

Interviews: 606 Republican primary voters
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52 Male 48 Female [109]

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 606 interviews is ± 4.0%

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")** **(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	-		[137]
Not very strong Democrat.....	-	TERMINATE	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	-		
Strictly independent.....	5	CONTINUE	
Independent/lean Republican.....	19		
Not very strong Republican.....	22	Skip to Q.1c	
Strong Republican.....	52		
Other.....	2	CONTINUE	
Not sure/nothing.....	-		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY INDEPENDENT, OTHER, OR NOT SURE IN Q.1a.)

1b. If there were a presidential primary election in your state, would you vote in the Democratic primary, the Republican primary, or would you wait to vote in the general election?

Vote in the Democratic primary.....	-	TERMINATE	[138]
Vote in the Republican primary.....	100	CONTINUE	
Wait until the general election.....	-		
None/other (VOL).....	-	TERMINATE	
Not sure.....	-		

1c. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? **(IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:)** Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal.....	1	[139]
Somewhat liberal.....	4	
Moderate.....	28	
Somewhat conservative.....	33	
Very conservative.....	32	
Not sure.....	2	

2. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	5	[140-141]
25-29.....	5	
30-34.....	18	
35-39.....	6	
40-44.....	8	
45-49.....	11	
50-54.....	8	
55-59.....	8	
60-64.....	11	
65-69.....	5	
70-74.....	4	
75 and over.....	11	
Not sure/refused	-	

3. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Rudy Giuliani							[142]
September 28-30, 2007	25	39	18	11	3	4	
September 7-10, 2007	25	42	18	7	5	3	
March 2007.....	31	49	11	4	1	4	
Mike Huckabee							[143]
September 28-30, 2007	7	12	24	3	1	53	
September 7-10, 2007	10	17	22	3	2	46	
Fred Thompson							[144]
September 28-30, 2007	20	26	23	5	2	24	
September 7-10, 2007	25	26	20	7	3	19	
July 2007	14	26	17	3	2	38	
June 2007.....	25	20	20	1	2	32	
April 2007	17	23	11	1	-	48	
John McCain							[145]
September 28-30, 2007	14	38	28	9	5	6	
September 7-10, 2007	14	39	24	12	5	6	
July 2007	10	37	24	18	4	7	
April 2007	19	37	24	9	6	5	
March 2007.....	17	41	23	12	5	2	
Mitt Romney							[146]
September 28-30, 2007	10	30	28	7	4	21	
September 7-10, 2007	13	28	27	10	4	18	
June 2007.....	9	29	21	8	1	32	
March 2007.....	7	23	25	10	3	32	
The political organization called Moveon.Org							[147]
September 28-30, 2007	-	3	7	5	32	53	

4. Do you think that the next president should take an approach similar to that of George W. Bush, or should the next president take a different approach than George W. Bush has?

	9/28- 30/07	4/07	
Similar approach to Bush.....	38	50	[148]
Different approach from Bush	48	41	
Not sure	14	9	

5a. Let me mention some people who have said that they will seek the Republican nomination for president in 2008. If the next Republican primary for president were being held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	9/28- 30/07	9/7- 10/07	7/07	6/07	4/07	3/07	12/06	
Rudy Giuliani.....	30	32	33	29	33	38	34	[149-150]
Fred Thompson.....	23	26	20	20	17	NA	NA	
John McCain	15	14	17	14	22	24	29	
Mitt Romney.....	10	11	11	14	12	8	8	
Mike Huckabee	4	4	1	3	2	2	2	
Ron Paul	2	2	2	2	NA	NA	NA	
Sam Brownback.....	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	
Duncan Hunter.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	NA	
Tom Tancredo.....	1	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	
Other (VOL).....	1	-	1	1	1	1	3	
None (VOL).....	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	
Not sure	10	6	7	10	9	9	8	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A CANDIDATE IN Q.5a.)

5b. Suppose that (CANDIDATE CHOSEN IN Q.5a) were not running. Who would your next choice be for the Republican nomination for president? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF GIULIANI VOTERS

	Giuliani <u>Voters</u>	McCain <u>Voters</u>	Romney <u>Voters</u>	Thompson <u>Voters</u>	
Rudy Giuliani.....	NA	47	42	33	[151-152]
John McCain	35	NA	18	21	
Fred Thompson.....	20	11	19	NA	
Mitt Romney	17	16	NA	13	
Mike Huckabee	3	5	6	13	
Duncan Hunter.....	2	-	-	3	
Tom Tancredo.....	2	-	1	1	
Sam Brownback.....	-	-	-	1	
Ron Paul	-	-	6	2	
Other (VOL).....	1	-	2	2	
None (VOL).....	2	2	-	3	
Not sure	18	19	6	8	

6. Suppose for a moment that Hillary Clinton wins the Democratic nomination for president. Which one of the following Republican candidates do you think would have the best chance of defeating Hillary Clinton in the general election?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Rudy Giuliani	47	[153]
Fred Thompson	16	
John McCain	14	
Mitt Romney	8	
All (VOL).....	3	
Other (VOL).....	1	
None (VOL)	3	
Not sure.....	8	

7. I'm going to read you a number of positions that a Republican candidate for president might take. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly agree with this position, partially agree, feel neutral, partially disagree, or strongly disagree.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY AGREE

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Partially Agree</u>	<u>Feel Neutral</u>	<u>Partially Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Favors the pro-life position on the issue of abortion	52	10	16	7	14	1	[155]
Favors a constitutional amendment that bans same-sex marriages.....	49	9	16	7	18	1	[156]
Favors making President Bush's tax cuts permanent	48	22	15	5	6	4	[158]
Favors passing a law that would prevent illegal immigrants from having a path to citizenship.....	38	18	11	15	15	3	[157]
Favors allowing workers to invest some of their Social Security contributions in the stock market	37	28	13	7	14	1	[160]
Favors keeping American troops in Iraq until the mission there is complete, no matter how long this takes.....	37	27	8	10	16	2	[154]
Favors tougher regulations to limit imports of foreign goods.....	34	27	18	10	9	2	[159]
Favors increasing taxes for upper-income taxpayers to fund health care for the uninsured	17	19	12	18	31	3	[161]

8. When it comes to deciding which candidate you are going to support, which ONE of the following areas is most important to you when it comes to the candidates' stances on issues? **(IF MORE THAN ONE OR ALL, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just ONE, which area would you say is MOST important to you personally?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

National defense issues, such as Iraq and terrorism.....	32	[162-163]
Domestic issues, such as education and health care....	25	
Moral issues, such as abortion and gay rights	23	
Economic issues, such as taxes and trade	17	
Other	1	
None (VOL).....	-	
Not sure	2	

9. I'm going to read you two statements about taxes, please tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: The next president and Congress should continue cutting taxes on individuals and businesses because it will improve the economy, and reduce the amount of money government can spend.

Statement B: The next president and Congress should seek some tax increases on the most affluent Americans to help reduce the federal deficit and to pay for expanding health care programs to cover the uninsured.

Statement A /continue cutting taxes	60	[170]
Statement B /seek some tax increases.....	32	
Not sure	8	

10. Now I am going to read you two statements about foreign trade, please tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: Foreign trade has been good for the U.S. economy, because demand for U.S. products abroad has resulted in economic growth and jobs for Americans here at home and provided more choices for consumers.

Statement B: Foreign trade has been bad for the U.S. economy, because imports from abroad have reduced demand for American-made goods, cost jobs here at home, and produced potentially unsafe products.

Statement A /foreign trade has been good	32	[171]
Statement B /foreign trade has been bad	59	
Some of both (VOL).....	6	
Neither (VOL).....	1	
Not sure	2	

11. As you may know, President Bush has proposed to allow foreigners who have jobs but are staying illegally in the United States to apply for legal, temporary-worker status. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this proposal?

	9/28- 30/07	Republicans			
		4/07	12/06 ¹	3/06 ¹	
Strongly favor	11	12	16	10	[172]
Somewhat favor	37	37	36	32	
Somewhat oppose	18	17	18	22	
Strongly oppose	30	30	26	32	
Depends (VOL)	2	1	2	2	
Not sure.....	2	3	2	2	

¹ Trend data in March and December 2006 among Republicans only.

12. When it comes to the issue of health care, which of the following two options would you prefer to help cover those without health insurance?

Option A: Requiring all Americans to have health insurance, with the federal government helping pay for health insurance for low-income families

Option B: Providing health savings accounts and tax credits to help individuals and employers purchase health insurance

Option A /requiring insurance, federal government helps low-income pay.....	20	[173]
Option B /providing health savings accounts and tax credits	69	
Neither/other (VOL)	7	
Not sure	4	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered	94	[174]
Not registered	5	
Not sure	1	

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school	-	[175-176]
Some high school	2	
High school graduate	22	
Some college, no degree	18	
Vocational training/2-year college	12	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	27	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree	13	
Doctoral/law degree	2	
Not sure/refused	1	

F3a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians)	62	CONTINUE	[177]
Catholic	23		
Jewish	1	Skip to Q.F4c	
Muslim	-		
Other	8		
None	4	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused	2		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F3a.)

F3b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical	33	[178]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	37	
Not sure	6	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim(Q.F4a)	24	

F3c. And do you believe that the Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally?

Yes	55	[179]
No	36	
Not sure	9	

F4. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic	6	[180]
No, not Hispanic	94	
Not sure/refused	-	

F5. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000	2	[208]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	4	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	6	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	6	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	11	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	20	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	15	
More than \$100,000	22	
Not sure/refused	14	