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Clinton Maintains Modest Lead in Iowa

Raleigh, N.C. – PPP's new Iowa Democratic poll, conducted in partnership with Progress Iowa, continues to find Hillary Clinton holding a modest lead in the state. She's at 48% to 40% for Bernie Sanders and 7% for Martin O'Malley. There's been little movement since our last poll two and a half weeks ago- Clinton's support is up 2 points, O'Malley's is down 1, and Sanders is steady.

One thing that will likely cause things to tighten up on Monday night is that O'Malley's supporters are far more likely to move to Sanders than Clinton at the sites where he fails to meet the 15% threshold. 57% of O'Malley voters say Sanders is their second choice to only 27% who say it's Clinton. We found something similar on our last poll, when O'Malley voters said they'd pick Sanders over Clinton 43/20. So just based on the reallocation of O'Malley voters, Sanders can expect to make up a couple points of his deficit.

One finding on this poll that's encouraging for Clinton is that 88% of her voters say they're firmly committed to supporting her, compared to 74% who say the same for Sanders. When you look at the race just among voters who have completely made up their minds, Clinton's lead expands to 17 points at 56/39. Sanders is up 55/31 with folks who say they may yet change sides.

Sanders' hopes in Iowa really rely on a lot of independent voters showing up Monday and changing their registration to Democratic to caucus for him. Clinton has a 53/36 lead with registered Democrats, while Sanders has a whopping 62/23 advantage with independents. We find independents to make up about 17% of the likely electorate for Monday night-given Sanders' overwhelming advantage with them his path to victory is dependent on turning out even more of those folks.

“We’ve found Hillary Clinton leading in Iowa by 6-8 points on our last two polls,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Bernie Sanders will likely make up some ground from Martin O’Malley voters moving toward him. To pull the upset he will need large numbers of voters who aren’t currently registered Democrats to show up on his behalf Monday night.”

Public Policy Polling surveyed 851 likely Democratic caucus voters on January 26th and 27th. The margin of error is +/-3.4%. 80% of participants, selected through a list based sample, responded via the phone, while 20% of respondents who did not have landlines conducted the survey over the internet through an opt-in internet panel



Iowa Survey Results

Q1 Next Monday will you vote in the Democratic or Republican caucus for President, or will you not vote in a caucus?

Democratic caucus 100%
Republican caucus..... 0%
Will not vote in a caucus 0%

Q2 The Democratic candidates for President are Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, and Martin O'Malley. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Hillary Clinton..... 48%
Bernie Sanders..... 40%
Martin O'Malley..... 7%
Not sure 5%

Q3 Are you firmly committed to your current choice for President, or is it possible you'll change your mind between now and the primary?

Firmly committed to your current choice 80%
It's possible you'll change your mind between now and the primary 20%

Q4 Given the same list of choices, who would be your second choice for the Democratic candidate for President in 2016?

Hillary Clinton..... 23%
Bernie Sanders..... 30%
Martin O'Malley..... 22%
Not sure 25%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Hillary Clinton?

Favorable..... 69%
Unfavorable 22%
Not sure 10%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Bernie Sanders?

Favorable..... 76%
Unfavorable 14%
Not sure 10%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Martin O'Malley?

Favorable..... 53%
Unfavorable 18%
Not sure 29%

Q8 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 23%
Somewhat liberal 37%
Moderate..... 32%
Somewhat conservative..... 6%
Very conservative 1%

Q9 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 58%
Man..... 42%

Q10 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If an independent, press 2.

Democrat..... 83%
Independent..... 17%

Q11 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 16%
30 to 45..... 21%
46 to 65..... 39%
Older than 65..... 24%





	Base	Democratic Primary			
		Hillary Clinton	Bernie Sanders	Martin O'Malley	Not sure
Democratic Primary					
Hillary Clinton	48%	100%	-	-	-
Bernie Sanders	40%	-	100%	-	-
Martin O'Malley	7%	-	-	100%	-
Not sure	5%	-	-	-	100%

	Base	Democratic Primary		
		Hillary Clinton	Bernie Sanders	Martin O'Malley
Committed to Choice Yes/No				
Firmly committed to your current choice	80%	88%	74%	61%
It's possible you'll change your mind between now and the primary	20%	12%	26%	39%

	Base	Democratic Primary		
		Hillary Clinton	Bernie Sanders	Martin O'Malley
Democratic Primary Second Choice				
Hillary Clinton	23%	-	50%	27%
Bernie Sanders	30%	51%	-	57%
Martin O'Malley	22%	18%	31%	-
Not sure	25%	31%	19%	15%





	Base	Democratic Primary		
		Hillary Clinton	Bernie Sanders	Martin O'Malley
Clinton Favorability				
Favorable	69%	96%	40%	43%
Unfavorable	22%	1%	41%	51%
Not sure	10%	2%	19%	6%

	Base	Democratic Primary		
		Hillary Clinton	Bernie Sanders	Martin O'Malley
Sanders Favorability				
Favorable	76%	62%	97%	58%
Unfavorable	14%	23%	2%	26%
Not sure	10%	15%	2%	16%

	Base	Democratic Primary		
		Hillary Clinton	Bernie Sanders	Martin O'Malley
O'Malley Favorability				
Favorable	53%	50%	49%	94%
Unfavorable	18%	23%	14%	6%
Not sure	29%	27%	37%	-

	Base	Committed to Choice Yes/No	
		Firmly committed to your current choice	It's possible you'll change your mind between now and the primary
Democratic Primary			
Hillary Clinton	51%	56%	31%
Bernie Sanders	42%	39%	55%
Martin O'Malley	7%	6%	14%





	Base	Committed to Choice Yes/No	
		Firmly committed to your current choice	It's possible you'll change your mind between now and the primary
Committed to Choice Yes/No			
Firmly committed to your current choice	80%	100%	-
It's possible you'll change your mind between now and the primary	20%	-	100%

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		Firmly committed to your current choice	It's possible you'll change your mind between now and the primary
Democratic Primary Second Choice			
Hillary Clinton	23%	19%	39%
Bernie Sanders	30%	30%	28%
Martin O'Malley	22%	25%	13%
Not sure	25%	26%	20%

	Base	Committed to Choice Yes/No	
		Firmly committed to your current choice	It's possible you'll change your mind between now and the primary
Clinton Favorability			
Favorable	69%	71%	60%
Unfavorable	22%	21%	24%
Not sure	10%	8%	16%





	Base	Committed to Choice Yes/No	
		Firmly committed to your current choice	It's possible you'll change your mind between now and the primary
Sanders Favorability			
Favorable	76%	74%	83%
Unfavorable	14%	17%	4%
Not sure	10%	9%	13%

	Base	Committed to Choice Yes/No	
		Firmly committed to your current choice	It's possible you'll change your mind between now and the primary
O'Malley Favorability			
Favorable	53%	55%	45%
Unfavorable	18%	19%	15%
Not sure	29%	26%	40%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Democratic Primary						
Hillary Clinton	48%	47%	53%	45%	42%	36%
Bernie Sanders	40%	45%	36%	41%	43%	21%
Martin O'Malley	7%	5%	6%	9%	7%	31%
Not sure	5%	4%	5%	6%	9%	12%





	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Committed to Choice Yes/No						
Firmly committed to your current choice	80%	90%	80%	73%	73%	78%
It's possible you'll change your mind between now and the primary	20%	10%	20%	27%	27%	22%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Democratic Primary Second Choice						
Hillary Clinton	23%	28%	20%	25%	11%	11%
Bernie Sanders	30%	25%	40%	23%	26%	22%
Martin O'Malley	22%	22%	22%	25%	14%	13%
Not sure	25%	25%	19%	26%	49%	54%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Clinton Favorability						
Favorable	69%	74%	72%	64%	55%	51%
Unfavorable	22%	19%	20%	22%	35%	49%
Not sure	10%	7%	8%	14%	11%	-





	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Sanders Favorability						
Favorable	76%	83%	75%	74%	75%	24%
Unfavorable	14%	12%	15%	15%	16%	26%
Not sure	10%	5%	11%	11%	8%	50%

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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
O'Malley Favorability						
Favorable	53%	58%	54%	51%	35%	60%
Unfavorable	18%	16%	18%	17%	32%	13%
Not sure	29%	26%	28%	32%	33%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Democratic Primary			
Hillary Clinton	48%	54%	40%
Bernie Sanders	40%	37%	44%
Martin O'Malley	7%	4%	12%
Not sure	5%	6%	4%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Committed to Choice Yes/No			
Firmly committed to your current choice	80%	80%	79%
It's possible you'll change your mind between now and the primary	20%	20%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Democratic Primary Second Choice			
Hillary Clinton	23%	22%	24%
Bernie Sanders	30%	31%	29%
Martin O'Malley	22%	17%	30%
Not sure	25%	29%	18%

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Clinton Favorability			
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O'Malley Favorability			
Favorable	53%	45%	64%
Unfavorable	18%	20%	16%
Not sure	29%	36%	20%

	Base	Party	
		Democrat	Independent
Democratic Primary			
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Bernie Sanders	40%	36%	62%
Martin O'Malley	7%	7%	8%
Not sure	5%	5%	7%





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		Democrat	Independent
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Firmly committed to your current choice	80%	83%	65%
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Martin O'Malley	22%	22%	27%
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Not sure	10%	10%	8%

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O'Malley Favorability			
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Democratic Primary					
Hillary Clinton	48%	37%	36%	48%	65%
Bernie Sanders	40%	52%	49%	40%	24%
Martin O'Malley	7%	7%	8%	7%	6%
Not sure	5%	3%	6%	5%	5%





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Committed to Choice Yes/No					
Firmly committed to your current choice	80%	77%	71%	80%	88%
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Martin O'Malley	22%	23%	21%	24%	21%
Not sure	25%	38%	20%	21%	25%

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Favorable	76%	76%	83%	76%	72%
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Not sure	10%	9%	11%	8%	12%

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Unfavorable	18%	15%	17%	20%	17%
Not sure	29%	39%	37%	25%	23%

