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Clinton takes lead in Texas

Raleigh, N.C. – Hillary Clinton has jumped out to a six point lead in Texas, according to the newest survey by Public Policy Polling. In a poll taken last week the two candidates were tied. Clinton now leads Barack Obama 50-44.

The difference maker in Texas is the Hispanic vote. Clinton is dominating that demographic (67-30), nearly as much as Obama is winning the African American vote (78-13).

Obama is also not doing as well with young voters as he has in many states that he's won handily. He leads among 18-29 year olds just 50-47 and with folks 30-45 just 49-43.

Obama has lost a lot of support with white males over the last week in the state. Last week he led among them 58-37. Now he trails Clinton 54-41.

“Barack Obama has tried hard but still seems unable to win over Hispanic voters,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “That dynamic is what caused him to lose in California, and it looks like recent history may repeat itself tomorrow in Texas.”

On the Republican side, John McCain leads Mike Huckabee 50-38. Ron Paul is further back with 6% of the vote.

“If Mike Huckabee was going to do well in any of the remaining primaries it seemed like Texas would fit the bill as a southern state bordering Arkansas,” said Debnam. “Since it appears that will not be the case, it's probably just a matter of time before he leaves the race.”

PPP surveyed 755 likely Democratic primary voters and 643 likely Republican primary voters on March 1st and 2nd. The survey's margins of errors are +/- 3.6% and +/- 3.9% 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 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.....50% *Undecided*..... 6%
Obama.....44%

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 26% *Moral and family values*..... 3%
Education 7% *Health care*..... 11%
Economy and jobs.44% *Immigration* 5%
Taxes 2% *Other*..... 2%

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

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

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

Democrat..... 79%
Republican..... 10%
Other..... 11%

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

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.....14% *46-65*.....45%
30-45.....26% *Older than 65*.....15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
President			
Clinton	50%	53%	47%
Obama	44%	42%	48%
Undecided	6%	6%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
President				
Clinton	50%	54%	41%	32%
Obama	44%	42%	54%	53%
Undecided	6%	4%	5%	15%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
President					
Clinton	50%	67%	58%	13%	34%
Obama	44%	30%	37%	78%	47%
Undecided	6%	3%	5%	9%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
President					
Clinton	50%	47%	43%	49%	67%
Obama	44%	50%	49%	45%	28%
Undecided	6%	3%	7%	5%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issue							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
President									
Clinton	50%	53%	33%	46%	61%	42%	63%	69%	36%
Obama	44%	45%	59%	47%	39%	53%	29%	28%	48%
Undecided	6%	2%	8%	7%	-	4%	8%	3%	15%





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.....38% *Paul* 6%
McCain.....50% *Undecided*..... 6%

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*..... 19%
Education 5% *Health care*..... 3%
Economy and jobs.21% *Immigration* 21%
Taxes 6% *Other*..... 2%

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

Women43% *Men*.....57%

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

Democrat..... 5%
Republican..... 87%
Other..... 8%

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.....10% *African American* 2%
White84% *Other*..... 4%

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.....11% *46-65*.....40%
30-45.....22% *Older than 65*.....28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
President			
Huckabee	38%	36%	40%
McCain	50%	52%	48%
Paul	6%	4%	8%
Undecided	6%	7%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
President				
Huckabee	38%	25%	39%	41%
McCain	50%	33%	53%	30%
Paul	6%	21%	4%	25%
Undecided	6%	21%	5%	4%

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McCain	50%	43%	51%	42%	56%
Paul	6%	7%	6%	-	19%
Undecided	6%	12%	5%	11%	-

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		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
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Huckabee	38%	44%	40%	46%	24%
McCain	50%	38%	44%	42%	69%
Paul	6%	12%	11%	3%	5%
Undecided	6%	6%	5%	9%	2%





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President									
Huckabee	38%	24%	29%	23%	42%	65%	39%	45%	32%
McCain	50%	64%	56%	68%	44%	29%	45%	40%	36%
Paul	6%	7%	8%	4%	13%	2%	7%	8%	16%
Undecided	6%	5%	7%	5%	2%	4%	9%	7%	16%

