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McCain, Clinton lead in New York

Raleigh, N.C. – In a poll taken before the news that native son Rudy Giuliani will drop out of the race for President, John McCain has opened up a strong lead on the Republican side in New York.

McCain leads Giuliani 34-20, with Mitt Romney just behind at 19%. Mike Huckabee and Ron Paul are further back at 10% and 4% respectively.

“Even if he had stayed in the race, Rudy Giuliani didn’t have much of a chance of winning his home state,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Unless his supporters break toward Mitt Romney in large numbers, it appears that John McCain will win by a pretty significant margin in New York.”

On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton leads Barack Obama 45-33. Former candidate John Edwards was at 10%. Most recent polling had shown Clinton with over 50% in the state, so this is an indication that Obama is gaining a little bit on her.

Most striking is that Obama trails by only 12 points despite earning the support of only 44% of African American voters in the state.

“Barack Obama has a lot of room to improve his black support in the state,” said Debnam. “If he can do that and also pick up a majority of former Edwards supporters who might be attracted to his message of hope, he has a decent chance of making this primary much more competitive than it was expected to be.”

Public Policy Polling will do another survey in New York before next Tuesday’s primary to gauge the impact of Giuliani and Edwards dropping out of the race on the state’s results.

PPP surveyed 837 likely Democratic primary voters and 1,125 likely Republican primary voters on January 29th. The survey’s margin of errors are +/- 3.4% and +/- 2.9% 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.

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.





New York Democratic Primary Survey Results

Q1 The Democratic candidates still running for President are Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, and Barack Obama. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If you would vote for Hillary Clinton, press 1. If for John Edwards, press 2. If for Barack Obama, press 3. If you're undecided press 4.

Clinton.....45% *Obama*.....33%
Edwards.....10% *Undecided*.....13%

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 30% *Moral and family values*..... 3%
Education 6% *Health care*..... 9%
Economy and jobs. 46% *Immigration* 2%
Taxes 3% *Other* 2%

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

Women53% *Men*.....47%

Q4 If you are white, press 1, if African-American, press 2. If Hispanic, press 3. If other, press 4.

White55% *Hispanic*.....15%
African American ...22% *Other*..... 8%

Q5 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.....10% *46-65*.....44%
30-45.....15% *Older than 65*.....31%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
President			
Clinton	45%	49%	40%
Edwards	10%	9%	11%
Obama	33%	28%	38%
Undecided	13%	15%	11%

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
President					
Clinton	45%	44%	32%	64%	45%
Edwards	10%	14%	5%	3%	7%
Obama	33%	29%	44%	31%	30%
Undecided	13%	13%	18%	3%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
President					
Clinton	45%	38%	38%	45%	49%
Edwards	10%	13%	8%	10%	9%
Obama	33%	38%	46%	30%	28%
Undecided	13%	11%	8%	15%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issue							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
President									
Clinton	45%	35%	37%	53%	30%	24%	50%	50%	21%
Edwards	10%	12%	6%	6%	24%	16%	19%	5%	11%
Obama	33%	36%	43%	32%	30%	40%	16%	35%	24%
Undecided	13%	16%	14%	9%	16%	20%	15%	10%	45%





New York Republican Primary Survey Results

Q1 The Republicans still running for President include Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, John McCain, Ron Paul, and Mitt Romney. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Rudy Giuliani, press 1. If Mike Huckabee, press 2. If John McCain, press 3. If Ron Paul, press 4. If Mitt Romney, press 5. If you're undecided, press 6.

Giuliani.....20% *Paul* 4%
Huckabee.....10% *Romney*19%
McCain.....34% *Undecided*.....14%

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 23% *Moral and family values*..... 11%
Education 2% *Health care*..... 4%
Economy and jobs 38% *Immigration* 9%
Taxes 10% *Other*..... 2%

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

Women44% *Men*.....56%

Q4 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If Hispanic, press 3. If other, press 4.

White85% *Hispanic*..... 8%
African American 5% *Other*..... 2%

Q5 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..... 7% *46-65*.....40%
30-45.....13% *Older than 65*.....40%





Crosstabs

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		Women	Men
President			
Giuliani	20%	21%	19%
Huckabee	10%	11%	9%
McCain	34%	35%	34%
Paul	4%	2%	5%
Romney	19%	17%	21%
Undecided	14%	15%	12%

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Huckabee	10%	9%	19%	9%	8%
McCain	34%	36%	19%	18%	49%
Paul	4%	3%	14%	-	-
Romney	19%	19%	14%	18%	13%
Undecided	14%	12%	5%	36%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
President					
Giuliani	20%	33%	20%	19%	19%
Huckabee	10%	1%	18%	10%	8%
McCain	34%	12%	26%	35%	39%
Paul	4%	1%	8%	3%	3%
Romney	19%	21%	20%	20%	17%
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McCain	34%	37%	18%	42%	41%	15%	41%	11%	23%
Paul	4%	5%	7%	3%	2%	1%	2%	6%	5%
Romney	19%	16%	-	15%	21%	24%	11%	44%	23%
Undecided	14%	13%	21%	12%	16%	12%	21%	14%	18%

