

Iowa entrance poll

Support for Barack Obama tended to come from participants who described themselves as liberal, and those looking for change, while Hillary Rodham Clinton garnered support from older women, and those who think the right experience matters most. For the Republicans, Mike Huckabee's strongest support was among women.

Among Democratic caucus voters who supported:

		Hillary Rodham Clinton	John Edwards	Barack Obama
Gender:				
43%	Male	23%	24	35
57%	Female	30%	23	35
	• Women under 45	21%	15	50
	• Women 45 or older	36%	28	24
	• Married women	32%	27	30
Age				
17%	17-24	10%	14	57
6%	25-29	15%	12	57
18%	30-44	23%	21	42
29%	45-59	26%	30	29
9%	60-64	34%	32	21
22%	65 or older	45%	22	18
Income				
10%	Less than \$15,000	30%	17	37
13%	\$15,000-\$29,999	32%	21	32
18%	\$30,000-\$49,999	32%	20	33
23%	\$50,000-\$74,999	26%	24	35
17%	\$75,000-\$99,999	24%	22	31
19%	\$100,000 or more	19%	28	41
Party identification				
76%	Democrat	31%	23	32
20%	Independent	17%	23	41
Previous caucus experience				
43%	Attended before	24%	30	26
57%	First time	29%	18	41
Party ideology				
18%	Very liberal	24%	16	40
36%	Somewhat liberal	25%	25	36
40%	Moderate	31%	22	33
6%	Conservative	22%	42	21
Q: Which one of these issues is the most important facing the country?				
35%	Economy	26%	26	36
35%	War in Iraq	26%	17	35
27%	Healthcare	30%	27	34
Q: Which one of these four personal qualities mattered most in deciding whom to support?				
52%	Can bring about needed change	19%	20	51
19%	Cares about people like me	22%	44	24
20%	Has the right experience	49%	9	5
8%	Has best chance to win in November	30%	36	23

Among Republican caucus voters who supported:

		Mike Huckabee	Mitt Romney	John McCain	Fred Thompson	Ron Paul
Gender:						
56%	Male	29%	26	14	16	11
44%	Female	40%	24	13	10	8
Age						
11%	17-29	40%	22	7	4	21
15%	30-44	39%	23	11	13	9
46%	45-64	31%	25	11	18	9
27%	65 or older	30%	28	21	10	8
Income						
37%	Under \$50,000	36%	20	14	12	14
63%	\$50,000 or more	32%	28	13	14	13
Party identification						
86%	Republican	36%	26	12	14	7
13%	Independent	17%	19	23	8	29
Do you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian?						
60%	Yes	46%	19	10	11	10
40%	No	14%	33	18	17	11
Party ideology						
11%	Moderate	22%	26	26	3	17
43%	Somewhat conservative	34%	27	18	9	8
45%	Very conservative	35%	23	6	22	10
Q: Which one of these issues is the most important facing the country?						
33%	Illegal immigration	36%	30	4	18	9
26%	Economy	34%	25	11	11	16
21%	Terrorism	26%	24	22	15	6
17%	War in Iraq	33%	17	25	8	12
Q: Which one of these four personal qualities mattered most in deciding whom to support?						
33%	Says what he believes	33%	14	16	21	14
45%	Shares my values	44%	26	4	12	11
14%	Has the right experience	9%	37	35	6	1
7%	Has best chance to win in November	8%	51	14	4	5

Percentages may not add up to 100% when all categories or candidates are not shown.

How the poll was conducted: The entrance poll was conducted at 40 caucus locations among 2,136 Democratic participants and at 40 caucus locations among 1,600 Republican participants. The caucus locations are a stratified probability sample of Iowa. Within each location, an interviewer approached every voter as he or she entered the caucus site. About 50 voters completed a questionnaire at each location. The exact number depends on voter turnout and their cooperation. Ages, genders and races are inferred for those who chose not to respond.

Source: National Election Poll, conducted by Edison/Mitofsky. The poll members are ABC, AP, CBS, CNN, Fox and NBC.