



South Carolina

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Polling was conducted by telephone January 16-17, 2008, in the evenings. The total sample is 500 likely Republican primary voters in South Carolina with a margin of error of $\pm 4\%$. Respondents were randomly selected from two sources: 250 were randomly selected from a list of voters who had previously voted in a South Carolina Republican primary, and 250 were drawn from a random digit dial sample which gives every household in the state an equal chance of being called. All respondents were screened to ensure that they are registered to vote in South Carolina and likely to vote in the 2008 Republican primary.

1. I'm going to read you a list of candidates. If the South Carolina Republican presidential primary were held today, would you vote for...?

(ROTATE 1-7)

	16-17 Jan 08	9 Jan 08	1-3 Apr 07
1. John McCain	27%	25%	25%
2. Mike Huckabee	20	18	2
3. Mitt Romney	15	17	14
4. Fred Thompson	11	9	2*
5. Ron Paul	4	5	1
6. Rudy Giuliani	3	5	26
7. Duncan Hunter	1	1	1
8. Newt Gingrich	na	na	5*
9. Sam Brownback	na	na	2
10. Tommy Thompson	na	na	2
11. Jim Gilmore	na	na	1
12. Tom Tancredo	na	na	1
13. (Other)	1	1	1
14. (Don't know)	19	19	16

*responses were volunteered in April

2. Are you certain to support that person or do you think you may change your mind and support someone else in the 2008 South Carolina presidential primary?

	Certain to support	May change mind	(Don't know)
16-17 Jan 08	71%	28	1
Romney voters	80%	19	1
Thompson	73%	27	-
McCain	73%	25	1
Huckabee	68%	30	2
9 Jan 08	58%	40	1
McCain	58%	41	2
Romney	57%	42	1
Huckabee	60%	38	2
Thompson	53%	47	-
1-3 Apr 07	30%	62	8
McCain	30%	62	8
Romney	20%	73	8

3. If your candidate were not on the ballot, which candidate would be your second choice?

	16-17 Jan 08	9 Jan 08	1-3 Apr 07
1. Mike Huckabee	17%	20%	2%
2. John McCain	17	19	19
3. Mitt Romney	16	14	11
4. Fred Thompson	16	10	3*
5. Rudy Giuliani	9	13	18
6. Ron Paul	3	4	1
7. Duncan Hunter	1	1	2
8. Newt Gingrich	na	na	4*
9. Sam Brownback	na	na	1
10. Jim Gilmore	na	na	1
11. Tom Tancredo	na	na	1
12. Tommy Thompson	na	na	1
13. (Other)	4	3	6
14. (Don't know)	18	17	31

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Second Choice	Second Choice Summary Chart					
	Romney	McCain	Giuliani	Paul	Huckabee	Thompson
McCain supporters	24%		6	5	55	10
Huckabee supporters	20%	58	-	10		13
Romney supporters		40%	7	4	20	26
Thompson supporters	34%	30	4	4	24	

4. How confident are you that if (INSERT NAME OF RESPONDENT'S FIRST CHOICE CANDIDATE) is nominated, he can beat the Democratic candidate in the 2008 general election?

SCALE: 1. Extremely confident 2. Very confident 3. Somewhat confident

4. Not very confident 5. (Don't know)

	- Confident -			- Not confident -			(DK)
	Total	Ext	Vry	Total	Smwt	Ntvry	
16-17 Jan 08	60%	21	39	33	26	7	6
Romney voters	66%	23	43	28	17	11	6
McCain voters	57%	18	39	38	32	6	5
Huckabee voters	56%	24	32	38	34	4	7
Thompson voters	78%	27	51	18	14	4	3
9 Jan 08	48%	17	31	47	39	8	5
Romney voters	54%	14	40	42	36	6	5
McCain voters	50%	22	28	44	37	7	5
Huckabee voters	38%	13	25	57	48	9	5
Thompson voters	46%	10	36	49	41	8	5

5. Thinking specifically about your vote in the presidential primary, which ONE of the following would you say is the MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE in deciding which candidate to support over the party's other candidates? Is it the candidate's position on: (ROTATE, READ LIST)

	16-17 Jan 08	9 Jan 08
1. The economy	27%	17%
2. Immigration	18	16
3. Homeland security	15	15
4. The war in Iraq	11	16
5. Health care	8	10
6. Social issues such as abortion and gay marriage	8	10
7. Taxes	5	7
8. Education	3	3
9. (Don't know)	5	6

6. I'm going to read you a list of qualities many people think are important in presidential candidates. Thinking specifically about your vote in the Republican primary, which ONE quality matters most in deciding who you are supporting over the other candidates in the Republican primary ... (ROTATE)

	16-17 Jan 08	9 Jan 08
1. He stands up for what he believes	50%	47%
2. He is a true conservative	19	21
3. He has the right experience	19	19
4. He has the best chance to win against the Democrat	8	7
5. (Don't know/Refused)	5	5

7. - 9. Regardless of how you plan to vote, I'd like you to tell me whether each of these words or phrases best describes Mitt Romney, Rudy Giuliani, Fred Thompson, John McCain, or Mike Huckabee. (RANDOMIZE)

SCALE: 1. Mitt Romney 2. Rudy Giuliani 3. Fred Thompson 4. John McCain
5. Mike Huckabee 6. (All) 7. (None) 8. (Don't know)

	Romney	Giuliani	Thompson	McCain	Huckabee	All	None	(DK)
Honest and trustworthy								
16-17 Jan 08	14%	4	12	25	26	5	5	10
9 Jan 08	13%	7	9	28	22	4	6	11
Strong leader								
16-17 Jan 08	20%	11	8	36	12	3	2	9
9 Jan 08	20%	18	6	35	8	2	1	9
True conservative								
16-17 Jan 08	12%	4	28	12	21	3	6	14
9 Jan 08	18%	3	16	14	21	2	6	20

10. How important is it to you that a presidential candidate shares your religious beliefs?

SCALE: 1. Extremely important 2. Very important 3. Somewhat important
4. Not very important 5. (Don't know/Refused)

	- Important -			- Not important -			(DK)
	Total	Ext	Vry	Total	Smwt	Ntvry	
16-17 Jan 08	43%	16	27	56	22	34	1
9 Jan 08	35%	11	24	66	27	39	-

11. If it were possible to locate most illegal immigrants currently in the United States, would you favor deporting as many as possible or would you favor setting up a system for some of them to become legal residents?

	Deport as many as possible	Set up system to become legal	(Don't know)
16-17 Jan 08	51%	41	8
9 Jan 08	43%	47	10

D1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as president? Is that strongly or only somewhat? (If don't know: If you had to say one way or another, would you say you more approve or more disapprove?)

SCALE: 1. Strongly approve 2. Somewhat approve 3. Somewhat disapprove
4. Strongly disapprove 5. (Don't know/Refused)

	- Approve -			- Disapprove -			(DK/Ref.)
	Total	Stgly	Smwt	Total	Smwt	Stgly	
16-17 Jan 08	74%	34	40	22	10	12	3
9 Jan 08	68%	31	37	29	15	14	2
1-3 Apr 07	70%	na	na	23	na	na	8

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	South Carolina Republican Primary Trial Heat						
	Romney	McCain	Giuliani	Paul	Huckabee	Thompson	Undecided
Likely GOP Primary Voters-Jan 18	15%	27%	3%	4%	20%	11%	19%
Likely GOP Primary Voters-Jan 10	17%	25%	5%	5%	18%	9%	19%
Certain to support	21%	34%	3%	4%	23%	14%	*%
May change mind	12%	30%	7%	9%	26%	13%	
Most Important Candidate Quality							
Stands up for what he believes	10%	28%	1%	6%	26%	11%	17%
Best chance to win against Dem	22%	25%	10%	2%	15%	6%	17%
Right experience	23%	42%	8%	1%	4%	7%	16%
True conservative	15%	13%	1%	3%	23%	20%	21%
Most Important Issue							
Homeland security	23%	34%	6%		16%	11%	8%
Economy	16%	30%	4%	9%	16%	5%	19%
Iraq war	5%	45%	2%		14%	10%	18%
Immigration	23%	15%	2%	7%	16%	16%	19%
Social issues	7%	12%	2%	2%	54%	8%	14%
Health care	11%	25%		6%	22%	18%	19%
Second Choice							
Romney voters		40%	7%	4%	20%	26%	
McCain	24%		6%	5%	55%	10%	
Huckabee	20%	58%		10%		13%	
Candidate Shares Religious Beliefs							
Extremely important	8%	25%	5%	2%	27%	17%	14%
Extremely/very important	8%	23%	3%	3%	29%	14%	16%
Not important	20%	29%	3%	6%	13%	8%	20%
Deport illegal immigrants							
Set up system for legalization	20%	22%	3%	4%	15%	13%	20%
	8%	35%	2%	5%	24%	8%	15%
Female	12%	25%	3%	4%	24%	10%	21%
Male	18%	29%	3%	5%	15%	12%	16%
Strongly approve of Bush job	12%	32%	3%	2%	20%	14%	16%
Strongly/somewhat approve	14%	25%	4%	3%	21%	13%	18%
Disapprove	16%	31%	2%	9%	16%	4%	19%
Pro-life	16%	22%	3%	5%	25%	12%	16%
Pro-choice	14%	41%	3%	4%	7%	9%	21%
18-45	8%	20%	2%	7%	23%	14%	21%
30-45	8%	20%	3%	7%	25%	13%	22%
46-54	15%	25%	7%	6%	19%	12%	16%
55-64	17%	31%	2%	3%	18%	9%	18%
65+	20%	31%	2%	2%	17%	10%	18%
Very conservative	18%	18%	2%	5%	25%	15%	13%
Very/Somewhat conservative	14%	23%	3%	4%	23%	14%	17%
Moderate	17%	32%	4%	7%	14%	6%	20%
Strong Republicans	17%	24%	2%	3%	22%	13%	16%
All Republicans	16%	25%	3%	3%	21%	12%	17%
Independents	11%	34%	5%	8%	14%	7%	20%
Attend Religious Services							
At least once a week	14%	24%	1%	3%	25%	10%	20%
Less than once a week	16%	33%	5%	8%	10%	10%	15%
Military household	17%	33%	2%	4%	18%	9%	17%
Non-military household	12%	20%	4%	5%	21%	14%	20%
Catholic	20%	33%	6%	7%	7%	9%	17%
Protestant	13%	26%	2%	4%	23%	10%	19%
(Other)	15%	25%	3%	4%	23%	13%	16%
White evangelicals	13%	23%	2%	5%	27%	11%	17%
College	16%	27%	4%	5%	18%	11%	19%
No College	11%	27%	1%	2%	24%	11%	19%
Less than \$50,000	16%	28%	5%	4%	19%	6%	22%
\$50,000 and above	15%	26%	2%	4%	22%	13%	16%

Most Important Candidate Characteristic to Vote

	Best Chance to win	Right exper- ience	True conser- vative	Stands up
Likely GOP Primary Voters-Jan 18	8%	19%	19%	50%
Likely GOP Primary Voters-Jan 10	7%	19%	21%	47%
Romney voters	13%	29%	19%	34%
McCain	8%	29%	9%	51%
Huckabee	6%	4%	22%	65%
Candidate Shares Religious Beliefs				
Extremely important	13%	9%	24%	49%
Extremely/very important	9%	12%	22%	53%
Not important	8%	24%	16%	47%
Deport illegal immigrants	11%	18%	22%	43%
Set up system for legalization	6%	19%	14%	59%
Female	5%	19%	17%	53%
Male	12%	18%	21%	46%
Strongly approve of Bush job	8%	16%	22%	50%
Strongly/somewhat approve	9%	19%	20%	48%
Disapprove	7%	17%	13%	57%
Pro-life	8%	16%	23%	49%
Pro-choice	11%	21%	8%	56%
18-45	5%	14%	20%	59%
30-45	5%	14%	21%	58%
46-54	8%	22%	17%	47%
55-64	9%	24%	20%	43%
65+	12%	18%	17%	47%
Very conservative	8%	12%	33%	44%
Very/Somewhat conservative	9%	15%	25%	47%
Moderate	7%	26%	6%	55%
Strong Republicans	8%	17%	24%	47%
All Republicans	9%	18%	21%	47%
Independents	7%	22%	10%	55%
Attend Religious Services				
At least once a week	9%	15%	20%	51%
Less than once a week	5%	30%	14%	45%
Military household	8%	20%	18%	49%
Non military household	9%	18%	20%	50%
Catholic	13%	24%	8%	49%
Protestant	8%	18%	19%	50%
(Other)	6%	17%	22%	50%
White evangelicals	8%	16%	22%	50%
College	8%	20%	18%	48%
No College	10%	14%	20%	53%
Less than \$50,000	12%	20%	16%	46%
\$50,000 and above	7%	18%	18%	53%

Confident Your Candidate Can Beat the Democrat in 2008

	Extremely Confident	Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not very Confident
Likely Republican Primary Voters	17%	32%	22%	6%
Thompson voters	27%	51%	14%	4%
Romney	23%	43%	17%	11%
McCain	18%	39%	32%	6%
Huckabee	24%	32%	34%	4%

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Most Important Issue

	The war in Iraq	Health care	The economy	Immigra- tion	Homeland security	Education	Taxes	Social issues
Likely GOP Primary Voters-Jan 18	11%	8%	27%	18%	15%	3%	5%	8%
Likely GOP Primary Voters-Jan 10	16%	10%	17%	16%	15%	3%	7%	10%
Romney voters	4%	6%	29%	27%	23%		6%	4%
McCain	19%	8%	30%	10%	19%	2%	5%	4%
Huckabee	8%	9%	22%	14%	12%	3%	5%	23%
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Certainty of Vote

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