



## McClatchy-Marist Poll

### **Morning Line for 2016**

\*\*\* Complete Tables for Poll Appended \*\*\*

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#### **This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:**

Speculation about who the presidential candidates will be in 2016 is a year round sport. On the Democratic side, much attention has been given to the possible candidacies of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Vice President Joe Biden. How do the two run against potential Republican candidates? With the exception of New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, Clinton receives majority support nationally and outdistances her possible rivals by double digits. Biden also does well except against Christie where both candidates are locked in a close contest.

“This is, of course, a very early peek at the 2016 presidential contest,” says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. “But, these matchups underscore the message from 2012: the GOP still has work to do to get ready for the next presidential go around.”

Among registered voters nationally, here is how Hillary Clinton fares against potential Republican candidates:

- New Jersey Governor Chris Christie runs competitively against Clinton. In fact, he is the only Republican challenger tested that keeps her numbers under majority support. Clinton garners the backing of 46% of registered voters nationally while Christie has the support of 43%. 11% are undecided. Not surprisingly, the partisan divide is wide. 81% of Democrats support Clinton while 82% of Republicans back Christie. Independent voters divide. 43% favor Clinton and 40% are for Christie. A notable 18% are undecided.
- Clinton fares best against former Florida Governor Jeb Bush. 54% of voters back Clinton compared with 38% for Bush. Eight percent are undecided. While a partisan divide exists, Clinton receives majority support -- 52% -- among independents. Bush has the support of 35% of these voters. 13% are undecided.

- Clinton also has a double-digit lead against Florida Senator Marco Rubio. Here, 52% of voters favor Clinton while 40% are for Rubio. Eight percent are undecided. More independent voters are in Hillary Clinton's camp. Nearly half -- 49% -- are behind Clinton compared with 37% for Rubio.
- Against Kentucky Senator Rand Paul, Clinton also has a strong lead. 52% of voters support Clinton compared with 41% for Paul. Seven percent are undecided. While the candidates' support is along party lines, independents divide. 47% back Clinton compared with 45% for Paul.

Looking at Biden's chances, among registered voters nationally:

- Against Chris Christie, the two are neck and neck. Christie receives the support of 46% of registered voters nationally while Biden garners 43%. 11% are undecided. Not surprisingly, there is a partisan divide, but Christie -- 47% -- has the advantage over Biden -- 35% -- among independent voters. 18% of independents are undecided.
- Biden has his largest lead against Marco Rubio. Here, Biden receives majority support. 53% back Biden while 39% are for Rubio. Eight percent of voters are undecided. Again, there is a partisan divide. Biden, though, receives the backing of half -- 50% -- of independent voters nationally while 36% are behind Rubio. 14% are undecided.
- Against Rand Paul, 50% are for Biden compared with 41% for Paul. Eight percent are undecided. Independent voters are the key. A plurality -- 47% -- favor Biden while 39% rally for Paul. A notable 14% are undecided.
- Biden garners the support of 49% of registered voters against Jeb Bush -- 41%. 10% are undecided. Among independent voters, 43% back Biden while 41% are behind Bush. Nearly one in five independent voters -- 17% -- is undecided.

## How the Survey was Conducted

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### **Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist National Poll of 1,219 Adults**

This survey of 1,219 adults was conducted March 25<sup>th</sup> through March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this landline sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2010 census results for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within  $\pm 2.8$  percentage points. There are 1,061 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

### Nature of the Sample

		National Adults	National Registered Voters	
		Col %	Col %	
National Adults		100%		
National Registered Voters		87%	100%	
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	35%	
	Republican	n/a	28%	
	Independent	n/a	35%	
	Other	n/a	1%	
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	21%	
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	14%	
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	14%	
	Just Independents	n/a	9%	
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	13%	
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	12%	
	Strong Republicans	n/a	16%	
	Other	n/a	1%	
	Political Ideology	Very conservative	n/a	11%
		Conservative	n/a	27%
Moderate		n/a	41%	
Liberal		n/a	17%	
Very liberal		n/a	4%	
Gender	Men	49%	48%	
	Women	51%	52%	
Age	Under 45	38%	33%	
	45 or older	62%	67%	
Age	18 to 29	18%	14%	
	30 to 44	21%	19%	
	45 to 59	30%	33%	
	60 or older	31%	34%	
			31%	34%
Race	White	69%	72%	
	African American	11%	12%	
	Latino	13%	13%	
	Other	6%	3%	
Region	Northeast	18%	19%	
	Midwest	22%	22%	
	South	37%	37%	
	West	23%	22%	
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	51%	49%	
	\$50,000 or more	49%	51%	
Education	Not college graduate	58%	56%	
	College graduate	42%	44%	
Interview Type	Landline	73%	75%	
	Cell Phone	27%	25%	

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted March 25th through March 27th, 2013, 2012, N=1219 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points. National Registered Voters: N=1061 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		If the 2016 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	Chris Christie, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		46%	43%	11%
Party Identification	Democrat	81%	12%	6%
	Republican	11%	82%	7%
	Independent	43%	40%	18%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	79%	14%	7%
	Moderate	54%	35%	10%
	Conservative-Very conservative	22%	66%	13%
Region	Northeast	61%	32%	7%
	Midwest	42%	49%	10%
	South	43%	47%	10%
	West	43%	39%	18%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	54%	37%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	40%	48%	13%
Education	Not college graduate	49%	42%	10%
	College graduate	43%	44%	13%
Race	White	41%	49%	11%
	Non-white	64%	25%	11%
Age	Under 45	54%	37%	9%
	45 or older	44%	44%	12%
Gender	Men	45%	46%	9%
	Women	47%	40%	12%
Interview Type	Landline	44%	45%	12%
	Cell Phone	55%	37%	9%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted March 25th through March 27th, 2013, N=519 MOE +/- 4.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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		National Registered Voters		
		If the 2016 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	Jeb Bush, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		54%	38%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	95%	2%	3%
	Republican	13%	80%	7%
	Independent	52%	35%	13%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	87%	8%	5%
	Moderate	66%	26%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	26%	65%	9%
Region	Northeast	73%	18%	10%
	Midwest	48%	43%	9%
	South	49%	44%	7%
	West	52%	39%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	60%	34%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	52%	40%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	53%	39%	8%
	College graduate	55%	37%	8%
Race	White	48%	43%	10%
	Non-white	74%	22%	4%
Age	Under 45	65%	32%	3%
	45 or older	50%	39%	11%
Gender	Men	52%	39%	9%
	Women	56%	37%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	51%	40%	9%
	Cell Phone	64%	31%	5%

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		Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	Marco Rubio, the Republican	Undecided
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National Registered Voters		52%	40%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	91%	5%	4%
	Republican	14%	81%	5%
	Independent	49%	37%	14%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	85%	11%	4%
	Moderate	61%	30%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	25%	66%	9%
Region	Northeast	63%	27%	9%
	Midwest	44%	47%	9%
	South	51%	41%	8%
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Education	Not college graduate	52%	40%	8%
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Race	White	46%	44%	10%
	Non-white	69%	28%	2%
Age	Under 45	57%	35%	8%
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	Republican	14%	78%	8%
	Independent	47%	45%	8%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	89%	6%	5%
	Moderate	61%	32%	7%
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Race	White	47%	46%	8%
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	Republican	4%	89%	7%
	Independent	35%	47%	18%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	75%	16%	9%
	Moderate	50%	40%	10%
	Conservative-Very conservative	17%	73%	10%
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Party Identification	Democrat	89%	7%	4%
	Republican	10%	84%	6%
	Independent	50%	36%	14%
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