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Obama, Clinton tied in Texas

Raleigh, N.C. – Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are dead even in the Texas Democratic primary, according to the newest survey by Public Policy Polling.

Each is at 48%. Obama has taken the lead among white voters 51-44 and as usual leads by a wide margin with black voters, 73-27. Clinton is hanging on due to strong support from Hispanic voters, with whom she holds a 68-27 advantage.

“With major disparities between Obama and Clinton’s support along racial lines in Texas, this contest is likely to be decided by what groups turn out the most,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Clinton is not going to win without significant Hispanic turnout, and Obama is going to have a hard time if African Americans don’t turn out in large numbers.”

Clinton leads among Democrats 52-44, but Obama is doing very well with Republicans (76-20) and independents (51-40) who plan to vote in the Democratic primary

On the Republican side, John McCain leads Mike Huckabee 52-36 with Texas Congressman Ron Paul at 9%, which would be one of his stronger performances.

“If he can’t win southern states like Texas, this is the end of the line for Mike Huckabee,” said Debnam. “It’s really hard to see where there’s room for him to turn this around.”

In the Texas Democratic primary for Senate, state representative Rick Noriega has the lead with 32%, but 42% of likely primary voters remain undecided. Perennial candidate Gene Kelly is second with 15%.

PPP surveyed 434 likely Democratic primary voters and 423 likely Republican primary voters on February 23rd and 24th. The survey’s margins of errors are +/- 4.7% and +/- 4.8% respectively. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

PPP will release a final Texas poll the day before next week’s primary.

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.

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Texas 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.....48% *Undecided*..... 4%
Obama.....48%

Q2 The Democratic candidates for US Senate are Gene Kelly, Ray McMurrey, Rick Noriega, and Rhett Smith. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Gene Kelly, press 1. if Ray McMurrey, press 2. If Rick Noriega, press 3. If Rhett Smith, press 4. If you're undecided, press 5.

Kelly..... 15%
McMurrey..... 8%
Noriega 32%
Smith 3%
Undecided.....42%

Q3 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 25% *Moral and family values*..... 5%
Education 9% *Health care*..... 12%
Economy and jobs. 38% *Immigration* 7%
Taxes 2% *Other*..... 2%

Q4 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women54% *Men*.....46%

Q5 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat..... 79%
Republican..... 9%
Other..... 12%

Q6 If you are Hispanic, press 1. if you are white, press 2. If you are African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic.....29% *African American* ...22%
White45% *Other*..... 4%

Q7 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*.....44%
30-45.....29% *Older than 65*.....15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
President			
Clinton	48%	52%	44%
Obama	48%	44%	52%
Undecided	4%	4%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Senate			
Kelly	15%	16%	14%
McMurrey	8%	9%	8%
Noriega	32%	30%	33%
Smith	3%	2%	4%
Undecided	42%	43%	40%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
President				
Clinton	48%	52%	20%	40%
Obama	48%	44%	76%	51%
Undecided	4%	4%	4%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Senate				
Kelly	15%	14%	21%	15%
McMurrey	8%	8%	9%	7%
Noriega	32%	34%	26%	19%
Smith	3%	4%	2%	1%
Undecided	42%	39%	42%	58%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
President					
Clinton	48%	68%	44%	27%	65%
Obama	48%	27%	51%	73%	25%
Undecided	4%	5%	5%	-	10%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Senate					
Kelly	15%	12%	17%	14%	25%
McMurrey	8%	4%	11%	6%	15%
Noriega	32%	53%	25%	22%	10%
Smith	3%	1%	3%	6%	5%
Undecided	42%	30%	44%	51%	45%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
President					
Clinton	48%	53%	41%	47%	59%
Obama	48%	40%	54%	50%	37%
Undecided	4%	7%	5%	4%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Senate					
Kelly	15%	30%	16%	10%	16%
McMurrey	8%	5%	7%	9%	11%
Noriega	32%	22%	25%	36%	39%
Smith	3%	3%	2%	5%	2%
Undecided	42%	40%	51%	40%	31%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issue							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
President									
Clinton	48%	44%	30%	52%	29%	50%	58%	49%	63%
Obama	48%	53%	60%	47%	50%	39%	38%	49%	29%
Undecided	4%	3%	10%	2%	21%	11%	4%	2%	8%

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Senate									
Kelly	15%	11%	14%	15%	29%	10%	14%	32%	8%
McMurrey	8%	9%	9%	10%	7%	15%	4%	4%	-
Noriega	32%	38%	25%	31%	7%	23%	32%	33%	26%
Smith	3%	3%	-	4%	-	5%	-	8%	-
Undecided	42%	38%	53%	40%	57%	47%	50%	22%	66%





Texas Republican Primary Survey Results

Q1 The Republicans still running for President include Mike Huckabee, John McCain, and Ron Paul. 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 you're undecided, press 4.

Huckabee.....36% Paul 9%
McCain.....52% Undecided..... 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 25% Moral and family values..... 21%
Education 4% Health care..... 3%
Economy and jobs. 20% Immigration 18%
Taxes 7% Other..... 2%

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

Women42% Men.....58%

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

Democrat..... 4%
Republican..... 86%
Other..... 9%

Q5 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If you are white, press 2. If you are African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic.....14% African American 2%
White83% Other..... 1%

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..... 7% 46-65.....42%
30-45.....23% Older than 65.....29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
President			
Huckabee	36%	36%	36%
McCain	52%	52%	52%
Paul	9%	7%	10%
Undecided	3%	5%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
President				
Huckabee	36%	45%	36%	30%
McCain	52%	45%	54%	34%
Paul	9%	5%	7%	30%
Undecided	3%	5%	2%	7%

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McCain	52%	49%	46%	48%	63%
Paul	9%	22%	9%	8%	7%
Undecided	3%	4%	1%	5%	2%





Crosstabs

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		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
President									
Huckabee	36%	20%	33%	31%	32%	66%	31%	35%	15%
McCain	52%	67%	61%	57%	50%	28%	55%	49%	60%
Paul	9%	10%	-	9%	18%	6%	7%	11%	-
Undecided	3%	3%	6%	3%	-	-	7%	5%	25%

