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## **Obama leads in Georgia; Romney, McCain in dead heat**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – In a poll taken after John Edwards dropped out of the Presidential race, Barack Obama has opened up a 51-41 lead on Hillary Clinton in Georgia.

There is a significant racial gap in the state's results. Obama leads 73-19 among African American respondents, while trailing Clinton 56-36 with white voters.

“Barack Obama is going to do very well in states where the primary electorate is over 30% black,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “In Georgia he is dominating the African American vote and staying competitive enough with the white vote to give him a pretty significant lead.”

The results did not show much of a gender gap, with Obama leading by similar margins among male and female voters.

On the Republican side it's a close race with Mitt Romney at 32%, John McCain at 31%, and Mike Huckabee not too far behind with 24%.

Georgia is following the same trend as many other early Republican primary states. Voters are stating that the economy and the war are their top issues, with immigration third. McCain is leading with voters on the former two issues, but Romney's advantage on the latter issue is so strong it's keeping him firmly in the picture.

“It looks like Georgia, like its neighboring Florida, will see a competitive race between Mitt Romney and John McCain,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “This race could go either way in the days leading up to the primary.”

PPP surveyed 457 likely Democratic primary voters and 862 likely Republican primary voters on January 30th. The survey's margins of error are +/- 4.6% and +/- 3.3% respectively. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at [www.publicpolicypolling.com](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).

If you have questions about this release or would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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## Georgia Democratic Primary Survey Results

**Q1** The Democratic candidates still running for President are Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If you would vote for Hillary Clinton, press 1. If for Barack Obama, press 2. If you're undecided press 3.

*Clinton*.....41% *Undecided*..... 8%  
*Obama*.....51%

**Q2** I am going to name 7 issues. Which of these is most important to you? The War in Iraq, education, the economy and jobs, taxes, moral or family values, health care, or immigration. If the War in Iraq is most important, press 1. If education, press 2. If the economy and jobs, press 3. If taxes, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If health care, press 6. If immigration, press 7. If some other issue is most important, press 8.

<i>War in Iraq</i> ..... 25%	<i>Moral and family values</i> ..... 3%
<i>Education</i> ..... 6%	<i>Health care</i> ..... 8%
<i>Economy and jobs</i> .51%	<i>Immigration</i> ..... 3%
<i>Taxes</i> ..... 4%	<i>Other</i> ..... 1%

**Q3** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

*Women* .....60% *Men*.....40%

**Q4** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

*Democrat*..... 83%  
*Republican*..... 8%  
*Other*..... 9%

**Q5** If you are white, press 1, if African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

*White* .....58% *Other*..... 4%  
*African American* ...38%

**Q6** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

*18-29*.....12% *46-65*.....50%  
*30-45*.....16% *Older than 65*.....22%





**Crosstabs**

		Gender	
		Base	
		Women	Men
President			
Clinton	41%	42%	39%
Obama	51%	50%	53%
Undecided	8%	8%	8%

		Party		
		Base		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
President				
Clinton	41%	40%	40%	48%
Obama	51%	53%	51%	38%
Undecided	8%	7%	9%	14%

		Race		
		Base		
		White	African American	Other
President				
Clinton	41%	56%	19%	27%
Obama	51%	36%	73%	57%
Undecided	8%	8%	8%	17%

		Age			
		Base			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
President					
Clinton	41%	26%	29%	41%	56%
Obama	51%	58%	65%	51%	36%
Undecided	8%	16%	5%	8%	7%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Issue							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
<b>President</b>									
<b>Clinton</b>	41%	42%	29%	44%	20%	27%	50%	24%	-
<b>Obama</b>	51%	54%	60%	48%	63%	66%	44%	51%	67%
<b>Undecided</b>	8%	4%	11%	8%	17%	7%	6%	24%	33%





## Georgia Republican Primary Survey Results

**Q1** The Republicans still running for President include Mike Huckabee, John McCain, Ron Paul, and Mitt Romney. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Mike Huckabee, press 1. If John McCain, press 2. If Ron Paul, press 3. If Mitt Romney, press 4. If you're undecided, press 5.

*Huckabee*.....24% *Romney* .....32%  
*McCain*.....31% *Undecided*.....10%  
*Paul* ..... 3%

**Q2** I am going to name 7 issues. Which of these is most important to you? The War in Iraq, education, the economy and jobs, taxes, moral or family values, health care, or immigration. If the War in Iraq is most important, press 1. If education, press 2. If the economy and jobs, press 3. If taxes, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If health care, press 6. If immigration, press 7. If some other issue is most important, press 8.

*War in Iraq* ..... 19% *Moral and family values*..... 13%  
*Education* ..... 4% *Health care*..... 4%  
*Economy and jobs* 32% *Immigration* ..... 16%  
*Taxes* ..... 11% *Other*..... 2%

**Q3** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

*Women* .....48% *Men*.....52%

**Q4** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

*Democrat*..... 4%  
*Republican*.....87%  
*Other*..... 9%

**Q5** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

*White* .....94% *Other*..... 3%  
*African American* .... 3%

**Q6** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

*18-29*..... 6% *46-65*.....47%  
*30-45*.....17% *Older than 65*.....30%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>President</b>			
<b>Huckabee</b>	24%	28%	21%
<b>McCain</b>	31%	30%	32%
<b>Paul</b>	3%	2%	5%
<b>Romney</b>	32%	30%	33%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	11%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>President</b>				
<b>Huckabee</b>	24%	12%	25%	22%
<b>McCain</b>	31%	54%	31%	21%
<b>Paul</b>	3%	5%	1%	19%
<b>Romney</b>	32%	16%	33%	24%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	13%	9%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
<b>President</b>				
<b>Huckabee</b>	24%	25%	16%	13%
<b>McCain</b>	31%	31%	43%	29%
<b>Paul</b>	3%	3%	3%	27%
<b>Romney</b>	32%	32%	25%	24%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	10%	13%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
<b>President</b>					
<b>Huckabee</b>	24%	25%	30%	26%	17%
<b>McCain</b>	31%	38%	25%	31%	33%
<b>Paul</b>	3%	10%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Romney</b>	32%	19%	31%	30%	37%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	8%	11%	10%	10%





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<b>President</b>									
<b>Huckabee</b>	24%	18%	17%	21%	30%	46%	19%	20%	14%
<b>McCain</b>	31%	41%	52%	41%	18%	15%	31%	18%	31%
<b>Paul</b>	3%	3%	8%	3%	4%	1%	8%	3%	-
<b>Romney</b>	32%	29%	23%	24%	41%	26%	27%	49%	41%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	9%	-	11%	7%	12%	16%	10%	14%

