

The New Hampshire Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm College Poll Presidential Primary -2008

Based upon responses from 1,514 likely primary voters surveyed by telephone between October 15 and October 21 2007, if the New Hampshire Primary were held today, Mitt Romney and Hillary Clinton would win solidly.

With 43% support, Hillary Clinton commanded a 21 point lead over her nearest rival, Barack Obama, who polled at 22 percent. The third-place candidate was John Edwards, with 14% percent. Clinton polled strongly across genders, religions and age groups. She made a greater showing among 18-to-29-year-olds than Obama, who has been portrayed as the candidate of young people.

The poll shows Romney with a nearly 11-point lead over the second place candidate, Rudy Giuliani, among likely Republican primary voters. While Ron Paul showed a surprising 7% support, Fred Thomson showed only 5 percent support.

Romney also polled well across religious groups, indicating that in New Hampshire the former Massachusetts governor's Mormon religion is not an issue. Romney showed strong support among women, with 37 percent saying they would vote for him, compared to 29 percent of men.

While Romney and Clinton pulled a majority among voters of their respective parties, the picture is mixed among undeclared voters. More than 40 percent of voters who identify themselves as undeclared said they were still not sure which if they would vote in the Democratic or Republican primary. At the same time, 41 percent of undeclared voters said they would vote in the Democratic primary and 19 percent in the Republican contest.