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Obama overtakes Clinton in PA

Raleigh, N.C. – Barack Obama has taken the lead over Hillary Clinton 45-43 in Pennsylvania, according to the newest survey from Public Policy Polling.

It's a remarkable turn around from PPP's last Pennsylvania poll, conducted two and a half weeks ago, that showed Clinton with a 26 point lead in the state. That poll was released at the height of the Jeremiah Wright controversy and the day before Obama's major speech on race in Philadelphia. Obama has been trending upward in national polling and in many state level polls since then and this survey reflects that pattern.

“In the last few weeks there has been increasing attention given to the fact that a continuing divisive Democratic nomination fight could hurt the party's chances of defeating John McCain this fall,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “The major movement in Obama's direction in Pennsylvania could be an indication that Democrats in that state think it's time to wrap it up.”

Obama is narrowing the gap with white voters, trailing just 49-38, while maintaining his customary significant advantage with black voters. He leads that group 75-17.

Obama also leads among all age groups except senior citizens, with whom Clinton has a 50-34 advantage. The poll shows the standard gender gap with Obama leading by 15 points among men while trailing by 10 points with women.

PPP surveyed 1224 likely Democratic primary voters on March 31st and April 1st. The survey's margin of errors is +/- 2.8%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Public Policy Polling had the most accurate numbers of any company in the country for the Democratic primaries in South Carolina and Wisconsin, as well as the closest numbers for any organization that polled the contests in both Texas and Ohio.

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.....43% *Undecided*.....13%
Obama.....45%

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 29% *Moral and family values*..... 2%
Education 7% *Health care*..... 8%
Economy and jobs.48% *Immigration* 1%
Taxes 2% *Other*..... 2%

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*..... 5%
African American16%

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.....16% *46-65*.....35%
30-45.....25% *Older than 65*.....24%





Crosstabs

		Gender	
		Women	Men
President	Base		
Clinton	43%	49%	36%
Obama	45%	39%	51%
Undecided	13%	12%	13%

		Race		
		White	African American	Other
President	Base			
Clinton	43%	49%	17%	25%
Obama	45%	38%	75%	51%
Undecided	13%	13%	9%	25%

		Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
President	Base				
Clinton	43%	39%	39%	43%	50%
Obama	45%	53%	51%	44%	34%
Undecided	13%	8%	11%	13%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issue							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
President									
Clinton	43%	40%	28%	47%	52%	23%	51%	46%	14%
Obama	45%	46%	66%	42%	32%	50%	38%	31%	59%
Undecided	13%	14%	5%	11%	16%	27%	11%	23%	27%



Region	Composition
Northeast Pennsylvania	9%
Southeast Pennsylvania	44%
South Central Pennsylvania	11%
West Central Pennsylvania	7%
Southwest Pennsylvania	29%

Northeast Pennsylvania defined as 570 area code
 Southeast Pennsylvania defined as 215, 267, 484, 610 area codes
 South Central Pennsylvania defined as 717 area code
 West Central Pennsylvania defined as 814 area code
 Southwest Pennsylvania defined as 412, 724 area codes

Region	Clinton	Obama	Undecided
NE Penn	62	26	11
SE Penn	37	53	10
SC Penn	35	50	15
WC Penn	53	30	18
SW Penn	45	39	16