

**HART / NEWHOUSE**

**NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey  
Study #6082  
April 25-28, 2008**

Interviews: 1,107 total interviews  
Cross section of 1,006 registered voters  
Oversample of 101 African American voters  
Total of 205 (African American voters)  
 Dates: April 25-28, 2008

**FINAL**

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47 Male  
 53 Female  
**[109]**

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

***The margin of error for a  
 crosssection of 1,006 interviews is ± 3.1%***  
 NOTE: The results contained in this document reflect results among the national crosssection of voters ONLY. These results accurately represent the racial makeup of the national electorate. Oversample interviews among African Americans were aggregated and tabulated separately from the national crosssection.

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

<b>Margins of Error for Subsample Questions</b>		
<b>Question Number</b>	<b>Subsample</b>	<b>Margin Of Error (+/-)</b>
B	Democratic primary voters	4.2

A. Putting aside for a moment the question of who each party's nominee might be, what is your preference for the outcome of the 2008 presidential election—that a Democrat be elected president, or that a Republican be elected president? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** And do you strongly prefer a (Democrat/Republican), or is your preference not that strong?

	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>9/07+</u>	<u>4/07</u>	
<b>Democrat</b>						
Strongly .....	45	44	41	40	39	<b>[170]</b>
Not strongly .....	6	6	8	7	10	
<b>Republican</b>						
Not strongly .....	8	8	8	9	6	
Strongly .....	25	29	31	29	25	
Other (VOL) .....	4	4	2	4	6	
Not sure .....	12	9	11	11	14	

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B. Regardless of whether you have already voted or not, if the Democratic primary election were being held today would you vote for Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/24- 25/08+</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	
Hillary Clinton.....	43	45	47	53	<b>[175]</b>
Barack Obama.....	46	45	43	37	
Other (VOL).....	1	1	1	1	
None (VOL).....	3	1	2	1	
Not sure.....	7	8	7	8	

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	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>
Hillary Clinton.....	45	47	44	43	39	36	40	37
Barack Obama.....	23	25	23	22	25	31	28	18
John Edwards.....	13	11	16	13	15	20	15	14
Joe Biden.....	4	3	2	5	4	3	2	4
Dennis Kucinich.....	4	2	3	2	3	1	1	NA
Bill Richardson.....	2	4	4	6	4	2	5	2
Chris Dodd.....	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	NA
Mike Gravel.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Other (VOL).....	-	3	1	1	2	1	1	17
None (VOL).....	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	3
Not sure.....	7	4	5	5	5	5	5	5

C. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>10/28- 30/06+</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8- 11/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	34	35	37	37	39	39	38	<b>[223]</b>
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	49	49	52	52	48	48	48	
Not sure.....	17	16	11	11	13	13	14	
		<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	
		38	39	37	38	38	37	
		49	45	50	47	46	48	
		13	16	13	15	16	15	
		<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
		39	40	40	43	42	42	
		48	45	47	44	46	44	
		13	15	13	13	12	14	
		<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
		41	42	42	42	43	42	
		44	45	43	42	42	42	
		15	13	15	16	15	16	
		<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	
		43	42	44	42	40	39	
		41	41	40	40	44	41	
		16	17	16	18	16	20	
		<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	
		39	42	41	37	41	40	
		43	41	40	43	43	39	
		18	17	19	20	16	21	

<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>
41	39	41	41	40	41
40	40	40	37	42	37
19	21	19	22	18	22
<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>
41	45	44	41	42	44
39	39	38	38	41	38
20	16	18	21	17	18

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D. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/24- 25/08+</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>12/06+</u>	
John McCain .....	43	42	44	43	39	43	[224]
Barack Obama .....	46	44	47	41	45	38	
Depends (VOL) .....	1	3	1	4	1	3	
Neither/other (VOL) .....	5	4	3	5	5	6	
Not sure.....	5	7	5	7	10	10	

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E. For each of the following candidates, please tell me whether that person has a background and set of values that you can identify with, or whether they do NOT have a background and set of values that you can identify with.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY  
HAS BACKGROUND/SET OF VALUES I IDENTIFY WITH

	<u>Has Background/ Set Of Values I Identify With</u>	<u>Does NOT Have Background/ Set Of Values I Identify With</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
<b>John McCain</b>				[229]
April 2008+ .....	54	35	11	
March 24-25, 2008+ .....	57	32	11	
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>				[228]
April 2008+ .....	46	46	8	
March 24-25, 2008+ .....	43	52	5	
<b>Barack Obama</b>				[230]
April 2008+ .....	45	46	9	
March 24-25, 2008+ .....	50	39	11	

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F. Now let me read you some critical things that have been said of the candidates. For each one, please tell me whether this issue gives you major concerns, moderate concerns, minor concerns, or no real concerns about that candidate. +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MAJOR CONCERNS

	<u>Major Concerns</u>	<u>Moderate Concerns</u>	<u>Minor Concerns</u>	<u>No Real Concerns</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
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John McCain will be too closely aligned with the Bush agenda. He has voted eighty-nine percent of

the time for the Bush administration's programs .....	43	18	11	27	1	<b>[236]</b>
It's hard to tell where Hillary Clinton stands on the issues because she changes her positions on things like NAFTA and drivers licenses for illegal immigrants to improve her chances of being elected .....	36	26	17	20	1	<b>[237]</b>
Barack Obama is out of touch with the values of residents of small-town America when he states that they are bitter and cling to religion and guns.....	34	16	15	34	1	<b>[242]</b>
It is hard to know Barack Obama's values because he has friends like Reverend Jeremiah Wright and William Ayers .....	32	15	15	36	2	<b>[238]</b>
It is hard to tell where John McCain stands on the issues because he changes his positions on things like making the recent federal tax cuts permanent and opposing new gun control laws to improve his chances of being elected .....	31	28	19	21	1	<b>[240]</b>
It is hard to trust Hillary Clinton's honesty about her past, because of such instances as when she claimed she came under sniper fire when visiting Bosnia .....	31	20	17	31	1	<b>[239]</b>
Hillary Clinton's being elected would mean that Bill Clinton would have too much influence on policy decisions .....	27	13	16	43	1	<b>[241]</b>
Barack Obama is not patriotic enough as shown by the fact that he does not wear an American flag pin on his lapel.....	17	10	14	59	-	<b>[243]</b>
John McCain is too old to be president. If elected, he will be seventy-two years old when he is inaugurated and seventy-six years old when he finishes his first term in office .....	16	16	19	48	1	<b>[244]</b>

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