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Clinton leads, Obama trails in Ohio

Raleigh, N.C. – In possible general election match ups in Ohio Hillary Clinton shows a slight lead over John McCain while McCain has a larger advantage over Barack Obama, according to the newest survey from Public Policy Polling.

Clinton leads McCain 45-44 in the state, while McCain has a 49-41 advantage over Obama.

A similar PPP poll for Florida released yesterday showed Hillary Clinton having trouble with black voters and Barack Obama with difficulty shoring up the Democratic base. The same trend shows itself in Ohio. Clinton leads McCain just 47-27 with the key demographic of African American voters, while Obama pulls just 62% with respondents who identified themselves as Democrats.

"Some of Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama's supporters dislike the other candidate so much that at this point they're not committing to voting for the eventual Democratic nominee in the general election," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

"They'll probably come around but a key factor here is whether Democrats end up feeling that their nominee was chosen through a legitimate process. If they don't it could cause some folks to sit on their hands this fall," Debnam continued.

McCain has no such problems shoring up his base. He gets 88% of Republican votes against Clinton and 86% against Obama.

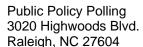
A Public Policy Polling Florida survey released Tuesday showed McCain leading both Democrats in the state.

PPP surveyed 621 likely voters March 15th-17th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.9%. 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.

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Ohio Survey Results

Q1	Democrat Hillary Clinton and McCain, who would you we Clinton, press 1. If John by you're undecided, press 3.	and Republican John rote for? If Hillary McCain, press 2. If	Q4 Q5
	McCain44%		
Q2	If the election for Presider Republican John McCain Barack Obama, who wou John McCain, press 1. If press 2. If you're undecid	and Democrat ld you vote for? If Barack Obama, led, press 3.	Q6
	McCain		07
		41%	Q7
	Undecided	10%	
Q3	I am going to name 7 issumost important to you? Teducation, the economy a or family values, health cathe War in Iraq is most imeducation, press 2. If the press 3. If taxes, press 4 values, press 5. If health immigration, press 7. If s most important, press 8.	The War in Iraq, and jobs, taxes, moral are, or immigration. If portant, press 1. If economy and jobs, If moral and family care, press 6. If	
	War in Iraq19%	Moral and family values8%	
	Education 3%	Health care 5%	
	Economy and jobs. 53%	Immigration 5%	
	Taxes 6%	Other 1%	

Q4	If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.
	Women49% Men51%
Q5	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3. Democrat48%
	Republican32%
	Other20%
Q6	If you are white, press 1. If you are African American, press 2. If other, press 3.
	White82% Other6%
	African American12%
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. 18-2913% 46-6533%
	30-4531% Older than 6524%





-Crosstabs-

		Gender		
	Base	Women	Men	
Clinton/McCain				
Clinton	45%	53%	38%	
McCain	44%	35%	53%	
Undecided	11%	13%	9%	

		Gender		
	Base	Women	Men	
McCain/Obama				
McCain	49%	44%	54%	
Obama	41%	43%	38%	
Undecided	10%	13%	7%	

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Other			
Clinton/McCain							
Clinton	45%	76%	7%	33%			
McCain	44%	12%	88%	50%			
Undecided	11%	12%	5%	17%			

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Other		
McCain/Obama		-				
McCain	49%	27%	86%	44%		
Obam a	41%	62%	12%	37%		
Undecided	10%	11%	3%	19%		

		Race		
	Base	White	African American	Other
Clinton/McCain				
Clinton	45%	46%	47%	34%
McCain	44%	46%	27%	46%
Undecided	11%	8%	27%	20%

		Race		
	Base	White	African American	Other
McCain/Obama				
McCain	49%	54%	27%	31%
Obama	41%	36%	69%	46%
Undecided	10%	10%	4%	23%

		Age			
	Base	18- 29		46- 65	Older than 65
Clinton/McCain			-		
Clinton	45%	43%	39%	49%	48%
McCain	44%	42%	50%	40%	42%
Undecided	11%	15%	11%	10%	10%

		Age			
	Base	18- 29	30- 45		Older than 65
McCain/Obama					
McCain	49%	43%	54%	47%	49%
Obama	41%	48%	35%	43%	42%
Undecided	10%	9%	11%	10%	9%





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		Issue							
	Base	War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs		Moral and family values		lm m igration	Other
Clinton/McCain									
Clinton	45%	52%	40%	52%	8%	11%	80%	17%	51%
McCain	44%	38%	21%	37%	80%	82%	13%	76%	49%
Undecided	11%	10%	39%	11%	13%	7%	7%	6%	-

		Issue							
	Base	War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs		Moral and family values			Other
McCain/Obama			-	•	-			-	
McCain	49%	44%	37%	44%	66%	83%	32%	76%	16%
Obama	41%	48%	35%	46%	20%	9%	58%	14%	84%
Undecided	10%	8%	29%	10%	14%	7%	10%	10%	-

