part of the Center's independent and non-partisan Rocky Mountain Poll series. The public is welcome to visit www.brcpolls.com for this and other polls.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This Rocky Mountain Poll Arizona (2007-I-01) is based on 629 telephone interviews with voters across Arizona, conducted from January 12th & January 22nd, 2007. In the overall sample, one may say with 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus 3.9 percent of what they would have been had the entire adult population been surveyed. The Republican sample includes 251 voters and the Democrat sample 214 voters. The margin of error for each of these sub-samples is plus or minus 6.3 percent. The Rocky Mountain Poll is conducted by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona and is an independent and non-partisan research program.

This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

ENCLOSED: Statistical data for reference.

STATISTICAL DATA

Behavior Research Center
 Rocky Mountain Poll – Arizona
 RMP 2007-I-01

For this and other polls, see www.brcpolls.com/results.

“Next I will read a list of people who may be running in the (Republican/Democratic) primary for president of the United States in the 2008 election. After I read all the names, please tell me which you favor today.?” (NAMES ROTATED)

<u>ASKED OF REPUBLICANS</u>		<u>ASKED OF DEMOCRATS</u>	
John McCain	40%	Hillary Clinton	32%
Condoleezza Rice	15	Barock Obama	18
Rudi Giuliani	13	John Edwards	15
Mitt Romney	11	Al Gore	15
Newt Gingrich	9	John Kerry	5
		Joe Biden	3
None of these /		None of these /	
Undecided	<u>12</u>	Undecided	<u>12</u>
	100%		100%

~~~~~

As you may be aware, Senator John McCain has said that he favors sending more U.S. troops to Iraq. Does his position on this issue make you more likely to vote for him or less likely to vote for him for President of the United States?

---