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400 Republican likely caucusgoers

404 Democratic likely caucusgoers

Margin of error: $\pm$ 4.9 percentage points for Republicans

Margin of error $\pm$ 4.9 percentage points for Democrats

Study #2125

August 23-26, 2015

2,975 contacts weighted by age, sex, and congressional district to conform to active voters in the Iowa voter registration list

Compared to:

Study #2122

June 19-22, 2015

401 Democratic likely caucusgoers in Iowa

1,805 contacts weighted by age, sex, and congressional district to conform to active Democratic and no-party voters in the Iowa voter registration list

Margin of error: $\pm$ 4.9 percentage points

Study #2118

May 25-29, 2015

402 Republican likely caucusgoers

Margin of error: $\pm$ 4.9 percentage points for Republicans

437 Democratic likely caucusgoers

Margin of error: $\pm$ 4.7 percentage points for Democrats

4,161 contacts weighted by age, sex, and congressional district to conform to active voters in the Iowa voter registration list

Study #2113

January 26-29, 2015

402 Republican likely caucusgoers

401 Democratic likely caucusgoers

Margin of error: $\pm$ 4.9 percentage points for each party

3,813 contacts weighted by age, sex, and congressional district to conform to active voters in the Iowa voter registration list

Study #2104

October 1-7, 2014

425 Republican likely caucusgoers

426 Democratic likely caucusgoers

Margin of error: $\pm$ 4.8 percentage points for each party

3,677 contacts weighted by age and sex to conform to active voters in Iowa voter registration list

Poll Questions

PERCENTAGES MAY NOT ADD TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.

Are you a resident of the state of Iowa and registered to vote here?

100	Yes	Continue
-	No	Terminate
-	Not sure	

How likely is it you will attend one of the caucuses scheduled for February of 2016—will you definitely attend, probably attend, or probably not attend? **(If definitely or probably attend, ask:)** Will you attend the Democratic or the Republican caucus? **(Continue if definitely or probably attend one of the caucuses.)**

Among likely Republican caucusgoers

	Definitely attend Democratic caucus	Probably attend Democratic caucus	Definitely attend Republican caucus	Probably attend Republican caucus	Probably not attend a caucus	Don't know which caucus will attend	Not sure
Aug-15	-	-	47	53	-	-	-
May-15	-	-	36	64	-	-	-
Jan-15	-	-	40	60	-	-	-
Oct-14	-	-	39	61	-	-	-

How likely is it you will attend one of the caucuses scheduled for February of 2016—will you definitely attend, probably attend, or probably not attend? **(If definitely or probably attend, ask:)** Will you attend the Democratic or the Republican caucus? **(Continue if definitely or probably attend one of the caucuses.)**

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers

	Definitely attend Democratic caucus	Probably attend Democratic caucus	Definitely attend Republican caucus	Probably attend Republican caucus	Probably not attend a caucus	Don't know which caucus will attend	Not sure
Aug-15	38	62	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-15	45	55	-	-	-	-	-
May-15	39	61	-	-	-	-	-
Jan-15	42	58	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-14	39	61	-	-	-	-	-

Have you attended caucuses in the past or will this be your first caucus? **(If attended in past, ask:)** Was that a Republican caucus, a Democratic caucus or both?

Among likely Republican caucusgoers

	Attended Republican caucus in the past	Attended Democratic caucus in the past	Attended both	First caucus	Not sure
Aug-15	64	3	12	21	1
May-15	68	4	11	17	1
Jan-15	67	1	15	17	-
Oct-14	72	2	11	14	1

Have you attended caucuses in the past or will this be your first caucus? **(If attended in past, ask:)** Was that a Republican caucus, a Democratic caucus or both?

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers

	Attended Republican caucus in the past	Attended Democratic caucus in the past	Attended both	First caucus	Not sure
Aug-15	3	65	12	19	1
May-15	3	68	9	18	1
Jan-15	7	61	11	21	-
Oct-14	12	63	12	12	1

Asked only of likely Democratic caucusgoers.

Now, I'm going to mention some prominent Democrats, including [Before Aug-15: people talked about as possible] candidates for the Democratic nomination for president. For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know enough about the person to answer, just say so. (Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list, but Obama always goes first.)

		Fav	Unf	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Barack Obama , president of the United States	Aug-15	88	9	43	45	5	4	2
	Jun-15	91	7	44	47	5	2	2
	May-15	89	9	49	40	6	3	2
	Jan-15	86	13	49	37	5	8	1
Joe Biden , vice president of the United States	Aug-15	79*	14	29	51	8	6	7
	May-15	76	20	22	54	14	6	4
	Jan-15	78	20	25	53	14	6	2
	Oct-14	60	34	15	45	19	15	6
Lincoln Chafee , former governor of Rhode Island	Aug-15	9	11*	2	7	6	6	80
Hillary Clinton , former secretary of state	Aug-15	77	19	27	50	10	9	4
	Jun-15	88	10	30	58	6	4	2
	May-15	86*	12*	39	46	7	6	2
	Jan-15	84	15	46	38	7	8	1
	Oct-14	76	19	43	33	8	11	5
Martin O'Malley , former governor of Maryland	Aug-15	33	7*	8	25	5	3	60
	May-15	20*	8	4	17	5	3	72
	Jan-15	13	9	2	11	6	3	78
	Oct-14	13	9	2	11	7	2	78
Bernie Sanders , U.S. senator from Vermont	Aug-15	73	8	39	34	4	4	19
	Jun-15	57	4	27	30	3	1	39
	May-15	47	12	23	24	8	4	41
	Jan-15	37	12	17	20	8	4	51
	Oct-14	29	13	10	19	8	5	58
Jim Webb , former U.S. senator from Virginia	Aug-15	19*	12	4	16	10	2	68
	May-15	22	9*	3	19	7	3	69
	Jan-15	21	11	3	18	8	3	68
	Oct-14	16	12	1	15	8	4	72

***We are most confident in the net favorable and unfavorable numbers in the first two columns are the best estimate. Because of rounding, those numbers occasionally do not reflect the sum of the very/mostly favorable or the very/mostly unfavorable.**

Which one of the following Democrats would be your first choice for president? **(Read list and rotate.)**
 And who would your second choice be? **(If Uncommitted, or Not sure in first choice question, record “No first choice” in second choice question and do not ask. Read list only if necessary.)**

	First Choice	Second Choice	Combined	First choice with Biden reallocated
Joe Biden	14	24	38	n/a
Lincoln Chafee	1	-	1	1
Hillary Clinton	37	23	60	43
Martin O’Malley	3	8	11	5
Bernie Sanders	30	20	50	35
Jim Webb	2	1	3	2
“Uncommitted” (VOL– only if respondent says the word “uncommitted.”)	6	3		6
Not sure	8	6		8
No first choice		13		

Which one of the following Democrats would be your first choice for president? **(Read list and rotate.)**
 And who would your second choice be? **(If Uncommitted, or Not sure in first choice question, record “No first choice” in second choice question and do not ask. Read list only if necessary.)**

		First Choice	Second Choice	Combined
Joe Biden	Aug-15	14	24	38
	Jun-15	n/a	n/a	n/a
	May-15	8	31	39
	Jan-15	9	26	35
Lincoln Chafee	Aug-15	1	-	1
	Jun-15	-	2	
Hillary Clinton	Aug-15	37	23	60
	Jun-15	50	18	68
	May-15	57	15	72
	Jan-15	56	15	71
Martin O’Malley	Aug-15	3	8	11
	Jun-15	2	10	12
	May-15	2	3	5
	Jan-15	1	3	4
Bernie Sanders	Aug-15	30	20	50
	Jun-15	24	20	44
	May-15	16	13	29
	Jan-15	5	6	11
Jim Webb	Aug-15	2	1	3
	Jun-15	n/a	n/a	n/a
	May-15	2	5	7
	Jan-15	3	6	9
“Uncommitted” (VOL– only if respondent says the word “uncommitted.”)	Aug-15	6	3	
	Jun-15	7	8	
	May-15	6	6	
	Jan-15	4	3	
Not sure	Aug-15	8	6	
	Jun-15	16	19	
	May-15	8	13	
	Jan-15	6	8	
No first choice	Aug-15		13	
	Jun-15		23	
	May-15		14	
	Jan-15		10	

(Ask only for each candidate NOT answered in first or second choice questions.) I'm going to mention the Democrats who are not your first or second choice. For each, please tell me if you think you could **ever** support the person for president or would **never** support the person for president. **(Read appropriate names. Use same rotation as horserace question. If selected as first or second choice, code AC=4 and do not ask.)**

		Ever	Never	Not sure	1 st or 2 nd choice in Q.4a/b
Joe Biden	Aug-15	46	12	4	38
	May-15	37	15	10	39
Lincoln Chafee	Aug-15	31	27	40	1
	May-15	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hillary Clinton	Aug-15	26	13	1	60
	May-15	16	9	3	72
Martin O'Malley	Aug-15	38	21	30	11
	May-15	34	13	48	6
Bernie Sanders	Aug-15	30	12	8	50
	May-15	23	18	30	29
Jim Webb	Aug-15	36	26	34	3
	May-15	32	13	47	7

Is your support for Bernie Sanders mostly because you support him and his ideas or mostly because you do not support Hillary Clinton? **(Asked only of Bernie Sanders supporters; n=112.)**

- 96 Mostly support Sanders and his ideas
- 2 Mostly do not support Hillary Clinton
- 3 Not sure

If Hillary Clinton drops out of the race for some reason, are you mostly satisfied in the slate of other declared candidates—Lincoln Chafee, Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders and Jim Webb—or do you want more candidates to enter the race? **(Asked only of Hillary Clinton supporters; n=162.)**

- 39 Mostly satisfied
- 51 Want others to enter the race
- 10 Not sure

If Hillary Clinton were to become the Democratic nominee, do you think you would be mostly confident in her chances to win the general election, or mostly nervous that she would lose the election?

- 66 Mostly confident
- 24 Mostly nervous
- 9 Not sure

Hillary Clinton has said voters do not bring up the issue of her email server while she is campaigning. Is this issue important to you as you think about her candidacy—is it very important, fairly important, just somewhat important, or not important?

- 10 Very important
- 7 Fairly important
- 21 Just somewhat important
- 61 Not important
- 1 Not sure

How would you describe your feelings toward Donald Trump—are your feelings very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

- 4 Very favorable
- 10 Mostly favorable
- 22 Mostly unfavorable
- 63 Very unfavorable
- 1 Not sure

Asked only of likely Republican caucusgoers.

Now, I'm going to mention some candidates for the Republican nomination for president. For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know enough about the person to answer, just say so. (Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)

		Fav	Unf	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Jeb Bush , former governor of Florida	Aug-15	45*	50	10	36	31	19	5
	May-15	43	45	11	32	27	18	13
	Jan-15	46	43	17	29	25	18	11
	Oct-14	50	28	9	41	19	9	22
Ben Carson , retired neurosurgeon	Aug-15	79	8	46	33	6	2	13
	May-15	56	15	24	32	10	5	29
	Jan-15	50	12	28	22	9	3	38
	Oct-14	41	8	24	17	4	4	51
Chris Christie , governor of New Jersey	Aug-15	29	59	5	24	36	23	12
	May-15	28*	58	6	21	39	19	14
	Jan-15	36	54	7	29	32	22	10
	Oct-14	39	45	8	31	29	16	16
Ted Cruz , U.S. senator from Texas	Aug-15	61	24	29	32	17	7	15
	May-15	59	20	20	39	13	7	21
	Jan-15	58	21	22	36	14	7	21
	Oct-14	52	18	20	32	11	7	30
Carly Fiorina , former CEO of Hewlett-Packard	Aug-15	64	15	31	33	8	7	21
	May-15	41*	19*	13	27	12	8	40
	Jan-15	15	19	4	11	13	6	66
Jim Gilmore , former governor of Virginia	Aug-15	4	22*	1	3	12	9	75
Lindsey Graham , U.S. senator from South Carolina	Aug-15	15	59*	2	13	35	25	26
	May-15	22*	38	4	19	23	15	40
Mike Huckabee , former governor of Arkansas	Aug-15	61	30*	17	44	21	10	9
	May-15	61	30	21	40	21	9	9
	Jan-15	66	28	28	38	21	7	6
	Oct-14	59	30	23	36	23	7	11
Bobby Jindal , governor of Louisiana	Aug-15	61*	18*	18	42	14	5	21
	May-15	43	19	15	28	15	4	38
	Jan-15	39	20	10	29	15	5	41
	Oct-14	41	14	12	29	11	3	45
John Kasich , governor of Ohio	Aug-15	33*	22	10	22	17	5	45
	May-15	25	16*	7	18	11	4	59
	Jan-15	22	14	7	15	10	4	64
	Oct-14	17	7	3	14	5	2	76
George Pataki , former governor of New York	Aug-15	9	40*	-	9	26	15	51
	May-15	10	35	1	9	22	13	55

		Fav	Unf	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Rand Paul , U.S. senator from Kentucky	Aug-15	39*	49	11	29	31	18	12
	May-15	55	34	16	39	24	10	11
	Jan-15	64	25	25	39	18	7	11
	Oct-14	59	24	21	38	18	6	17
Rick Perry , former governor of Texas	Aug-15	54	37	7	47	26	11	9
	May-15	59	29	14	45	21	8	13
	Jan-15	64	26	20	44	20	6	10
	Oct-14	64	23	23	41	17	6	13
Marco Rubio , U.S. senator from Florida	Aug-15	67	20	24	43	15	5	13
	May-15	60	17	20	40	12	5	23
	Jan-15	57	20	16	41	15	5	23
	Oct-14	54	16	14	40	12	4	30
Rick Santorum , former U.S. senator from Pennsylvania	Aug-15	48*	37*	11	38	26	10	15
	May-15	56	28	18	38	19	9	16
	Jan-15	57	30	16	41	22	8	13
	Oct-14	52	30	14	38	20	10	18
Donald Trump , businessman and television personality	Aug-15	61*	35	26	34	16	19	4
	May-15	27	63*	7	20	31	33	10
	Jan-15	26	68	4	22	36	32	6
Scott Walker , governor of Wisconsin	Aug-15	71	15	25	46	10	5	14
	May-15	66	11	31	35	5	6	23
	Jan-15	60	12	32	28	6	6	28
	Oct-14	49	10	20	29	7	3	41

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Which one of the following Republicans would be your first choice for president? **(Read list and rotate.)**
 And who would your second choice be? **(If Uncommitted or Not sure in first choice question, code second choice question as “No first choice” and do not ask. Read list only if necessary.)**

	First Choice	Second Choice	Combined
Jeb Bush	6	4	10
Ben Carson	18	14	32
Chris Christie	2	1	3
Ted Cruz	8	10	18
Carly Fiorina	5	11	16
Jim Gilmore	-	-	-
Lindsey Graham	-	-	-
Mike Huckabee	4	4	8
Bobby Jindal	2	4	6
John Kasich	2	3	5
George Pataki	-	-	-
Rand Paul	4	3	7
Rick Perry	1	2	3
Marco Rubio	6	8	14
Rick Santorum	1	2	3
Donald Trump	23	9	32
Scott Walker	8	9	17
“Uncommitted” (VOL— only if respondent says the word “uncommitted.”)	5	1	
Not sure	5	4	
No first choice		10	

Which one of the following Republicans would be your first choice for president? **(Read list and rotate.)**
And who would your second choice be? **(If Uncommitted, or Not sure in first choice question, code second choice as “No first choice” and do not ask. Read list only if necessary.)**

		First Choice	Second Choice	Combined
Jeb Bush	Aug-15	6	4	10
	May-15	9	7	16
	Jan-15	8	7	15
Ben Carson	Aug-15	18	14	32
	May-15	10	5	15
	Jan-15	9	10	19
Chris Christie	Aug-15	2	1	3
	May-15	4	4	8
	Jan-15	4	3	7
Ted Cruz	Aug-15	8	10	18
	May-15	5	8	13
	Jan-15	5	6	11
Carly Fiorina	Aug-15	5	11	16
	May-15	2	3	5
	Jan-15	1	1	2
Jim Gilmore	Aug-15	-	-	-
Lindsey Graham	Aug-15	-	-	-
	May-15	1	1	2*
Mike Huckabee	Aug-15	4	4	8
	May-15	9	8	17*
	Jan-15	10	7	17
Bobby Jindal	Aug-15	2	4	6
	May-15	1	4	5
	Jan-15	2	2	4
John Kasich	Aug-15	2	3	5
	May-15	2	1	3
	Jan-15	1	1	2
George Pataki	Aug-15	-	-	-
	May-15	-	1	1
Rand Paul	Aug-15	4	3	7
	May-15	10	5	15
	Jan-15	14	9	23
Rick Perry	Aug-15	1	2	3
	May-15	3	6	9
	Jan-15	3	5	8
Marco Rubio	Aug-15	6	8	14
	May-15	6	12	18
	Jan-15	3	8	11
Rick Santorum	Aug-15	1	2	3
	May-15	6	6	12
	Jan-15	4	6	10
Donald Trump	Aug-15	23	9	32
	May-15	4	2	6
	Jan-15	1	1	2
Scott Walker	Aug-15	8	9	17
	May-15	17	10	27
	Jan-15	15	10	25

		First Choice	Second Choice	Combined
“Uncommitted” (VOL– only if respondent says the word “uncommitted.”)	Aug-15	5	1	
	May-15	4	2	
	Jan-15	2	1	
Not sure	Aug-15	5	4	
	May-15	7	5	
	Jan-15	5	6	
No first choice	Aug-15		10	
	May-15		11	
	Jan-15		7	

*“Combined” does not match below for certain candidates due to rounding.

(Asked only for each candidate NOT answered in first or second choice questions.) I'm going to mention the candidates who are not your first or second choice. For each, please tell me if you think you could ever support the person for president or would never support the person for president. **(Read appropriate names. Use same rotation as horserace questions. If selected as first or second choice, code AC=4 and do not ask.)**

		Ever	Never	Not sure	1 st or 2 nd choice in horserace
Jeb Bush	Aug-15	50	39	2	9
	May-15	38	35	10	16
Ben Carson	Aug-15	50	12	6	32
	May-15	47	18	20	15
Chris Christie	Aug-15	44	48	5	3
	May-15	34	45	13	8
Ted Cruz	Aug-15	54	24	4	18
	May-15	49	21	18	13
Carly Fiorina	Aug-15	55	20	9	16
	May-15	38	27	30	5
Jim Gilmore	Aug-15	20	51	28	-
	May-15	29	43	25	3
Lindsey Graham	Aug-15	30	57	13	-
	May-15	29	43	25	3
Mike Huckabee	Aug-15	60	28	4	8
	May-15	51	24	9	16
Bobby Jindal	Aug-15	65	20	10	6
	May-15	45	25	25	5
John Kasich	Aug-15	41	40	14	5
	May-15	29	28	40	3
George Pataki	Aug-15	26	57	17	-
	May-15	20	41	38	1
Rand Paul	Aug-15	43	43	6	8
	May-15	45	30	10	15
Rick Perry	Aug-15	58	35	3	3
	May-15	54	27	10	9
Marco Rubio	Aug-15	60	19	6	15
	May-15	49	18	15	18
Rick Santorum	Aug-15	56	35	6	3
	May-15	51	26	11	12
Donald Trump	Aug-15	36	29	3	32
	May-15	28	58	8	6
Scott Walker	Aug-15	60	16	7	16
	May-15	41	15	17	27

Do you want to be clear about specific policies [NAME OF FIRST CHOICE CANDIDATE] would address if elected, or do you trust [HIM/HER] to figure it out once [S/HE] is in office?

- 41 Want to be clear
- 57 Trust candidate to figure it out
- 2 Not sure

Which of the following factions of the Republican party describes you best: **(Rotate list.)**

21	Tea party	Skip to next question
39	Christian conservative	Ask b
22	Business-oriented establishment Republican	
8	Liberty movement	Skip to next question
11	Not sure	

There are more Republican candidates with conservative Christian credentials than in past caucuses, which could split the community's vote. Could you be persuaded to support another Christian conservative candidate in the caucus, even if that means you would cast your vote for someone other than your first or second choice? **(Asked only of Christian conservatives; n=165.)**

77 Yes
18 No
6 Not sure

Asked of both Democratic and Republican caucusgoers.

For each of the following, I'd like you to tell me if you feel happy with the way things are going, satisfied, unsatisfied, or mad as hell with the way things are going. **(Rotate list.)**

		Happy	Satisfied	Unsatisfied	Mad As Hell	Not Sure
The U.S. government	Rep CG	1	9	52	38	1
	Dem CG	4	40	43	12	1
Barack Obama	Rep CG	-	4	39	57	-
	Dem CG	23	58	14	4	1
Wall Street	Rep CG	2	28	43	19	8
	Dem CG	2	27	38	26	7
Republicans in Congress	Rep CG	3	19	54	21	2
	Dem CG	1	7	47	44	1
Democrats in Congress	Rep CG	-	5	45	48	1
	Dem CG	6	41	43	8	1
Donald Trump	Rep CG	16	48	25	7	4
	Dem CG	4	12	42	39	3
Politicians in general	Rep CG	1	6	62	29	2
	Dem CG	2	14	60	22	2
The Internal Revenue Service	Rep CG	2	11	40	43	3
	Dem CG	3	50	29	9	8
The Supreme Court	Rep CG	1	18	47	32	2
	Dem CG	10	59	21	6	4
The amount of money in politics	Rep CG	-	7	51	40	3
	Dem CG	-	5	33	61	1
Hillary Clinton	Rep CG	1	5	35	58	2
	Dem CG	18	57	18	5	2

About the Poll

The Iowa Poll, conducted August 23-26 for *The Des Moines Register* and Bloomberg Politics by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on telephone interviews with 400 registered Iowa voters who say they definitely or probably will attend the 2016 Republican caucuses and 404 registered voters who say they definitely or probably will attend the 2016 Democratic caucuses.

Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted 2,975 randomly selected active voters from the Iowa secretary of state's voter registration list by telephone. Responses were adjusted by age, sex, and congressional district to reflect all active voters in the voter registration list. Interviews were administered in English.

Questions based on the subsamples of 404 likely Democratic caucus attendees or 400 likely Republican caucus attendees each have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the percentages shown here by more than plus or minus 4.9 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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