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**National Poll:
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This Marist College Institute for Public Opinion poll reports:

- **For the Democrats....** New York Senator Hillary Clinton leads the field of potential Democratic candidates nationwide for the party's 2008 presidential nomination. Clinton receives 39% among registered Democrats and Democratic leaning Independents. Her closest contenders are Senator John Kerry with 21% and former Senator John Edwards with 15%. Senator Joe Biden, retired General Wesley Clark, Senator Russ Feingold, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, Senator Evan Bayh, Virginia Governor Mark Warner, and Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack follow with single digit support. 10% are undecided.

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

Democrats	February 2005
Hillary Clinton	39%
John Kerry	21%
John Edwards	15%
Joe Biden	5%
Wesley Clark	4%
Russ Feingold	2%
Bill Richardson	2%
Evan Bayh	1%
Mark Warner	1%
Tom Vilsack	<1%
Undecided	10%

- For the Republicans....** Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Senator John McCain set the early pace for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination although 20% remain undecided. Giuliani receives the support nationwide of 25% of Republicans and Republican leaning Independents, and McCain has 21%. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice follows with 14%, and Florida Governor Jeb Bush receives 7%. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Senator Bill Frist, Colorado Governor Bill Owens, Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, Senator Rick Santorum, New York Governor George Pataki, Senator Chuck Hagel, and Senator George Allen round out the field.

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

Republicans	February 2005
Rudy Giuliani	25%
John McCain	21%
Condoleezza Rice	14%
Jeb Bush	7%
Newt Gingrich	5%
Bill Frist	3%
Bill Owens	2%
Mitt Romney	1%
Rick Santorum	1%
George Pataki	1%
Chuck Hagel	<1%
George Allen	<1%
Undecided	20%

- Still a love-hate relationship with Hillary:** Voters nationwide divide over whether they would like to see Hillary Clinton out on the presidential campaign hustings in 2008. 46% of registered voters would like to see her give it a try, but 49% would prefer she not run for president. Still a polarizing figure, two-thirds of Democrats want Senator Clinton to make the race and nearly three-quarters of Republicans do not. Independents squarely divide. Voters under 45 years of age are more interested in seeing a White House run by the Former First Lady than are voters 45 years of age or older.

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

Registered Voters	Yes, Run	No, Don't Run	Unsure
February 2005	46%	49%	5%
December 2004	38%	50%	12%

February 2005	Yes, Run	No, Don't Run	Unsure
Democrats	67%	29%	4%
Republicans	21%	74%	5%
Independents	48%	46%	6%
Men	44%	49%	7%
Women	48%	49%	3%
Younger than 45	62%	34%	4%
45 and older	38%	57%	5%

- Clinton is competitive against leading Republicans...with the exception of John McCain:** McCain outdistances Senator Clinton by 12 points. In a hypothetical match-up for president in 2008, McCain receives the support of 54% of voters nationwide compared with 42% for Clinton. Voters divide over whether they would like to see Hillary Clinton or Rudy Giuliani as their next president. Clinton receives 47% compared to Giuliani's 49%. Paired against Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Clinton receives the support of 51% compared with 43% for Rice.

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

Registered Voters	Hillary Clinton Democrat	John McCain Republican	Unsure
February 2005	42%	54%	4%

Registered Voters	Hillary Clinton Democrat	Rudy Giuliani Republican	Unsure
February 2005	47%	49%	4%

Registered Voters	Hillary Clinton Democrat	Condoleezza Rice Republican	Unsure
February 2005	51%	43%	6%

- Run Rudy run? Not exactly:** 47% of registered voters nationwide would prefer Rudy Giuliani not run for president in 2008. 42% would like to see him toss his hat into the presidential ring. Nearly two-thirds of Republicans would like to see the former New

York City mayor join the fray and about two-thirds of Democrats would not. His standing among voters has improved since December when questions surrounding Bernard Kerik were at their height. At that time, only 32% of voters wanted to see Giuliani make a presidential run in 2008.

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

Registered Voters	Yes, Run	No, Don't Run	Unsure
February 2005	42%	47%	11%
December 2004	32%	42%	26%

Registered Voters	Yes, Run	No, Don't Run	Unsure
February 2005			
Democrats	23%	66%	11%
Republicans	65%	27%	8%
Independents	43%	46%	11%

- **Rudy Giuliani runs well...** When pitted against John Kerry, 50% of voters nationwide choose Giuliani compared with 44% who support the former Democratic presidential candidate. Similarly, Giuliani garners 49% of the vote in a hypothetical contest against John Edwards who receives 43%.

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

Registered Voters	Rudy Giuliani Republican	John Kerry Democrat	Unsure
February 2005	50%	44%	6%

Registered Voters	Rudy Giuliani Republican	John Edwards Democrat	Unsure
February 2005	49%	43%	8%

- **...but John McCain runs better:** In match-ups for the 2008 election for president, McCain not only outpaces Hillary Clinton but leads John Kerry by 18 points and John Edwards by 12 points.

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

Registered Voters	John McCain Republican	John Kerry Democrat	Unsure
February 2005	55%	37%	8%

Registered Voters	John McCain Republican	John Edwards Democrat	Unsure
February 2005	51%	39%	10%

- **To know her....** 52% of registered voters nationwide approve of the job Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is doing in office and 22% disapprove. Just over one in four voters, 26%, do not have an opinion one way or the other.

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Condoleezza Rice is doing as Secretary of State?

Registered voters	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
February 2005	52%	22%	26%

- **Whose party is it anyway:** Many registered voters do not think either the Democratic or Republican Party is headed in the right direction. 52% of voters see the Democratic Party as headed in the wrong direction, and 48% believe the Republican Party is on the wrong track. Independent voters are concerned about the direction of both parties. 52% of Independent voters believe the Democratic Party is on the wrong track and 56% feel this way about the Republican Party. Republicans and Democrats, not surprisingly, are most positive about their respective parties and most critical of the opposition. Republicans are especially satisfied with the direction of their own party. 87% of Republicans believe the Republican Party is headed in the right direction compared with 59% of Democrats who are positive about the direction of the Democratic Party.

Question Wording: In general, do you think the Democratic/Republican party is headed in the right direction or that the Democratic/Republican party is headed in the wrong direction?

Registered voters	Right	Wrong	Unsure
Democratic party direction	38%	52%	10%
Democrats	59%	34%	7%
Republicans	17%	73%	10%
Independents	36%	52%	12%

Registered voters	Right	Wrong	Unsure
Republican party direction	46%	48%	6%
Democrats	18%	74%	8%
Republicans	87%	10%	3%
Independents	37%	56%	7%

Nature of the Sample: 1,009 Americans

This survey was conducted on February 14th through 16th, 2005. 1,009 adults 18 years of age or older within 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. The results of the entire survey are statistically significant at $\pm 3\%$. There are 851 registered voters. The results for this sub-sample are statistically significant at $\pm 3.5\%$. There are 427 Democrats or Democratic leaning Independents and 347 Republicans or Republican leaning Independents in the sample. The results for these sub-samples are statistically significant at $\pm 5\%$ and $\pm 5.5\%$, respectively. The margin for error increases for cross-tabulations.