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New York State: Presidential Campaign 2008 Hillary Clinton and Rudy Giuliani Are Odds on Favorites Among Their Party's Faithful in New York, But...

This WNBC/Marist Poll reports:

- **Hillary Clinton is the Democratic presidential primary frontrunner among New York Democrats but many registered voters, including Democrats, question her electability:** Hillary Clinton outdistances the Democratic primary field among New York Democrats for president in 2008. Most Democrats and a majority of independents generally think she is ideologically about right, neither too liberal nor too conservative. New York voters divide over whether they would like to see her enter the presidential contest in 2008 even though many think she will. But most registered voters, including a majority of Democrats, do not think she is likely to win. In match-ups for the 2008 presidential contest between Democrat Clinton and the leading Republicans, this traditionally blue state becomes competitive with Republican McCain and moves into the red column with Republican Giuliani.
- Senator Hillary Clinton outpaces the field of potential Democratic candidates for the Democratic presidential primary in New York in 2008. Clinton receives 42% among registered Democrats. Former Vice President Al Gore receives 24%. Former Senator John Edwards, Senator Joe Biden, Senator Russ Feingold, Senator John Kerry, former Governor Mark Warner, retired General Wesley Clark, Senator Chris Dodd, former Senator Tom Daschle, Governor Bill Richardson, Senator Evan Bayh, and Governor Tom Vilsack trail with single digits. 6% of Democrats are undecided.

Question Wording: If the 2008 Democratic presidential primary in New York were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are: (asked of registered Democrats)

Registered Democrats	July 2006
Hillary Clinton	42%
Al Gore	24%
John Edwards	6%
Joe Biden	6%
Russ Feingold	5%
John Kerry	5%
Mark Warner	1%
Wesley Clark	1%
Chris Dodd	1%
Tom Daschle	1%
Bill Richardson	1%
Evan Bayh	1%
Tom Vilsack	<1%
Undecided	6%

- 56% of New York voters think Senator Clinton is ideologically about right including 71% of Democrats and a majority of independents, that is, New York voters not enrolled in any party. 28% say she is too liberal, including 49% of New York Republicans. Only 10% of registered voters in New York consider her to be too conservative.

Question Wording: Do you think Hillary Clinton is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

Registered Voters	Too Liberal	Too Conservative	About Right	Unsure
July 2006	28%	10%	56%	6%
Party				
Democrat	11%	14%	71%	4%
Republican	49%	8%	37%	6%
Non-enrolled	32%	8%	54%	6%

- New York voters divide over whether or not they want Hillary Clinton to run for president in 2008. 46% of registered voters would like to see her run, and 49% do not want her to enter the presidential sweepstakes. 5% are unsure. 62% of Democrats would like to see her in the race for president but 66% of Republicans and 52% of independents do not.

Question Wording: Do you want Hillary Clinton to run for president in 2008 or not?

Registered Voters	Yes, Run	No, Don't Run	Unsure
July 2006	46%	49%	5%
Party			
Democrats	62%	34%	4%
Republicans	30%	66%	4%
Non-enrolled	40%	52%	8%
Previous Polls			
May 2006	49%	44%	7%
January 2006	41%	49%	10%
September 2005	40%	52%	8%

- 60% of New York voters think Hillary Clinton will, in fact, run for president in 2008.

Question Wording: Do you think Hillary Clinton will run for president in 2008 or not?

Registered Voters	Will Run	Will Not Run	Unsure
July 2006	60%	35%	5%
Party			
Democrats	63%	33%	4%
Republicans	58%	37%	5%
Non-enrolled	60%	35%	5%
Previous Polls			
May 2006	60%	32%	8%
January 2006	59%	29%	12%
September 2005	54%	34%	12%
August 2005	55%	27%	18%

- Many New York voters do not think Hillary Clinton will be elected president. Should she decide to run for president in 2008, 64% of New York voters do not think it is likely she will be elected, including 54% of Democrats.

Question Wording: Do you think it is very likely, likely, not very likely, or not likely at all that Hillary Clinton will be elected president in 2008?

Registered Voters	Very Likely	Likely	Not Very Likely	Not Likely At All	Unsure
July 2006	10%	24%	40%	24%	2%
Party					
Democrats	15%	29%	38%	16%	2%
Republicans	6%	18%	41%	33%	2%
Non-enrolled	7%	21%	42%	27%	3%
Previous Polls					
May 2006	8%	23%	40%	26%	3%
January 2006	8%	25%	39%	23%	5%

- Both Rudy Giuliani and John McCain put New York's 31 electoral votes in play for the Republicans against Hillary Clinton. In match-ups against the two top Republican contenders in New York, Senator Clinton trails former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani by 9 points. She runs competitively against Senator John McCain. When matched against Governor George Pataki, Clinton outpaces him by 55% to 39%.

Question wording: If the 2008 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

Registered Voters	Hillary Clinton	Rudy Giuliani	Undecided
July 2006	43%	52%	5%
Party			
Democrat	65%	30%	5%
Republican	19%	79%	2%
Non-enrolled	34%	58%	8%
Region			
Upstate	40%	56%	4%
New York City	57%	37%	6%
Suburbs	31%	65%	4%
Previous Polls			
May 2006	46%	50%	4%

Registered Voters	Hillary Clinton	John McCain	Undecided
July 2006	46%	48%	6%
Party			
Democrat	72%	22%	6%
Republican	22%	76%	2%
Non-enrolled	36%	56%	8%
Previous Polls			
May 2006	48%	45%	7%

Registered Voters	Hillary Clinton	George Pataki	Undecided
July 2006	55%	39%	6%
Party			
Democrat	79%	17%	4%
Republican	27%	69%	4%
Non-enrolled	48%	43%	9%
Previous Polls			
May 2006	58%	36%	6%

- **Rudy Giuliani is the New York Republicans’ favorite for the Republican presidential primary in 2008, but many registered voters aren’t sure he will run:** Rudy Giuliani handily leads the field of potential Republican candidates in New York’s 2008 Republican presidential primary. Many registered voters in New York think he is ideologically about right, and a majority would like to see him make a presidential run. But registered voters in New York are divided over whether he will actually run, and if he does, a majority do not think he is likely to win the presidency.

- Former Mayor Rudy Giuliani receives 38% among registered Republicans in New York. Senator John McCain follows with 20% along with Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice with 13% and Governor George Pataki with 12%. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Senator George Allen, Governor Mitt Romney, Senator Chuck Hagel, Senator Bill Frist, Senator Sam Brownback, Governor Mike Huckabee, and Congressman Tom Tancredo trail with single digit support. 6% are undecided.

Question Wording: If the 2008 Republican presidential primary were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are: (asked of registered Republicans)

Registered Republicans	July 2006
Rudy Giuliani	38%
John McCain	20%
Condoleeza Rice	13%
George Pataki	12%
Newt Gingrich	5%
George Allen	2%
Mitt Romney	2%
Chuck Hagel	1%
Bill Frist	1%
Sam Brownback	<1%
Mike Huckabee	<1%
Tom Tancredo	<1%
Undecided	6%

- 59% of registered voters in New York characterize Rudy Giuliani as ideologically about right, including 77% of Republicans and 65% of independent voters. Only 12% of Republicans think he is too liberal. Although 41% of Democrats think he is ideologically well positioned, 42% of these voters think his ideological stance is too conservative.

Question Wording: Do you think Rudy Giuliani is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

Registered Voters	Too Liberal	Too Conservative	About Right	Unsure
July 2006	10%	26%	59%	5%
Party				
Democrat	10%	42%	41%	7%
Republican	12%	8%	77%	3%
Non-enrolled	10%	20%	65%	5%

- 51% of New York voters would like to see Rudy Giuliani run for president in 2008. Interest in a Giuliani candidacy is fueled by 71% of Republicans and 56% of independents who would like to see the former New York City mayor join the presidential contest.

Question Wording: Do you want Rudy Giuliani to run for president in 2008 or not?

Registered Voters	Yes, Run	No, Don't Run	Unsure
July 2006	51%	44%	5%
Party			
Democrat	36%	60%	4%
Republican	71%	26%	3%
Non-enrolled	56%	39%	5%
Previous Polls			
May 2006	51%	43%	6%
January 2006	53%	41%	6%
September 2005	49%	46%	5%

- But New York voters are divided over whether Rudy Giuliani will enter the presidential fray. 47% of registered voters think Rudy Giuliani will make a run for the White House in 2008, and 46% do not think he will. 7% are unsure.

Question Wording: Do you think Rudy Giuliani will run for president in 2008 or not?

Registered Voters	Will Run	Will Not Run	Unsure
July 2006	47%	46%	7%
Party			
Democrats	49%	45%	6%
Republicans	45%	46%	9%
Non-enrolled	45%	50%	5%
Previous Polls			
May 2006	45%	41%	14%

- 53% of New York State’s registered voters do not think it is likely that Rudy Giuliani will be elected president if he runs in 2008, although 44% do think he is likely to be successful.

Question Wording: Do you think it is very likely, likely, not very likely, or not likely at all that Rudy Giuliani will be elected president in 2008?

Registered Voters	Very Likely	Likely	Not Very Likely	Not Likely At All	Unsure
July 2006	11%	33%	33%	20%	3%
Party					
Democrats	7%	28%	36%	26%	3%
Republicans	13%	37%	35%	14%	1%
Non-enrolled	16%	35%	30%	16%	3%
Previous Polls					
May 2006	9%	35%	35%	17%	4%

- **Most voters do not want to see Governor George Pataki or New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg run for president in 2008:** There is little home state support for the presidential candidacies of George Pataki or Michael Bloomberg. Neither Republican gets much of a send off even from voters from their own party. Should Mayor Bloomberg decide to enter the presidential contest as an independent candidate, he runs third in New York to Republican frontrunner Rudy Giuliani and Democratic favorite Hillary Clinton.

- Only 20% of New York State’s registered voters want to see Governor George Pataki run for president in 2008.

Question Wording: Do you want George Pataki to run for president in 2008 or not?

Registered Voters	Yes, Run	No, Don't Run	Unsure
July 2006	20%	75%	5%
Party			
Democrat	12%	84%	4%
Republican	31%	68%	1%
Non-enrolled	24%	67%	9%
Previous Polls			
May 2006	22%	74%	4%
January 2006	25%	69%	6%
September 2005	17%	79%	4%

- 20% of New York voters want to see New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg run for president in 2008. His support is weakest upstate, but even in New York City only 29% of voters want him to run.

Question Wording: Do you want Michael Bloomberg to run for president in 2008 or not?

Registered Voters	Yes, Run	No, Don't Run	Unsure
July 2006	20%	73%	7%
Party			
Democrat	20%	75%	5%
Republican	20%	72%	8%
Non-enrolled	19%	74%	7%
Region			
Upstate	11%	77%	12%
New York City	29%	68%	3%
Suburbs	25%	72%	3%

- Michael Bloomberg receives 16% statewide as an independent candidate for president in a three-way contest with Rudy Giuliani and Hillary Clinton. When compared with the two-way match-up between Giuliani and Clinton, Mayor Bloomberg attracts support from each of them depending on the region of the state. Bloomberg receives support in New York City which reduces Hillary Clinton's lead over Giuliani in that region from 57% to 40%. Bloomberg also garners support in the suburbs that surround the city which decreases Rudy Giuliani's lead in the two-way contest with Clinton from 65% to 50%.

Question Wording: If the 2008 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

Registered Voters	Rudy Giuliani Republican	Hillary Clinton Democrat	Michael Bloomberg Independent	Undecided
July 2006	45%	34%	16%	5%
Party				
Democrat	27%	54%	16%	3%
Republican	69%	15%	14%	2%
Non-enrolled	48%	26%	18%	8%
Region				
Upstate	50%	36%	9%	5%
New York City	35%	40%	21%	4%
Suburbs	50%	23%	22%	5%

Nature of the Sample: 800 New York State Registered Voters

This survey of 800 registered voters was conducted July 11th through July 14th, 2006. Registered voters were interviewed by telephone in proportion to the voter registration in each county in New York State and adjusted for turnout in statewide elections. Results are statistically significant at $\pm 3.5\%$. There are 337 registered Democrats and 236 registered Republicans. Results for these sub-samples are statistically significant at $\pm 5.5\%$ and $\pm 6.5\%$, respectively. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.