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Clinton has large lead in Pennsylvania

Raleigh, N.C. – After a week filled with bad news for the Obama campaign, Hillary Clinton is out to a 56-30 lead in the Pennsylvania Democratic primary.

Clinton is aided in large part by a 46 point margin over Obama with female voters, 66-20. She leads with men as well although by a considerably tighter margin of 45-41.

“The big story in the Presidential race over the last week has been the comments of Barack Obama’s pastor about America,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “It appears this issue has hurt him a good deal with likely primary voters in Pennsylvania.”

Clinton even appears to be making inroads among black voters in the state. She trails just 63-27 with that group, which Obama has tended to get over 80% of the vote from in key primary states so far. She has a 40 point lead, 63-23, with white voters.

This poll shows the largest deficit Obama has faced in Pennsylvania so far in 2008.

“There is plenty of time for Obama to make a recovery in Pennsylvania,” said Debnam. “But he’s definitely a victim of the 24 hour news cycle right now. He needs to get the spotlight turned back on Clinton quick.”

Clinton also led across all age groups in the poll, with the race tight among 18-45 year olds but Clinton showing a significant advantage with voters over the age of 45.

PPP surveyed 597 likely Democratic primary voters on March 15th and 16th. The survey’s margin of errors is +/- 4.0%. 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 would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Pennsylvania 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.....56% *Undecided*.....14%
Obama.....30%

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>	24%	<i>Moral and family values</i>	4%
<i>Education</i>	5%	<i>Health care</i>	9%
<i>Economy and jobs</i>	52%	<i>Immigration</i>	4%
<i>Taxes</i>	2%	<i>Other</i>	1%

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

Women55% *Men*.....45%

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

White79% *Other*..... 4%
African American17%

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.....15% *46-65*.....35%
30-45.....24% *Older than 65*.....26%





Crosstabs

		Gender	
		Women	Men
President	Base		
Clinton	56%	66%	45%
Obama	30%	20%	41%
Undecided	14%	14%	14%

		Race		
		White	African American	Other
President	Base			
Clinton	56%	63%	27%	56%
Obama	30%	23%	63%	28%
Undecided	14%	15%	10%	16%

		Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
President	Base				
Clinton	56%	46%	45%	63%	64%
Obama	30%	41%	38%	27%	20%
Undecided	14%	14%	17%	11%	16%



Crosstabs

	Base	Issue							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
President									
Clinton	56%	60%	45%	58%	38%	29%	65%	60%	-
Obama	30%	30%	45%	29%	19%	49%	28%	12%	38%
Undecided	14%	11%	10%	13%	44%	21%	7%	27%	62%