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Interviewing: March 6-9, 2008

Sample: 1,000 adults nationwide

Margin of error: ± 3.1 for all adults

802 registered voters nationwide, including

402 Democrats/Democrat leaners,

310 Republicans/Republican leaners

Margin of error: ± 3.5 for all registered voters,

± 4.9 for Dems/Dem leaners

± 5.6 for Reps/Rep leaners

**RT Strategies National Omnibus Poll
Thomas Riehle, Partner**

**And
Cook Political Report Poll**

Conducted February 28-March 2 & March 6-9, 2008 (LAST TWO POLLS COMBINED)

N = 1,604 registered voters nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 2.5\%$

N = 804 Democrats/Democrat leaners nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 3.5\%$

N = 620 Republican/Republican leaners nationwide, Margin of Error: $\pm 3.9\%$

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All numbers represent percentages unless otherwise labeled.

REGISTERED VOTERS

We're interviewing to people about political leaders and issues facing the country today.

D1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

	ALL ADULTS	R	I	D
Yes, registered at this address.....	80	100	100	100
No, not registered at this address	19	-	-	-
Not sure/ refused	-	-	-	-

PARTY AFFILIATION

D2. **(ASK ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS)** In national politics do you consider yourself **(RANDOMIZE:)** a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or none of these? **(IF DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN ASK:)** Do you consider yourself strongly (Democratic/Republican) or only moderately (Democratic/Republican). **(IF INDEPENDENT/NONE OF THESE, ASK:)** Do lean more toward the **(ROTATE:)** Democratic or Republican Party?

	REGISTERED VOTERS
Republican	28
Independent	31
Democrat	37
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<i>Republicans with leaners</i>	39
<i>Democrats with leaners</i>	50
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Strongly Republican	17
Moderately Republican	12
Independent/neither/lean Republican.....	10
Independent/neither/do not lean.....	8
Independent/neither/lean Democrat	13
Moderately Democrat.....	14
Strongly Democrat	23
Refused/not sure.....	3

COOK POLITICAL STUDY—ASK ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS (D1-1:1)

(ROTATE, CPR-1 – CPR-2b AND CPR4 – CPR5b. ASK HALF THE RESPONDENTS CPR4, CPR5a AND CPR5b, THEN ASK CPR1, CPR2a, AND CPR2b.)

CPR1. I know the election in November is a long way off, but if **(ROTATE:)** Illinois Senator Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and Arizona Senator John McCain were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you vote for—Barack Obama, the Democrat, or John McCain, the Republican? **(IF NEITHER, DON'T KNOW, OR REFUSED, ASK :)** As of today, do you lean more toward **(ROTATE:)** Obama, the Democrat, or McCain, the Republican?

	COMBINED			3/6-9/08			REGISTERED		
	3/6-9/08 & 2/28-3/2/08						2/28-3/2/08	1/31-2/2/08	11/9-12/06
	REGISTERED VOTERS	REGISTERED VOTERS	REGISTERED VOTERS	R	I	D	VOTERS	VOTERS	VOTERS
Total Barack Obama/Obama leaners.....	45	43	5	38	78	47	45	37	
Total John McCain/McCain leaners.....	41	45	86	46	13	38	43	44	
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Barack Obama, the Democrat.....	43	41	5	34	75	45	44	37	
Lean Obama.....	2	2	1	3	2	3	1	-	
Lean McCain.....	3	4	5	4	2	3	2	-	
John McCain, the Republican.....	38	41	81	42	11	35	42	44	
(VOL) Other.....	2	2	1	1	3	3	2	4	
Not sure/refused.....	11	11	8	15	7	12	9	15	

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY BARACK OBAMA OR LEAN BARACK OBAMA IN CPR-1.)

CPR2a. Do you think there is a chance you (ROTATE:) will consider voting for McCain, or have you definitely decided to vote for Obama?

Obama Voters			
	COMBINED 3/6-9/08 & 2/28-3/2/08	3/6- 9/08	2/28- 3/2/08
Will consider voting for McCain.....	15	12	17
Definitely decided to vote for Obama.....	74	79	70
Not sure.....	11	9	13

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY JOHN McCAIN OR LEAN McCAIN IN CPR-1.)

CPR2b. Do you think there is a chance you (ROTATE:) will consider voting for Obama, or have you definitely decided to vote for McCain?

McCain Voters			
	COMBINED 3/6-9/08 & 2/28-3/2/08	3/6- 9/08	2/28- 3/2/08
Will consider voting for Obama	13	15	11
Definitely decided to vote for McCain	76	75	77
Not sure.....	11	10	11

HIERARCHICAL VOTE: McCain vs. Obama			
	COMBINED 3/6-9/08 & 2/28-3/2/08	3/6- 9/08	2/28- 3/2/08
Strong McCain.....	31	34	29
Weak McCain	10	11	9
Undecided/ Not sure	14	12	15
Weak Obama	12	9	14
Strong Obama	33	34	33

CPR4. I know the election in November is a long way off, but if (**ROTATE:**) New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton were the Democratic Party's candidate and Arizona Senator John McCain were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for—Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, or John McCain, the Republican? (**IF NEITHER, DON'T KNOW, OR REFUSED, ASK:**) As of today, do you lean more toward (**ROTATE:**) Clinton, the Democrat, or McCain, the Republican?

	REGISTERED VOTERS	3/6- 9/08			1/31- 2/2/08	4/20- 22/07	1/18- 21/07	12/14- 17/06	11/9- 12/06	6/1- 4/06
		R	I	D	REGISTERED VOTERS					
Total Hillary Clinton/Clinton leaners	45	5	42	80	41	42	42	39	42	40
Total John McCain/McCain leaners	47	91	49	14	45	43	48	40	44	47
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Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	44	5	40	77	39	42	42	39	42	40
Lean Clinton	2	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Lean McCain	2	1	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
John McCain, the Republican.....	45	90	45	13	43	43	48	40	44	47
(VOL) Other.....	1	1	2	1	3	2	4	5	4	6
Not sure/refused.....	6	3	7	6	10	13	6	16	9	7

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY HILLARY CLINTON OR LEAN CLINTON IN CPR4.)

CPR5a. Do you think there is a chance you (**ROTATE:**) will consider voting for McCain, or have you definitely decided to vote for Clinton?

	Clinton Voters
Will consider voting for McCain.....	12
Definitely decided to vote for Clinton	78
Not sure.....	10

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY JOHN McCAIN OR LEAN McCAIN IN CPR4.)

CPR5b. Do you think there is a chance you (**ROTATE:**) will consider voting for Clinton, or have you definitely decided to vote for McCain?

	McCain Voters
Will consider voting for Clinton.....	10
Definitely decided to vote for McCain	79
Not sure.....	11

HIERARCHICAL VOTE: McCain vs. Clinton	
Strong McCain	37
Weak McCain.....	10
Undecided/ Not sure.....	8
Weak Clinton.....	10
Strong Clinton	35

(RANDOMIZE CPR3a, CPR3b, CPR3c.)

CPR3a. On a 0-10 scale, with 0 being “not at all likely” and 10 being “extremely likely,” how likely is it that you would recommend voting for Barack Obama in the upcoming presidential election to a friend or colleague?

	Recommend Obama		
	COMBINED 3/6-9/08 & 2/28-3/2/08	3/6- 9/08	1/31- 2/2/08
Total Obama Recommenders (9-10)	23	23	23
10, extremely likely.....	20	20	20
9.....	3	4	3
8.....	7	7	7
7.....	6	4	7
6.....	4	4	5
5.....	11	13	9
4.....	2	2	3
3.....	3	3	3
2.....	4	4	4
1.....	3	2	3
0, not at all likely.....	32	33	31
Not sure.....	5	4	6

CPR3b. On a 0-10 scale, with 0 being “not at all likely” and 10 being “extremely likely,” how likely is it that you would recommend voting for John McCain in the upcoming presidential election to a friend or colleague?

	Recommend McCain		
	COMBINED 3/6-9/08 & 2/28-3/2/08	3/6- 9/08	1/31- 2/2/08
Total McCain Recommenders (9-10)	19	22	17
10, extremely likely.....	16	18	15
9.....	3	4	2
8.....	7	8	6
7.....	5	4	6
6.....	5	4	5
5.....	14	14	13
4.....	4	3	4
3.....	4	3	5
2.....	4	3	5
1.....	3	3	3
0, not at all likely.....	32	33	31
Not sure.....	4	4	4

CPR3c. On a 0-10 scale, with 0 being “not at all likely” and 10 being “extremely likely,” how likely is it that you would recommend voting for Hillary Clinton in the upcoming presidential election to a friend or colleague?

	Recommend <u>Clinton</u>
Total Clinton Recommenders (9-10).....	22

10, extremely likely.....	18
9.....	3
8.....	6
7.....	5
6.....	2
5.....	10
4.....	3
3.....	3
2.....	4
1.....	3
0, not at all likely.....	38
Not sure.....	4

DEMOGRAPHICS

NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

Finally, just a few questions for statistical purposes only:

D4. Into which of the following categories does your age fall?

18-29.....	18
30-34.....	10
35-39.....	9
40-44.....	11
45-49.....	10
50-54.....	9
55-59.....	7
60-64.....	7
65 and older	18
Refused/not sure.....	1
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Mean.....	46.5

D5. What is the last year of school you completed?

High School or less	31
Some college.....	30
College Graduate	38
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Grade school or some high school.....	5
Graduated high school.....	26
Some community college or university but did not finish	18
Graduated from a community college, technical or vocational school or two-year college degree.....	12
Completed a four-year college or university degree.....	25
Completed post-graduate degree, such as a Master's or Ph.D or professional school such as law or medicine.	13
Refused/not sure.....	1

(ASK EVERYONE.)

D8b. How would you describe your political views?

	3/6- 9/08	2/28- 3/2/08	1/31- 2/2/08	11/8- 11/07	9/13- 16/07	8/2- 5/07	6/21- 23/07	6/15- 17/07
Total Conservative	41	42	41	44	46	41	41	42
Total Liberal	21	24	22	22	23	22	23	21
Very conservative	17	18	14	18	15	15	16	16
Somewhat conservative ...	24	25	28	27	31	26	25	26
Moderate	31	28	31	29	26	31	31	31
Somewhat liberal	14	16	16	15	15	16	16	12
Very liberal	7	8	6	7	9	5	7	8
Refused/not sure	8	5	6	4	5	6	5	7

	5/11- 13/07	4/27- 29/07	11/9- 12/06	4/6- 9/06	2/23- 26/06	1/22- 25/06	12/8- 11/05	11/17- 20/05
Total Conservative	39	37	39	38	42	40	38	38
Total Liberal	24	25	24	23	25	22	24	27
Very conservative	15	14	15	14	14	14	17	14
Somewhat conservative ...	24	24	24	24	28	26	21	24
Moderate	31	33	31	35	30	35	35	32
Somewhat liberal	14	18	16	16	17	15	16	19
Very liberal	10	7	8	7	8	8	8	8
Refused/not sure	6	5	6	4	4	3	3	2

D9. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity? **(IF NOT HISPANIC, ASK:)** Is your ethnicity white, black, Asian, or some other race?

(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

White	70
Black	12
Hispanic	11
Asian	2
American Indian	1
Other	1
(VOL) Mixed	2
Refused	1

D10. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2007?

(ASK ONLY IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT VOLUNTEER INCOME.)

Is that **(ROTATE:)** above or below \$50,000? **(IF BELOW \$50,000, ASK:)** Is that **(ROTATE:)** above or below \$25,000? **(IF ABOVE \$50,000, ASK:)** Is that **(ROTATE:)** above or below \$75,000? **(IF ABOVE \$75,000:)** Is that **(ROTATE:)** above or below \$100,000?

Under \$25,000	14
\$25,000 to less than \$50,000	20
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	10
\$100,000 or more	17
Refused/not sure	23

REGION:

NORTHEAST	New England.....	5
	Mid Atlantic States.....	16
MIDWEST	Great Lakes.....	13
	Farm Belt.....	8
SOUTH	Deep South.....	15
	Outer South.....	20
WEST	Mountain.....	10
	Pacific.....	13

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

Urban.....	28
Suburban.....	51
Rural.....	21

GENDER:

Male.....	48
Female.....	52