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South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia



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## Women Gain in Dixie Politics

The South, long a repository of resistance to change, trails the rest of the nation in electing women to public office. The South's 13 states account for about 33% of the nation's population, but 23% of US congresswomen. Put another way, women account for 11% of the South's US House delegation, compared to 22% for the non-South. Of the nation's eight women governors, only one is a Southerner, Gov. **Kathleen Blanco** (D-LA). And of the South's 2,067 state legislators, 330 are women – 16%, compared to 23% in the non-South.

The gap is closing, however. There are 26 women holding elected state offices in the South; that's 32% of the state officeholders across the nation and a fair share for Dixie. In the US Senate, 29% (4 of 14) of the women are Southern, close to a fair share. And there are women serving as lieutenant governor in five Southern states (AL, FL, MS, NC & OK), a post that is often an avenue to the governor's mansion (see below).

In 1995, 273 women sat in Southern legislatures; by 2005, there were 345, a 26% gain.\* And Dixie's women-in-office are

\*These and other statistics are taken from, or based on, numbers compiled by the Center for American Women in Politics, Rutgers University.

increasing at a faster pace than the rest of the country. A decade ago, nine Southern states ranked in the bottom 13 in their share of women state legislators. In 2005, seven Southern states were still at the bottom 13, but ten states had improved their ranking.

For example, in Alabama women accounted for only 3.6% of legislators in 1995, ranking 50<sup>th</sup>, at the very bottom. By 2005, however, Alabama had 16.3% women lawmakers and its rank among the states rose to 38<sup>th</sup>. There were similar gains in Louisiana, which went from 48<sup>th</sup> to 36<sup>th</sup>; North Carolina, from 36<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>; and Florida, from 30<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There were backsliders, however. In South Carolina, women lawmakers accounted for 12.4% of the legislature in 1995, but only 8.8% in 2005, and the Palmetto State now ranks 50<sup>th</sup> among the states in its percentage of female state legislators.

### Most Are Democrats

Most of the women holding elected office, in the South, as elsewhere, are Democrats, though Republicans account for a significant minority of women officeholders. In 2005, of the 330 women lawmakers in Southern legislatures, 207 (63%) were Democrats, 123



(37%) were Republicans. Among members of Congress, however, there is a more even distribution of women between the two parties. Of the South's 15 women in the US House, 10 are Republicans, 5 are Democrats, better than the 3-to-2 ratio of Republicans to Democrats in the South's congressional delegation. There are two Southern women from each party in the US Senate. And among the 26 women holding state offices in the South, 14 are Republicans and 12 are Democrats.

#### Women in Southern Legislatures, 1995

State	Rank	Number	Percent
FL	30	31	19.4
TX	31	33	18.2
GA	32	43	18.2
NC	36	28	16.5
TN	40	18	13.6
AR	42	17	12.6
SC	43	21	12.4
MS	45	20	11.5
VA	46	16	11.4
OK	47	16	10.7
LA	48	14	9.7
KY	49	11	8.0
AL	50	5	3.6

#### Women in Southern Legislatures, 2005

State	Rank	Number	Percent
FL	22	38	23.8
NC	25	39	22.9
TX	29	36	19.9
GA	32	44	18.6
TN	34	23	17.4
LA	36	24	16.6
AL	38	22	16.3
AR	38	22	16.3
VA	43	21	15.0
OK	44	22	14.8
MS	46	22	12.6
KY	48	17	12.3
SC	50	15	8.8

While state-by-state figures on African-American women in Southern legislatures were not available, four of the five Democratic congresswomen from the South are black. All

ten Republican women are white. Women account for 22% of the 18 Southern black members of Congress and 9% of Dixie's white US Representatives.

#### Women in Gubernatorial Pipeline

The old days of Southern women like **Miriam "Ma" Ferguson** (TX) and **Lurleen Wallace** (AL) getting elected governor as surrogates for their husbands are long gone. While only one of the nation's eight women governors is a Southerner – Louisiana's **Kathleen Blanco** (D) – women in many Southern states are in position to be candidates for governor in the next few years.

#### Alabama: I Love Lucy

Lt. Gov. **Lucy Baxley** (D) is gearing up to run for governor next year, with "I Love Lucy" stickers already appearing on vehicle bumpers. She starts out the favorite in the primary over ex-Gov. **Don Siegelman** (D), who may or may not run, and would be strong against Gov. **Bob Riley** (R). With Riley facing potential competition for GOP voters from ex-state Supreme Court Justice **Roy Moore** (R), who could run in either the Republican primary or in the General Election as an independent, Baxley could be the first woman to win the Alabama governorship in her own right. (She did, however, launch her political career with name ID from her ex-husband, ex-Attorney General **Bill Baxley** [D].)

#### Florida: Jennings Undecided?

Three Democrats and two Republicans have already announced they will run for governor of the Sunshine State in 2006, but Lt. Gov. **Toni Jennings** (R) has not. Publicly, she's saying she hasn't made up her mind. Privately, according to reports both public and private, Jennings has decided against running. Although she would very likely have the



backing of popular Gov. **Jeb Bush** (R), polls show the two announced GOPers – Attorney General **Charlie Crist** and Chief Financial Office **Tom Gallagher** – both run substantially ahead of Jennings. But SPR keeps her on the list of women in line for Southern governorships, in part because she still might decide to run, in part because the former school teacher and experienced politician – 20 years in the state Senate – remains in a good position to make a major mark in Florida politics.

### Georgia: Cox Strong in Polls

Secretary of State **Cathy Cox** (D) has already announced her candidacy for governor in 2006. Polls show her substantially ahead of her Democratic rival, Lt. Gov. **Mark Taylor**. If she wins the Democratic nomination, polls show Cox within single digits of incumbent Gov. **Sonny Perdue** (R), who fails to hit 50% in most voter surveys. Cox may be aided by the role of white women as key swing voters in the Peach State. According to University of Georgia political scientist **Charles Bullock**, when white females, who make up about 38% of the turnout, vote more like GOP-trending white men, Republicans win. However, when the Democrats widen the gender gap and increase their share of white women significantly, they can carry Georgia – as happened when **Bill Clinton** won the state in 1992 and **Max Cleland** (D) did in the 1996 US Senate race. Similar trends may help women contenders in other Southern states.

### Kentucky: Luallen in 2007

State Auditor **Crit Luallen** (D) is considered a likely candidate – and potential primary winner – in the 2007 gubernatorial election. She was cabinet secretary to Gov. **Paul Patton** (D), but resigned when his extra-marital affair with a woman nursing home operator doing

business with the state became public. Luallen had planned to run for governor in 2003, but ran and won the auditor's post instead. Recently, she's been in the headlines for helping investigate a hiring scandal in Gov. **Ernie Fletcher**'s (R) administration (see below). Luallen says publicly she's undecided about running for governor, but she has hired Washington, DC, pollster **Celinda Lake** and told *The Kentucky Post* that she's been in touch with national Democratic and women's organizations about a potential race. She gets high marks from Democrats and would be a strong contender. Kentucky has had a woman governor before; **Martha Layne Collins** (D) was elected in 1983 and served four years.

### Mississippi: Tuck in 2011

Lt. Gov. **Amy Tuck** (R) probably won't run for the top spot in 2007, because incumbent **Haley Barbour** (R) is expected to run again, but she's a good bet for 2011. From a well-known political family, Tuck was elected to the state senate in 1990 and lieutenant governor in 1999 as a Democrat, then switched parties in 2002, amid much GOP fanfare. Recently, she's been in the news for trying to work out a compromise between Barbour and Attorney General **Jim Hood** (D) over a "vulnerable adults" program, which helps senior citizens. She wouldn't be a slam-dunk; **Evelyn Gandy** (D) was elected lieutenant governor and made the gubernatorial runoff twice – in 1979 and 1983 – but lost both times. But Tuck would have a good shot.

### North Carolina: Perdue in 2008

Veteran *News & Observer* journalist **Rob Christensen** began a recent column citing the reasons why Lt. Gov. **Beverly Perdue** (D) isn't likely to get called "dumpling" on the Senate floor, as a male senator once did. High among them was that Perdue "might very well



become North Carolina's first female governor." Perdue, who previously served in the state Senate, is already making the necessary contacts – financial and political – to run in 2008. One recent survey (D) showed her with 33% among Democrats, to 17% for state Treasurer **Richard Moore** and 15% for Attorney General **Roy Cooper**.

The number of women winning public office in the Tar Heel State has increased substantially over the past decade. In 1995, the state ranked 36<sup>th</sup> in the percentage of women in the legislature; by 2005, it ranked 28<sup>th</sup>. Two women – **Sue Myrick** (R) and **Virginia Foxx** (R) – serve in Congress from the state. And in 2002, North elected **Elizabeth Dole** (R) to the United States Senate, the first woman in the state to win that office.

Even women who have lost races in the state don't blame hostility to women. **Patsy Kever** (D), a former member of the Buncombe County (Asheville) Commission, who ran a strong but losing race (45% to 55%) for Congress last year, tells SPR that "I never felt like being a woman was at all a problem... The problems that beat me were the typical moral issues, gay rights and abortion." Kever is not running again in 2006, though she does not rule out a future congressional bid.

### Oklahoma: Fallin in the Mix

Lt. Gov. **Mary Fallin** (R) is among those looking at the GOP race against Democratic Governor **Brad Henry** (D) in 2006. Fallin made history twice in 1994, as the first woman and the first Republican to win the lieutenant governorship. Now in her third term, she has used the office to push a pro-business agenda, including a state right-to-work law and more recently, a proposed reform of the state's worker compensation laws. Even if popular ex-US Rep. **J. C. Watts** (R) doesn't run for

governor, Fallin could still face stiff competition from third-term state Sen. **Jim Williamson** and/or House Speaker **Todd Hiett** to win her party's nomination for governor. In the General Election, any GOPer – including Fallin – would have a strong shot, but not an easy one. On the Democratic side, Henry may encourage Secretary of State **Susan Savage** (D) to run for lieutenant governor on the Democratic ticket, which could put her in line for a gubernatorial race down the road.

### South Carolina: Tenenbaum Again?

State Superintendent of Education **Inez Tenenbaum** (D) lost (44% to 54%) a bid for the US Senate in 2004. She believes her gender hurt her some, but was not an overriding factor. "I have a 'D' after my name," she says, noting that **President Bush** carried the state by some 18 percentage points. She is aware of the statistics showing South Carolina is the only Southern state to have regressed in electing women to the legislature. She recalls that in an earlier statewide race, in an interview with the editor of a big city newspaper, he leaned across his desk and asked, "But will South Carolina vote for a diminutive woman for lieutenant governor?" She answered, "Well, they have certainly voted for a lot of diminutive men." Tenenbaum has ruled out a gubernatorial race in 2006, when incumbent **Mark Sanford** (R) seeks re-election. She says, however, "I hope someday an opportunity will present itself" for a bid for governor or senator. Stay tuned.

### Texas: Hutchison Keeps'em Guessing

US Sen. **Kay Bailey Hutchison** (R) is expected to announce this month whether she will challenge incumbent Gov. **Rick Perry** (R) in the 2006 GOP primary. In a Hutchison-Perry battle, Perry would have the support of most social conservatives, as well as a long list



of elected officials and party officers who have endorsed him. Hutchison, however, runs much stronger in opinion polls. In a recent Scripps Howard Texas Poll, she had a 67% approval rating compared to Perry's 45%. Another Republican woman, state Comptroller **Carole Keeton Strayhorn**, may also enter the governor's race. While she would not be as powerful as Hutchison, at the end of the first quarter, Strayhorn had a not-inconsequential \$5.7 million on hand, to Hutchison's \$7.2 million and Perry's nearly \$8 million. Either Hutchison or Strayhorn would be the state's third woman governor: "Ma" Ferguson (D) was elected governor in 1924 and **Ann Richards** (D in 1990. **George W. Bush** (R) defeated Richards in 1994.

### Southern Women in the US Senate

Four of the US Senate's 14 women are from the South: **Elizabeth Dole** (R-NC), **Kay Bailey Hutchison** (R-TX), **Mary Landrieu** (D-LA) and **Blanche Lincoln** (D-AR). The list could change after the 2006 elections. Hutchison may leave the Senate to run for governor of Texas. On the other hand, US Rep. **Katherine Harris** (R) may challenge US Sen. **Bill Nelson** (D). If she does, she's a clear favorite in the GOP primary and a strong contender, though not the favorite, in the General Election.

In Tennessee, where Senate Majority Leader **Bill Frist** is stepping down to pursue a presidential bid, women in both parties are seeking to replace him. On the GOP side, state Rep. **Beth Harwell** is one of four candidates to succeed Frist. The others are ex-US Rep. **Ed Bryant**, ex-Chattanooga Mayor **Bob Corker** and ex-US Rep. **Van Hilleary**. While Harwell is not the favorite, she could be a strong contender; she recently completed four years as state Republican chairman, a job providing useful contacts across Tennessee. On the

Democratic side, state Sen. **Rosalind Kurita** (D), a moderate maverick who represents a GOP-leaning Nashville suburban district, is in the US Senate primary with US Rep. **Harold Ford** (see below). She's a definite underdog, but is likely to make her mark in the race.

Perhaps in response to the possibility that Hutchison will leave and no additional Republican women will be elected to the Senate, Elizabeth Dole, probably the highest profile woman officeholder in the GOP, is using her post as chair of the National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) to bring more women into the Republican Party. Last month, Dole launched the "Women's Majority Network," which will work to lessen the gender gap, both among voters and officeholders. Dole is the first woman to serve in the Senate from North Carolina and the first woman to chair the NRSC.

### Scandals Rock Three Southern States

Scandals that could have important political ramifications continue to develop in Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas.

#### Kentucky: Another Mess

Gov. **Ernie Fletcher** (R), who promised in his 2003 campaign "to clean up the mess in Frankfort," finds himself in one of his own. Fletcher's administration is under investigation by state Attorney General **Greg Stumbo** (D) for using politics to fill jobs in the Transportation Department, in violation of the state's merit system laws. Fletcher, whose ratings have been low anyway, has denied the charges, which are based on e-mails by staffers that say "EF" is to be briefed on some new hires, and contends that this is the opening of Stumbo's run for governor in 2007. Stumbo says nothing illegal has been found so far, but he will conclude his investigation before



reaching a final conclusion. Published reports indicate that a disproportionate number of new Transportation Department employees had the support of their county's GOP leaders and an unusually high 98% were white. Stumbo, who served 24 years as a state Representative, says he has no plans to run for governor.

### **Tennessee: Political Implications?**

The day after five-term US Rep. **Harold Ford** (D) formally entered the race for the US Senate, the FBI arrested four state legislators, including state Sen. **John Ford** (D), uncle of Congressman Ford, on bribery charges. The scandal, dubbed "Operation Tennessee Waltz" and reminiscent of the Abscam charges that hit Southern politics in 1978, involved the use of an FBI dummy corporation that offered cash to lawmakers in exchange for legislative action. In addition to state Sen. Ford, those arrested included State Sens. **Ward Crutchfield** (D) and **Kathryn Bowers** (D), a former House Majority Whip who was elected to the Senate two weeks before her arrest, and state Rep. **Chris Newton** (R).

The big question is how much the arrest of Sen. Ford, who has been the center of well-publicized controversies over his personal and financial dealings over the past few months, will hurt his nephew's US Senate candidacy. The consensus is that it will hurt some, especially since Harold Ford, 35, already faced an uphill battle, both as an African-American – he would be the first black US Senator in Tennessee history – and as a Democrat in an increasingly Republican state. At a minimum, arrest of his uncle stepped on the public attention to Harold Ford's announcement, quickly shifting the focus to his unsavory relative. For now, Harold Ford remains a heavy favorite in the primary, with a 62%-15% lead over state Sen. **Rosalind Kurita** (D),

according to a March poll, and the underdog in the General Election.

### **Texas: Ruling Hurts DeLay**

A potentially important shoe dropped in the political vise beginning to grip House Majority Leader **Tom DeLay**'s position and power in Washington. A Texas judge in a civil case ruled against some of the key arguments being used by lawyers for the Texas Republican Majority Political Action Committee (TRMPAC), a group DeLay helped found to finance state legislative races that eventually led to the congressional redistricting that resulted in five new GOP seats in Congress.

Judge **Joseph Hart** held that the Texas law banning corporate contributions to state legislative campaigns was constitutional and that funds expended on pollsters, consultants and phone banks could not be considered used for administrative purposes, and thus must be reported. These arguments are central in a criminal case pending in Texas. While DeLay is on the board of TRMPAC, he contends that he was not part of the day-to-day operations of the group, and he was not mentioned in the ruling, which awarded the defendants – defeated Democratic legislative candidates – a total of \$196,660. The civil case and possible findings in the criminal case are likely to provide fire-power to DeLay's foes, both in Texas and Washington.

### **Virginia Primary Update**

In the Republican primary on June 14, former attorney general **Jerry Kilgore** is in no danger of losing the gubernatorial nomination to Warrenton Mayor **George Fitch**, who is virtually unknown and has spent little money. "Kilgore is supported by everybody from the White House to the court house," says University of Virginia's **Larry Sabato**.



However, the consensus, says Sabato, is that if Fitch gets 20% or more of the vote, it's an indication that grass-roots GOPers aren't enthusiastic about their standard-bearer. This could spell trouble for Kilgore in the fall, especially with independent state Sen. **Russell Potts**, a former Republican, in the race to draw unhappy GOPers. The 20% isn't strictly a made-up number; in 2002 in neighboring Maryland, the GOP claimed **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** was weak when she won the Democratic primary with a mere 78% against an unknown opponent. Sauce for the goose, says Sabato, is sauce for the gander.

In the GOP battle for lieutenant governor, Hanover County state Sen. **Bill Bolling** is favored over Prince William County Board of Supervisors Chairman **Sean Connaughton**. Bolling, 47, a ten-year Senate veteran, "has been out there so long," notes one observer, adding that he also has the benefit of strong ties with the GOP's conservative base. But don't count Connaughton out. He's got a strong Northern Virginia base, plus the help of astute US Rep. **Tom Davis** (R). Moreover, some GOP insiders prefer Connaughton because they believe he can help Kilgore win Northern Virginia votes this fall. Bolling gets the nod, but an upset is possible.

And in the GOP's battle for attorney general, Del. **Robert McDonnell**, chairman of the House Courts of Justice Committee, is favored over Richmond attorney **Steve Baril**. McDonnell gets points for being in the race longer. Baril has come on strong with an ethics charge against McDonnell – that he represented legal clients before state agencies while serving in the House – but most folks say it's too little, too late.

For the Democrats, Lt. Gov. **Tim Kaine** is unopposed, but there's a lively four-way contest for lieutenant governor.

Del. **Viola Baskerville**, 53, an African-American, is an up-by-the-bootstraps product of segregated schools who became a Fulbright Scholar and later a lawyer. She has two political pluses: She's from Richmond, which is likely to account for a large share of the Democratic primary turnout. And as an African-American, she could benefit from the 35% or more share of the turnout that is likely to be black. She also has two minuses: Many party operatives believe she is too liberal to help the party win the governor's race in this conservative state. Moreover, a number of black politicians are not supporting her.

Former US Rep. and former state Sen. **Leslie Byrne**, 58, has worked the state hard to make a comeback after losing her congressional seat to **Tom Davis** (R) and her state Senate seat to redistricting. She got the endorsement of the Richmond Crusade for Voters, the state's oldest civil rights group. She has significant name ID, but "she's yesterday's news," says one party activist, who nevertheless calls her one of the top two contenders.

Del. **Chapman "Chap" Petersen**, 37, is the insiders' favorite. He's from vote-rich Northern Virginia, but is a moderate, not a liberal, and could help Kaine in November. Peterson is an innovative campaigner, recently proposing to close the lieutenant governor's office in Richmond and opening six regional offices instead. He's also gotten some African-American support. "He's smart, affable and is raising money," notes one observer, who deems Petersen the favorite, but concedes, "This one has people scratching their heads."

State Sen. **Phil Puckett** has not been as visible statewide as the other candidates, but by concentrating on his own Southwest bailiwick, he could surprise folks. (Party insiders bemoan that they already have a candidate from that region – state Sen. **Creighton Deeds** (D), also



from Southwest Virginia, is unopposed in the Democratic race for attorney general.)

In sum, Petersen is the favorite in the Democratic race for lieutenant governor, but any of the four could win – there’s no runoff and if the votes were evenly divided, it could take as little as 26% to win a plurality.

There are 12 contested primaries for the House of Delegates and 7 contested Democratic primaries. Six of the GOP races involve conservative challenges to incumbents who supported a budget compromise that included a tax increase. Given the prevalence of competitive races on the GOP side, turnout is likely to be heavier in the Republican primary, but will probably be light for both parties.

## Grits

• **Southerners at Center of Filibuster Compromise.** Four Dixie lawmakers were among the fourteen senators (7R, 7D) who engineered the compromise that kept the filibuster in tact but allowed some of **President Bush’s** judicial nominees to be confirmed. The four were Democrats **Mark Pryor** (AR) and **Mary Landrieu** (LA) and Republicans **Lindsay Graham** (SC) and **John Warner** (VA). Not so long ago, it was Southern conservatives who fought to preserve unlimited debate, mainly to hold off the Senate’s pro-civil rights majority. But the sides have switched; now it is liberal Democrats who want to use the filibuster, to stop the Republican majority from putting conservatives on the federal bench.

• **Stem Cell Party Switchers.** In the May 25 vote in the House of Representatives, eight Southern Republicans joined 42 GOPers from the rest of the country to vote in favor of removing federal restrictions on stem cell research: Floridians **Ginny Brown-Waite**, **Mark Foley**, **Connie Mack**, **Clay Shaw** and **Bill Young**; Texans **Joe Barton** and **Kay Granger**; North Carolinian **Howard Coble**; and Virginian **Tom Davis**. In the opposite direction, two Southern Democrats voted against

their party to maintain the stem cell curbs, **Mike McIntyre** of North Carolina and **Lincoln Davis** of Tennessee. By way of background, Republican **Shaw** faces a serious challenge next year in his Democratic district and the other Floridians who opposed the restrictions represent metropolitan areas with many social liberals. Ditto for **Granger** (TX) and **Davis** (VA). Democrats **McIntyre** (NC) and **Davis** (TN) represent rural/small-town districts. **McIntyre** is a conservative Christian, a rarity on the Democratic side of the aisle.

• **Tar Heel GOP Re-elects Blount; Converts Davis.** Some 1,000 North Carolina Republicans gathered in Asheville on May 21 to re-elect state Chair **Ferrell Blount** as state chairman. Blount, 55, had the support of US Sens. **Elizabeth Dole** and **Richard Burr**, as well as most of the party’s other officeholders and county chairs. Before the first roll call was finished, Blount was declared the winner by acclamation over Winston-Salem City Councilman **Vernon Robinson**, 49, a conservative African-American who bills himself as “the black **Jesse Helms**.”..... Meanwhile, the *Raleigh News & Observer* reports that **Lawrence Davis**, a conservative who was appointed Democratic state chair by then-US Sen. **Terry Sanford** (D-NC) in 1989 to help unite the party, announced that he had switched his registration to Republican, mainly because of abortion and same-sex marriage.

• **Oklahoma Democrats Avoid Left Turn.** Sooner State Democrats, meeting in Oklahoma City on May 14, elected former social studies teacher **Lisa Pryor** their new state chair. She defeated ex-state Rep. **Jeff Hamilton**, who represented party liberals. Pryor “knows the grassroots,” says University of Oklahoma political scientist **Keith Gaddie**, citing a strong but unsuccessful race she made for the state senate last year. She had the backing of Gov. **Brad Henry** (D) and her victory is a boost for the party’s moderate to conservative wing. In another defeat for the party’s left, the convention adjourned before a number of liberal resolutions on abortion and gay rights could be considered. Out-going chair **Jay Parmley**, criticized for inviting national party chair **Howard Dean** to the state, did not seek re-election.

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A Mobile Register-Univ. of So. Alabama poll released this morning shows Riley leading Roy Moore 44% to 25% among 400 GOP primary voters, fielded 10/3-10/6. In January, the same poll showed Moore leading Riley 43% to 35%.

Poll indicates Riley is well ahead of Moore in GOP primary

Sunday, October 09, 2005

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MONTGOMERY -- Gov. Bob Riley, who on Saturday announced his bid for a second term, holds a 19-point lead over ousted Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore among likely voters in the 2006 Republican gubernatorial primary, the results of a new statewide survey suggest.

The Mobile Register-University of South Alabama poll showed Riley with 44 percent and Moore with 25 percent. The remainder were undecided.

The results mark a dramatic turnaround from January, when a similar Register-USA poll found Moore leading the governor 43-35 in a hypothetical GOP contest.

The findings also defy what was once the prevailing political wisdom in Alabama: that Riley, weakened after voters drubbed his billion-dollar tax plan in 2003, would be a one-term governor and no match for Moore, a hero among religious conservatives after being removed from office in 2003 for his refusal to move his Ten Commandments monument out of the Alabama Judicial Building rotunda.

"This is surprising," said USA political science professor Keith Nicholls, who directed the poll. "I'm not sure what to make of this margin. I suspect a big part of it has to do with the positive national exposure Gov. Riley has gotten with the hurricanes. ... Moore has not been out front on much of anything lately."

Nicholls also noted the economic upswing in Alabama that has afforded Riley, 61, the opportunity to make job creation announcements around the state and preside over budget surpluses.

Moore, 58, launched his campaign Monday in his hometown of Gadsden, where he became famous for his legal effort to keep a Ten Commandments plaque in his Etowah County Circuit Court chambers. He had maintained a relatively low profile leading up to the Monday event, saying in public appearances only that he was continuing to pray about his options in 2006. Since his announcement, Moore has conducted one airplane tour of the state, including a stop in Mobile, and he has appeared on national cable news shows, rekindling some of the attention he generated in 2003 at the peak of his Ten Commandments struggle.

The Register-USA poll, conducted last Monday through Thursday, includes responses from 400 registered voters around the state. The telephone poll queried only those who said they either typically vote in Republican primaries or would be likely to vote in the party's

gubernatorial primary next year.

The Riley administration declined comment on the poll results through spokesman John Matson. Riley supporters, however, have distributed and discussed other polls in recent months that have shown the governor running ahead of Moore among Republican voters. A Moore spokesman did not respond Friday to a request for comment on the poll.

Party primaries are scheduled for June 6. The general election follows in November.

On the Democratic side, Lt. Gov. Lucy Baxley and former Gov. Don Siegelman have said they are running, although neither has held a formal kickoff.

Should the four major candidates stay in the race, it will mark only the second time in the modern era for Alabama Democrats and Republicans to have competitive, high profile primaries. (The other was in 1994.)

It could also set up a scenario in which candidates reach outside their respective support bases, thus making turnout in both primaries difficult to predict.

The Republican matchup appears at first glance as a scrap between the party's two branches: business-oriented economic conservatives and the religious right, particularly rural fundamentalists. The Democratic side, meanwhile, features a former governor who has long enjoyed the support of the black community and a popular lieutenant governor, generally viewed as a political moderate, bidding to become the first female chief executive in four decades.

Consider the following:

Some economic-oriented Republicans remain angry at Riley over his massive tax plan, known as Amendment One, yet they may not be inclined to support a candidate as controversial as Moore.

Riley enjoys considerable backing from the business community but also considers himself a conservative Christian, even drawing attention early in his administration for hosting staff Bible studies in the Alabama Capitol. For his part, Moore has already attacked Riley on Amendment One and begun casting himself as more than simply a Ten Commandments candidate.

On the Democratic side, Siegelman has predicted that the Riley-Moore match will create a "white flight" out of the Democratic primary into the GOP column, giving black voters a stronger influence in choosing the Democratic nominee.

Yet Moore's message about "acknowledging God" resonates across racial lines, reaching into black churches and white ones. It also has the potential to draw voters of both races who have not traditionally participated in either primary.

Baxley, meanwhile, has promised not to cede the black vote in the Democratic primary. The lieutenant governor also enjoys strong favorability ratings across party lines and could garner at least some support from moderate Republican women who otherwise would not venture into a Democratic primary.

Previous Register-USA surveys of registered voters from both parties have shown Moore and Baxley drawing greater support from across the aisle than either Riley or Siegelman.

And none of the above takes into account Siegelman's ongoing legal troubles, as a Montgomery-based federal grand jury is still reviewing a number of matters from before and during his 1999-2003 term as governor. Siegelman said this week that he expects to be indicted, but predicted he would beat back any charges, as he did another federal indictment last year.

There has also been speculation that state Sen. Harri Anne Smith, R-Slocumb, could join the Republican field, ostensibly as a third option for Republicans who are still angry at Riley over his tax plan but who don't want to support Moore. Smith has not made her intentions known. The demographic breakdowns of last week's poll reflect the divide between what Nicholls said

were "country club Republicans" vs. "religious right Republicans."

Riley held his largest lead over Moore among respondents from households where the annual income exceeded \$60,000. With each step down the economic ladder, the race tightened. Likewise, Riley held a wider lead among respondents who had gone to college than among those with a high school diploma or less.

Nicholls said he believes that Moore's "core support"--those most inspired by his Ten Commandments stand -- is 15-20 percent among Republicans. The rest of his supporters and most undecideds, he surmised, do not consider themselves as being in either the "country club" or the "religious" wings of the party.

Those numbers, Nicholls said, dictate a two-fold strategy for Riley.

First: "Do not alienate those voters" in the middle of the party. "You've got a lot of people who are fundamentalist Christians but who take a broader view of what they want in a candidate. Those are people who would more naturally gravitate toward Riley," he said.

Secondly: "Use the Rose Garden approach," a reference to presidential campaigns in which the incumbent acts presidential and campaigns little, thus appearing as an established leader amid an outsider's challenge.

"If I were advising him, I would say have as few debates as possible, acknowledge Moore as little as possible," Nicholls said.

William Stewart, professor emeritus of political science at the University of Alabama, cast the race the same way. "I think Gov. Riley is the favorite in that race," he said Monday after Moore's kickoff rally. "Moore is going to have to appeal to African-American voters and non-traditional (Republican) voters" to have a chance.

Stewart said Moore could potentially gain ground by bringing up the Amendment One issue, including reminding voters of the forecast that Riley and others offered in 2003 about having to slash state services, release prisoners and fire thousands of teachers. Some program cuts have occurred, but with state revenues increasing, the most dire predictions have not come to pass.

Nicholls, however, downplayed the potential effectiveness of the Amendment One issue, saying "people seem to have a short memory."

Alabama Republican Party Vice Chairman Jerry Lathan, a vocal opponent of Amendment One, said in a recent interview that "most people have forgiven the governor. ... He's done good things since then." Lathan, of Theodore, said he has mended his relationship with Riley, but added that he is focusing on winning more Republican legislative seats and will not take a side in the GOP primary for governor.

As for crossover voting -- Democrats voting in the GOP primary and vice versa -- Stewart and Nicholls predicted that it would be minimal.

Nicholls noted that most local offices in Alabama are still controlled by county Democratic parties, meaning voters in many counties will stay in that primary regardless of their preference for governor.

For her part, Alabama Republican Party Chairwoman Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh said Riley's lead was not surprising given "the sound economic times in the state." But she was quick to praise both Moore and Riley as "proven leaders."

The state party does not choose among Republican primary candidates in any race, said Cavanaugh, who previously worked in the Riley administration. She dismissed any concerns that a bruising primary would hurt the eventual nominee or expose any fissures in the party. "I keep hearing that this is a business candidate versus a religious candidate," she said. "I don't see that. I see both candidates as being Republican candidates. I was executive director of the party when Roy Moore won chief justice in 2000. All the business folks supported Roy Moore for chief justice. ... He's got some of those same supporters now. You look at Bob

Riley and you see a good Christian man who looks to his savior for direction.

"I don't think you can put labels on these candidates, other than to say they are good Republicans," she continued.

As for where the party will stand on June 7, the day after the primary, she said, "Different Republicans team up with different candidates but we come together when it's over. ... And I don't think the Democrats will just be throwing bean bags at each other. (So) either way, we're going to have an outstanding Republican governor in November."

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11	▲	▼	AZ-08	Graf/Giffords	9/19-9/21	Bennet Petts & Blumenthal (D)	29	54	-25	-12	-13	23/42	45/17	53%	60%
12	▲	▲	CA-11	POMBO	9/28-10/1	Lake Research (D)	41	40	+1	-2	+3	N/A	N/A	54%	61%
13		▼	CO-04	MUSGRAVE	10/8-10/9	Tarrance	41	40	+1	+10	-9	38/54	34/45	58%	51%
14		▼	CO-07	O'Donnell	10/10-10/11	Tarrance	35	49	-14	-6	-8	33/34	41/27	48%	55%
15		▼	CT-02	SIMMONS	10/8-10/10	POS	44	40	+4	+14	-10	52/37	36/27	44%	54%
16		▲	CT-04	SHAYS	10/10-10/11	National Research	47	40	+7	+5	+2	63/28	48/35	46%	52%
17		▼	CT-05	JOHNSON	10/8-10/9	American Viewpoint	43	43	+0	+10	-10	46/45	35/23	49%	60%
18		▼	FL-13	Buchanan	10/8-10/9	POS	42	49	-7	-4	-3	33/47	41/21		
19		▲	FL-16	FOLEY	10/10-10/11	Tarrance	29	48	-19	-22	+3	30/11	33/19	54%	68%
20		▲	FL-22	SHAW	10/10-10/11	Tarrance	45	41	+4	+0	+4	48/39	36/31	48%	63%
21		▲	IA-01	Whalen	10/10-10/11	POS	41	48	-7	-11	+4	41/38	42/33	46%	55%
22		▲	IL-06	Roskam	10/11-10/12	POS	45	45	+0	-5	+5	38/22	47/31	53%	56%
23		▲	IN-02	CHOCOLA	10/9	Mercury Public Affairs (R)	44	45	-1	-16	+15	N/A	N/A	56%	54%
24		▲	IN-08	HOSTETTLER	9/6-9/21	Indiana State Univ.	32	47	-15	-17	+2	N/A	N/A	62%	53%
25		▼	IN-09	SODREL	10/11-10/12	POS	40	47	-7	+0	-7	46/34	47/36	59%	49%
26		▼	KY-04	DAVIS	10/2-10/3	Tarrance	44	48	-4	+4	-8	48/31	53/23	63%	54%
27		▲	MN-06	Bachman	10/11-10/12	POS	49	40	+9	-5	+14	43/35	43/50	57%	54%
28		▼	NC-11	TAYLOR	10/9-10/10	POS	48	47	+1	+4	-3	45/46	41/33	57%	55%
29		▼	NM-01	WILSON	10/10-10/12	POS	42	49	-7	+1	-8	42/54	45/47	48%	54%
30		▲	NY-24	Meier	10/3-10/4	Tarrance	41	46	-5	-5	+0	38/34	42/27	48%	57%
31		▲	NY-26	REYNOLDS	10/11-10/12	Finklestein	42	48	-6	-15	+9	N/A	N/A		
32		▲	OH-01	CHABOT	10/11-10/12	POS	51	40	+11	+3	+8	49/36	36/37	51%	60%
33		▲	OH-15	PRYCE	10/11-10/12	Tarrance	41	42	-1	-7	+6	42/45	41/42	50%	60%
34		▼	OH-18	Padgett/Space	10/11-10/12	POS	36	44	-8	-7	-1	32/38	30/24	57%	66%
35		▼	PA-06	GERLACH	10/9-10/10	POS	42	44	-2	+7	-9	42/37	36/35	48%	51%
36		▼	PA-07	WELDON	10/11-10/12	POS	45	43	+2	+7	-5	54/36	41/27	47%	59%
37		▲	PA-08	FITZPATRICK	9/18-9/19	POS	43	38	+5	+5	+0	50/26	35/17	48%	55%
38		▼	PA-10	SHERWOOD	10/9-10/10	Tarrance	38	53	-15	-14	-1	36/54	47/21	60%	93%
39		N/A	TX-22	Sekula-Gibbs/Lampson	7/31-8/1	POS	44	35	+9	N/A	N/A	24/12	36/21	64%	55%
40		▼	VA-02	DRAKE	10/1-10/2	POS	44	38	+6	+7	-1	45/30	29/29	58%	55%
41		▲	WI-08	Gard/Kagen	10/10-10/12	POS	45	39	+6	-1	+7	42/39	39/39	55%	70%

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42	<b>TIER 2 DEFENSE</b>															
43	▲	AZ-01	RENZI/Simon		10/9-10/10	POS	48	38	+10	+8	+2	45/30	24/11	54%	59%	
44	▲	CA-04	DOOLITTLE		10/1-10/2	Tarrance	45	34	+11	+4	+7	42/42	27/19	61%	65%	
45	▲	IA-02	LEACH		9/17-9/18	Tarrance	44	41	+3	+3	+0	56/27	8/2	44%	59%	
46	▼	NH-01	BRADLEY		9/15-9/24	UNH Survey	52	33	+19	+25	-6	N/A	N/A	51%	63%	
47	▼	NH-02	BASS		10/11-10/12	Tarrance	47	42	+5	+10	-5	54/36	41/19	47%	58%	
48	▲	NV-03	PORTER		10/11-10/12	POS	46	38	+8	+4	+4	47/32	28/33	50%	54%	
49	▲	NY-20	SWEENEY		9/27-9/28	POS	54	31	+23	+17	+6	50/27	25/22	54%	66%	
50	▲	NY-29	KUHL		9/19-9/21	Cooper Secrest (D)	43	39	+4	+2	+2	N/A	N/A	56%	51%	
51	▲	WA-08	REICHERT		10/2-10/3	POS	48	47	+1	+1	+0	50/37	34/14	48%	52%	
52	<b>TIER 3 DEFENSE</b>															
53		N/A	CA-41	LEWIS												
54	▲		CA-50	Bilbray		10/10-10/11	Tarrance	47	42	+5	+0	+5	48/42	49/42	55%	58%
55	▼		FL-08	KELLER		9/17-9/20	V/CR	50	31	+19	+21	-2	N/A	N/A	55%	61%
56	▲		ID-01	Sali		10/9-10/10	POS	40	32	+8	+8	+0	25/22	17/5	69%	70%
57	▲		KY-02	LEWIS		10/2-10/3	POS	51	40	+11	+9	+2	54/29	27/11	65%	68%
58	▼		MI-07	Walberg		9/20-9/21	POS	36	28	+8	+10	-2	26/15	7/4	54%	58%
59	▼		MN-01	GUTKNECHT		10/8-10/9	Tarrance	46	46	+0	+8	-8	49/36	34/17	51%	60%
60	▲		NC-08	HAYES		10/2-10/3	POS	47	39	+8	+6	+2	57/24	12/4	54%	56%
61	▲		NV-02	Heller		10/9-10/10	Tarrance	46	41	+5	+5	+0	47/29	45/23	57%	67%
62	▲		NY-19	KELLY		10/11-10/12	Tarrance	48	42	+6	+5	+1	53/29	40/17	54%	67%
63	▼		NY-25	WALSH		10/8-10/9	Tarrance	47	41	+6	+21	-15	53/26	19/9	48%	90%
64	▲		OH-02	SCHMIDT		10/9-10/10	Tarrance	45	43	+2	+1	+1	36/46	21/11	64%	52%
65	▼		PA-04	HART		10/10-10/11	POS	48	42	+6	+18	-12	51/43	28/7	54%	63%
66	▼		WA-05	MCMORRIS		10/1-10/2	Moore Information	45	36	+9	+12	-3	N/A	N/A	57%	60%
67	▲		WY-AL	CUBIN		9/27-9/28	Tarrance	51	41	+10	-2	+12	49/41	24/11	69%	55%
68	<b>OFFENSE</b>															
69		N/A	CO-03	Tipton		7/9-7/16	Anzalone Liszt (D)	26	56	-30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	55%	51%
70	▲		GA-03/08	Collins		10/2-10/3	POS	42	49	-7	-26	+19	33/22	46/24	55%	63%
71		N/A	GA-12	Burns		9/25-9/26	POS	44	45	-1	-1	+0	47/16	25/18	46%	52%
72	▼		IA-03	Lamberti		10/10-10/11	Tarrance	38	51	-13	-8	-5	44/35	56/33	50%	55%
73		N/A	IL-08	McSweeney		10/8-10/9	Tarrance	34	52	-18	-19	+1	36/24	55/27	56%	52%
74		N/A	IL-17	Zinga		8/7-8/8	POS	37	51	-14	N/A	N/A	30/30	17/11	48%	61%

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108	▲	NE-01	FORTENBERRY		9/6-9/9	POS	56	32	+24	+23	+1	51/19	21/8	63%	54%
109	▼	NE-03	Smith/Kleeb		9/20-9/21	Penn Schoen (D)	40	31	+9	+27	-18	37/13	16/4	75%	87%
110		N/A	NJ-05 GARRETT		3/16-3/17	POS	54	26	+28	N/A	N/A	47/19	1/2	52%	58%
111	▲	NJ-07	FERGUSON		10/10-10/11	Tarrance	48	33	+15	+15	+0	46/32	24/25	53%	57%
112	▲	NM-02	PEARCE		9/25-9/28	Research & Polling Inc.	58	27	+31	+25	+6	N/A	N/A	58%	60%
113		N/A	NY-13 FOSELLA		5/24-5/25	POS	56	31	+25	N/A	N/A	55/25	4/3	55%	59%
114		N/A	OH-03 TURNER		2/26-2/27	POS	55	31	+24	N/A	N/A	59/22	7/2	54%	62%
115		N/A	OH-05 GILLMOR		6/21-6/22	POS	51	35	+16	N/A	N/A	53/23	6/3	61%	67%
116	▼	OH-12	TIBERI		9/24-9/25	POS	49	42	+7	+16	-9	46/23	22/6	51%	62%
117		N/A	PA-15 DENT		6/28-6/29	Tarrance	49	35	+14	N/A	N/A	54/25	10/5	50%	59%
118		N/A	PA-18 MURPHY		7/18-7/19	POS	53	26	+27	N/A	N/A	60/14	8/1	54%	63%
119		N/A	UT-03 CANNON		7/14-7/20	Dan Jones & Assoc.	56	24	+32	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	75%	77%
120	▲	VA-05	GOODE		9/27-9/28	POS	51	32	+19	+12	+7	55/22	26/28	56%	64%
121		N/A	VA-10 WOLF		8/1-8/2	POS	57	24	+33	N/A	N/A	66/20	4/3	55%	64%

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3	10/10-10/11	31	63	6	-32	900	LV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
4	10/6-10/8	24	68	8	-44	1,007	Adults	Gallup
5	10/6-10/8	28	63	9	-35	1,028	Adults	CNN/ORC
6	10/5-10/8	27	64	9	-37	983	Adults	CBS News/NYT
7	10/5-10/8	32	66	2	-34	1,204	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
8	10/5-10/6	33	59	8	-26	1,004	Adults	Newsweek
9	10/3-10/4	31	57	12	-26	1,002	Adults	Time/SRBI
10	10/2-10/4	24	73	3	-49	741	LV	AP/Ipsos
11	10/1-10/3	32	62	6	-30	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
12	<b>September Polls</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>-34.8</b>			
13	9/26-9/27	39	48	13	-9	900	LV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
14	9/24-9/27	32	62	6	-30	1,000	LV	Battleground
15	9/24-9/26	25	70	5	-45	423	LV	Dieago/Hotline
16	9/16-9/19	31	62	7	-31	1,006	LV	Democracy Corps
17	9/16-9/19	30	57	13	-27	1,517	Adults	LA Times
18	9/15-9/19	25	61	14	-36	1,131	Adults	CBS News/NYT
19	9/11-9/13	29	68	3	-39	1,501	Adults	AP/Ipsos
20	9/8-9/11	20	65	15	-45	1,009	RV	NBC News/WSJ
21	9/7-9/10	29	63	8	-34	1,002	Adults	Gallup
22	9/6-9/10	33	61	6	-28	1,004	LV	Democracy Corps
23	9/5-9/7	39	57	4	-18	863	RV	ABC News/Washington Post
24	<b>September Polls</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>-31.1</b>			
25	8/29-8/30	24	61	15	-37	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
26	8/25-8/27	31	58	11	-27	801	RV	Cook/RT Strategies
27	8/22-8/24	30	59	11	-29	1,002	Adults	Time/SRBI
28	8/17-8/21	29	60	11	-31	1,206	Adults	CBS News/NYT
29	8/8-8/9	24	58	18	-34	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
30	8/7-8/10	27	65	8	-38	1,007	Adults	Gallup
31	8/7-8/9	29	69	2	-40	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
32	8/3-8/6	36	60	4	-24	1,000	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
33	<b>August Polls</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>-32.5</b>			
34	7/28-7/30	28	57	15	-29	809	RV	Cook/RT Strategies
35	7/21-7/25	28	58	14	-30	1,127	Adults	CBS News/NYT
36	7/21-7/24	25	60	15	-35	1,010	Adults	NBC News/WSJ

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2	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>(A-D)</b>			<b>Organization</b>
37	7/11-7/12	25	61	14	-36	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
38	7/10-7/12	27	68	5	-41	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
39	<b>July Polls</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>-34.2</b>			
40	6/27-6/29	31	55	14	-24	1,003	Adults	Time/SRBI
41	6/13-6/14	29	59	12	-30	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
42	6/9-6/12	23	64	5	-41	1,002	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
43	6/5-6/7	24	73	3	-49	1,003	Adults	AP/Ipsos
44	6/1-6/4	27	56	17	-29	874	RV	Cook/RT Strategies
45	6/1-6/4	27	63	10	-36	1,002	Adults	Gallup
46	<b>June Polls</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>61.7</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>-37.0</b>			
47	5/18-5/21	29	64	7	-35	807	RV	Diago/Hotline
48	5/16-5/18	27	56	17	-29	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
49	5/16-5/17	26	59	15	-33	636	Adults	CBS News
50	5/11-5/15	33	63	4	-30	1,103	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
51	5/8-5/11	21	70	9	-49	1,002	Adults	Gallup
52	5/4-5/8	23	64	13	-41	1,241	Adults	CBS News/NYT
53	5/1-5/3	25	71	4	-46	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
54	<b>May Polls</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>-37.6</b>			
55	4/21-4/24	22	65	13	-43	1,109	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
56	4/18-4/22	25	63	12	-38	804	RV	Garin Hart Yang
57	4/18-4/19	25	52	23	-27	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
58	4/10-4/13	23	70	7	-47	1,005	Adults	Gallup
59	4/8-4/11	28	61	11	-33	1,357	Adults	LA Times
60	4/6-4/9	27	61	12	-34	899	Adults	CBS News
61	4/6-4/9	35	62	3	-27	1,027	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
62	4/3-4/5	30	67	3	-37	1,003	Adults	AP/Ipsos
63	<b>April Polls</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>-35.8</b>			
64	3/22-3/23	39	49	12	-10	1,003	Adults	Time/SRBI
65	3/14-3/15	29	55	16	-26	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
66	3/13-3/16	27	65	8	-38	1,000	Adults	Gallup
67	3/10-3/13	33	53	14	-20	1,005	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
68	3/9-3/12	32	54	14	-22	1,136	Adults	CBS News
69	3/6-3/8	31	66	3	-35	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
70	3/2-3/5	36	62	2	-26	1,000	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post

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71	<b>March Polls</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>-25.3</b>			
72	2/22-2/26	28	61	11	-33	1,018	Adults	CBS News
73	2/16-2/19	30	61	9	-31	807	RV	Diaego/Hotline
74	2/12-2/15	37	56	7	-19	1,000	LV	Battleground
75	2/6-2/8	35	61	4	-26	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
76	<b>February Polls</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>-27.3</b>			
77	1/26-1/29	29	56	15	-27	1,011	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
78	1/22-1/25	35	55	10	-20	1,555	Adults	LA Times
79	1/23-1/26	43	53	4	-10	1,002	Adults	ABC News/WP
80	1/12-1/15	31	59	10	-28	806	RV	Diaego/Hotline
81	1/9-1/12	27	67	6	-40	1,003	Adults	Gallup
82	1/6-1/9	25	72	3	-47	1,003	Adults	Harris
83	1/5-1/8	41	55	4	-14	1,001	Adults	ABC News/WP
84	1/5-1/8	27	57	16	-30	1,151	Adults	CBS News
85	1/3-1/5	34	63	3	-29	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
86	<b>January Polls</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>59.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>-27.2</b>			
87	12/15-12/18	43	53	4	-10	1,003	Adults	ABC News/WP
88	12/15, 12/17-12/18	43	51	6	-8	800	LV	NPR/POS/GQR
89	12/13-12/14	30	52	18	-22	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
90	12/12-12/13	26	64	10	-38	813	RV	Diaego/Hotline
91	12/9-12/12	25	60	15	-35	1,006	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
92	12/5-12/8	29	63	8	-34	1,013	Adults	Gallup
93	12/5-12/7	31	65	4	-34	1,002	Adults	AP/Ipsos
94	12/2-12/6	33	53	14	-20	1,155	Adults	CBS News/NYT
95	<b>December Polls</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>-25.1</b>			
96	11/29-12/1	33	55	12	-22	1,004	Adults	Time/SRBI
97	11/28-12/4	27	61	12	-34	1,230	RV	Quinnipiac
98	11/11-11/15	36	53	11	-17	700	RV	Diaego/Hotline
99	11/7-11/9	35	61	4	-26	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
100	11/4-11/7	28	57	15	-29	1,003	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
101	<b>November Polls</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>-25.6</b>			
102	10/30-11/1	34	53	13	-19	936	Adults	CBS News
103	10/12-10/16	29	62	9	-33	500	RV	Diaego/Hotline
104	10/6-10/10	32	48	20	-16	1,500	Adults	Pew Research Center

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105	10/3-10/5	31	57	12	-26	808	Adults	CBS News
106	10/3-10/5	35	61	4	-26	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
107	<b>October Polls</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>-24.0</b>			
108	9/29-9/30	32	56	12	-24	1,004	Adults	Newsweek
109	9/13-9/14	34	49	17	-15	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
110	9/9-9/13	34	54	12	-20	1,167	Adults	CBS News/NYT
111	9/8-9/11	36	45	19	-9	1,523	Adults	Pew Research Center
112	9/6-9/8	32	65	3	-33	1,002	Adults	AP/Ipsos
113	<b>September Polls</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>-20.2</b>			
114	8/30-8/31	28	53	19	-25	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
115	8/25-8/28	37	59	4	-22	1,006	Adults	ABC News/WP
116	8/1-8/3	33	62	5	-29	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
117	<b>August Polls</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>-25.3</b>			
118	7/21-7/25	30	60	10	-30	920	RV	Quinnipiac
119	7/13-7/14	33	50	17	-17	632	Adults	CBS News
120	7/11-7/13	35	60	5	-25	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
121	7/8-7/11	28	55	17	-27	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
122	7/7-7/10	31	60	9	-29	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
123	<b>July Polls</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>-25.6</b>			
124	6/10-6/15	33	53	14	-20	1,111	Adults	CBS News/NYT
125	6/6-6/8	34	59	7	-25	1,003	Adults	Gallup
126	6/6-6/8	31	64	5	-33	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
127	6/2-6/5	41	54	5	-13	1,000	Adults	ABC News/WP
128	<b>June Polls</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>-22.8</b>			
129	5/20-5/24	29	55	16	-26	1,100	Adults	CBS News/NYT
130	5/12-5/16	33	51	16	-18	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
131	5/2-5/5	35	57	8	-22	1,005	Adults	Gallup
132	5/2-5/4	35	61	4	-26	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
133	<b>May Polls</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>-23.0</b>			
134	4/13-4/16	35	51	14	-16	1,000	Adults	CBS News/NYT
135	4/4-4/7	38	54	8	-16	1,010	Adults	Gallup
136	4/4-4/6	37	58	15	-21	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
137	<b>April Polls</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>-17.7</b>			
138	3/31-4/3	39	46	15	-7	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ

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139	3/29-3/30	40	36	24	4	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
140	3/21-3/22	34	49	17	-15	1,000	Adults	CBS News/NYT
141	3/7-3/10	37	53	10	-16	909	Adults	Gallup
142	3/7-3/9	41	53	6	-12	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
143	<b>March Polls</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>-9.2</b>			
144	2/24-2/28	41	44	15	-3	1,111	Adults	CBS News/NYT
145	2/7-2/10	45	48	7	-3	1,006	Adults	Gallup
146	2/7-2/9	44	52	4	-8	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
147	<b>February Polls</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>-4.7</b>			
148	1/15-1/17	45	43	12	2	1,033	Adults	LA Times
149	1/14-1/18	44	39	17	5	1,100	Adults	CBS News/NYT
150	1/13-1/17	41	40	19	1	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
151	1/3-1/5	43	48	9	-5	1,005	Adults	Gallup
152	1/3-1/5	41	53	6	-12	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
153	<b>January Polls</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>-1.8</b>			

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2	<b>DATE</b>	<b>GOP</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>(A-D)</b>			<b>Organization</b>
3	10/10-10/11	41	50	9	-9	900	LV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
4	10/6-10/8	36	59	5	-23	622	LV	Gallup
5	10/6-10/8	37	58	5	-21	543	LV	CNN/Opinion Research
6	10/5-10/8	35	49	16	-14	891	RV	CBS News/NYT
7	10/5-10/8	41	54	5	-13	1,023	RV	ABC News/Washington Post
8	10/5-10/6	39	51	10	-12	624	LV	Newsweek
9	10/3-10/4	39	54	7	-15	1,002	LV	Time/SRBI
10	10/2-10/4	41	51	8	-10	741	LV	AP/Ipsos
11	10/1-10/3	41	51	8	-10	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
12	<b>October Polls</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>-14.1</b>			
13	9/30-10/2	39	48	13	-9	805	RV	NBC News/WSJ
14	9/29-10/2	42	53	7	-11	548	LV	CNN/Opinion Research
15	9/28-10/2	42	53	2	-11	1,014	LV	CNN/Opinion Research
16	9/26-9/27	38	49	13	-11	900	LV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
17	9/24-9/27	41	49	10	-8	1,000	LV	Battleground
18	9/24-9/26	33	46	21	-13	423	LV	Diatego/Hotline
19	9/22-9/24	42	55	3	-13	1,009	LV	CNN/Opinion Research
20	9/21-9/24	41	49	10	-8	367	LV	Cook/RT Strategies
21	9/17-9/19	41	51	8	-10	1,006	LV	Democracy Corps
22	9/16-9/19	39	49	12	-10	1,347	RV	LA Times
23	9/15-9/19	35	50	15	-15	1,007	RV	CBS News/NYT
24	9/15-9/17	48	48	4	0	558	LV	Gallup
25	9/12-9/13	38	41	21	-3	900	LV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
26	9/11-9/13	39	53	8	-14	661	LV	AP/Ipsos
27	9/8-9/11	35	46	19	-11	1,009	LV	Harris
28	9/8-9/11	39	48	13	-9	1,009	RV	NBC News/WSJ
29	9/7-9/10	41	53	6	-12	925	RV	Gallup
30	9/6-9/10	44	50	6	-6	1,004	LV	Democracy Corps
31	9/5-9/7	42	50	8	-8	863	RV	ABC News
32	<b>September Polls</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>-9.6</b>			
33	8/30-9/2	43	53	6	-10	1,004	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
34	8/29-8/30	32	48	20	-16	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
35	8/25-8/27	40	51	9	-11	801	RV	Cook/RT Strategies
36	8/24-8/25	38	50	12	-12	1,002	Adults	Newsweek

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37	8/23-8/27	44	49	7	-5	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
38	8/22-8/24	40	51	9	-11	1,002	Adults	Time/SRBI
39	8/18-8/20	45	47	8	-2	909	RV	Gallup
40	8/18-8/20	43	52	5	-9	1,033	RV	CNN/Opinion Research
41	8/17-8/23	39	48	13	-9	1,080	RV	Quinnipiac
42	8/17-8/21	32	47	21	-15	900	RV	CBS News/NYT
43	8/10-8/11	39	51	10	-12	1,001	RV	Newsweek
44	8/9-8/13	50	41	9	9	1,506	Adults	Pew Research Center
45	8/8-8/9	30	48	24	-18	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
46	8/7-8/10	41	50	9	-9	1,007	Adults	Gallup
47	8/7-8/9	37	55	8	-18	813	RV	AP/Ipsos
48	8/3-8/6	39	52	2	-13	1,000	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
49	<b>August Polls</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>-10.1</b>			
50	7/28-8/1	37	48	15	-11	1,327	RV	LA Times
51	7/28-7/30	36	49	15	-13	809	RV	Cook/RT Strategies
52	7/28-7/30	40	51	4	-11	924	RV	Gallup
53	7/21-7/25	35	45	20	-10	1,127	RV	CBS News/NYT
54	7/21-7/24	38	48	14	-10	1,010	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
55	7/20-7/23	32	48	20	-16	800	RV	Diatego/Hotline
56	7/16-7/18	43	50	7	-7	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
57	7/11-7/12	34	42	24	-8	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
58	7/10-7/12	40	51	9	-11	789	RV	AP/Ipsos
59	7/6-7/9	41	51	9	-10	1,007	RV	Gallup
60	<b>July Polls</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>-10.7</b>			
61	6/27-6/29	35	47	18	-12	1,003	RV	Time/SRBI
62	6/27-6/28	33	39	28	-6	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
63	6/24-6/27	35	49	3	-14	1,170	RV	LA Times
64	6/23-6/25	38	54	3	-16	908	RV	Gallup
65	6/22-6/25	39	52	9	-13	1,000	RV	ABC News/Washington Post
66	6/21-6/25	36	41	23	-5	800	RV	Diatego/Hotline
67	6/14-6/19	39	51	10	-12	1,215	RV	Pew Research
68	6/14-6/15	38	45	17	-7	1,017	RV	CNN/Opinion Research
69	6/13-6/14	33	46	21	-13	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
70	6/9-6/12	38	49	13	-11	1,002	RV	NBC News/WSJ
71	6/9-6/11	39	51	7	-12	908	RV	Gallup
72	6/5-6/7	32	52	16	-20	820	RV	AP/Ipsos

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73	6/1-6/4	42	51	7	-9	1,000	RV	Gallup
74	6/1-6/4	38	50	12	-12	874	RV	Cook/RT Strategies
75	<b>June Polls</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>-11.6</b>			
76	5/18-5/21	36	42	22	-6	801	RV	Diatego/Hotline
77	5/11-5/15	40	52	8	-12		RV	ABC News/Washington Post
78	5/11-5/12	39	50	5	-11	897	RV	Newsweek
79	5/5-5/7	37	50	13	-13	1,021	Adults	CNN
80	5/4-5/8	33	44	23	-11		RV	CBS News/NYT
81	5/2-5/3	38	41	21	-3	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
82	5/1-5/3	34	51	15	-17	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
83	<b>May Polls</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>-10.4</b>			
84	4/28-4/30	38	53	9	-15	1,011	Adults	Gallup
85	4/27-4/30	32	44	24	-12			Cook/RT Strategies
86	4/21-4/24	39	45	7	-6	1,109	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
87	4/21-4/23	38	50	11	-12	1,012	Adults	CNN
88	4/8-4/11	35	49	16	-14	1,357	Adults	LA Times
89	4/7-4/16	41	51	8	-10	1,501	Adults	Pew Resarch Center
90	4/7-4/10	37	41	21	-4	1,008	Adults	Harris
91	4/7-4/9	42	52	6	-10	915	RV	Gallup
92	4/6-4/9	36	46	18	-10	1,000	Adults	Cook/RT Strategies
93	4/6-4/9	34	44	22	-10		RV	CBS News
94	4/6-4/9	40	55	5	-15		RV	ABC News/Washington Post
95	4/3-4/5	33	49	18	-16	1,003	Adults	AP/Ipsos
96	<b>April Polls</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>-11.2</b>			
97	3/22-3/23	41	50	9	-9	1,003	Adults	Time/SRBI
98	3/16-3/20	40	50	10	-10	1,150	Adults	Democracy Corps
99	3/16-3/17	39	50	11	-11	1,020	Adults	Newsweek
100	3/12-3/14	37	52	11	-15	800	LV	NPR/POS/GQR
101	3/10-3/13	37	50	13	-13	1,005	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
102	3/10-3/12	38	54	8	-16	1,001	Adults	CNN/Gallup/USA Today
103	3/6-3/8	36	47	17	-11	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
104	3/4-3/5	43	49	8	-6	1,000	RV	Winston Group
105	<b>March Polls</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>-12.1</b>			
106	2/28-3/1	39	53	8	-14	1,020	Adults	Gallup
107	2/28-3/1	34	48	18	-14	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
108	2/23-2/27	40	48	12	-8	1,135	LV	Democracy Corps

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109	2/23-2/26	38	47	15	-9	1,000	Adults	Cook/RT Strategies
110	2/16-2/19	31	56	13	-25	807	RV	Diaego/Hotline
111	2/12-2/15	41	46	14	-5	1,000	LV	George Washington
112	2/12-2/15	41	46	13	-5	1,000	LV	Battleground
113	2/9-2/12	42	49	9	-7	1,000	Adults	CNN/Gallup/USA Today
114	2/7-2/8	34	42	24	-8	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
115	2/6-2/8	37	47	16	-10	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
116	2/1-2/5	41	50	9	-9	1,502	Adults	Pew Research Center
117	<b>February Polls</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>-10.5</b>			
118	1/26-1/29	38	47	15	-9	1,011	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
119	1/23-1/26	39	51	10	-12	1,002	Adults	ABC News/WP
120	1/22-1/25	39	51	10	-12	1,000	Adults	Cook/RT Strategies
121	1/22-1/25	40	49	11	-9	1,005	LV	Democracy Corps
122	1/22-1/25	35	47	18	-12	1,555	Adults	LA Times
123	1/21-1/23	40	49	11	-9	1,000	RV	Winston Group
124	1/20-1/25	34	43	23	-9	1,229	Adults	CBS News/NYT
125	1/12-1/15	33	40	27	-7	806	RV	Diaego/Hotline
126	1/6-1/9	34	43	23	-9	1,003	Adults	Harris
127	1/6-1/8	42	49	8	-7	1,003	Adults	Gallup
128	1/4-1/9	40	50	10	-10	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
129	1/3-1/5	36	49	15	-13	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
130	<b>January Polls</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>-9.8</b>			
131	12/15-12/18	41	50	9	-9	1,003	Adults	ABC News/WP
132	12/15, 12/17-12/18	37	45	18	-8	800	LV	NPR/POS/GQR
133	12/12-12/13	33	43	24	-10	813	RV	Diaego/Hotline
134	12/8-12/11	38	49	13	-11	1,000	Adults	RT Strategies
135	12/6-12/8	40	48	12	-8	1,013	LV	Zogby
136	12/2-12/6	33	42	25	-9	1,155	Adults	CBS News/NYT
137	<b>December Polls</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>-9.2</b>			
138	11/30-12/4	39	49	12	-10	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
139	11/29-12/1	36	48	16	-12	1,004	Adults	Time/SRBI
140	11/28-12/4	36	47	17	-11	1,230	RV	Quinnipiac
141	11/16-11/20	41	48	11	-7	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
142	11/11-11/15	35	41	24	-6	700	RV	Diaego/Hotline
143	11/10-11/15	31	36	32	-5	1,000	RV	Lake Research Partners
144	11/10-11/11	36	53	11	-17	1,002	Adults	Newsweek

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145	11/4-11/7	37	48	15	-11	1,003	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
146	11/2-11/6	39	48	13	-9	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
147	<b>November Polls</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>-9.8</b>			
148	10/31-11/2	37	52	11	-15	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
149	10/30-11/2	36	53	11	-17	1,202	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
150	10/21-10-23	42	50	8	-8	1,008	Adults	CNN/Gallup/USA Today
151	10/21-10/23	43	50	7	-7	1,008	Adults	Gallup
152	10/19-10/23	39	49	12	-10	1,004	LV	Democracy Corps
153	10/12-10/16	31	40	29	-9	500	RV	Diatego/Hotline
154	10/9-10/12	41	47	12	-6	1,000	RV	Battleground
155	10/8-10/10	39	48	13	-9	807	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
156	10/5-10/10	41	46	13	-5	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
157	<b>October Polls</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>-9.6</b>			
158	9/29-9/30	42	47	11	-5	1,004	Adults	Newsweek
159	9/27-9/28	32	40	28	-8	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
160	9/19-9/21	39	48	13	-9	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
161	9/14-9/15	40	48	12	-8	1,000	RV	Winston Group
162	9/8-9/11	40	52	8	-12	1,523	Adults	Pew Research Center
163	<b>September Polls</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>-8.4</b>			
164	8/30-8/31	35	38	27	-3	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
165	8/28-8/30	22	31	40	-9	1,007	Adults	Gallup
166	<b>August Polls</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>-6.0</b>			
167	7/19-7/25	41	48	11	-7	1,001	LV	Democracy Corps
168	7/8-7/11	40	45	15	-5	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
169	7/7-7/11	40	47	13	-7	825	LV	NPR/POS/GQR
170	7/7-7/10	33	39	28	-6	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
171	<b>July Polls</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>-6.3</b>			
172	6/27-6/30	30	32	36	-2	1,015	Adults	Westhill/Hotline
173	6/20-6/26	43	48	9	-5	1,078	LV	Democracy Corps
174	6/20-6/22	33	38	29	-5	900	LV	Zogby
175	6/7-6/8	44	47	9	-3	1,000	RV	Winston Group
176	6/2-6/5	37	39	24	-2	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
177	<b>June Polls</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>-3.4</b>			
178	5/23-5/28	36	41	22	-5	1000	Adults	Feldman Group/Mkt Strategies
179	5/18-5/26	36	40	24	-4	2,613	V	Emily's List
180	5/17-5/23	43	48	9	-5	1,013	LV	Democracy Corps

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181	5/16-5/17	39	50	11	-11	1,000	RV	Winston Group
182	5/12-5/16	40	47	13	-7	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
183	<b>May Polls</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>-6.4</b>			
184	4/13-4/19	42	47	11	-5	1,058	LV	Democracy Corps
185	<b>April Polls</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>-5.0</b>			
186	3/21-3/23	33	37	31	-4	800	RV	Moore Information
187	3/15-3/21	45	46	9	-1	1,002	LV	Democracy Corps
188	3/7-3/9	41	44	15	-3	1,000	RV	Battleground
189	<b>March Polls</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>-2.7</b>			
190	2/15-2/17	36	41	22	-5	800	LV	Greenberg/POS
191	2/13-2/17	44	46	10	-2	1,001	LV	Democracy Corps
192	<b>February Polls</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>-3.5</b>			
193	1/16-1/20	43	48	9	-5	998	LV	Democracy Corps
194	<b>January Polls</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>-5.0</b>			

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1				Other/ Not Sure	% Diff. (A-D)	N	Population	Polling Organization
2	DATE	Approve	Disapprove					
3	10/6-10/8	40	55	5	-15	1,007	Adults	Gallup
4	10/5-10/8	34	57	9	-23	983	Adults	CBS News/NYT
5	10/5-10/8	41	56	3	-15	1,204	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
6	10/3-10/4	40	55	5	-15	1,002	Adults	Time/SRBI
7	10/2-10/4	42	56	2	-14	741	LV	AP/Ipsos
8	<b>October Polls</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>-16.4</b>			
9	9/24-9/26	40	58	2	-18	423	LV	Diago/Hotline
10	9/16-9/19	43	51	6	-8	1,517	Adults	LA Times
11	9/11-9/13	39	60	1	-21	1,501	Adults	AP/Ipsos
12	9/8-9/11	43	52	5	-9	1,009	RV	NBC News/WSJ
13	<b>September Polls</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-14.0</b>			
14	8/24-8/25	37	58	5	-21	1,002	Adults	Newsweek
15	8/22-8/24	38	58	4	-20	1,002	Adults	Time/SRBI
16	8/18-8/21	32	62	6	-30	1,100	Adults	ARG
17	8/18-8/20	39	57	4	-18	1,001	Adults	Gallup
18	8/17-8/21	35	58	7	-23	1,206	Adults	CBS News/NYT
19	8/10-8/11	37	59	4	-22	1,001	Adults	Newsweek
20	8/9-8/13	33	59	8	-26	1,506	Adults	Pew Research Center
21	8/7-8/9	37	61	2	-24	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
22	8/3-8/6	39	59	2	-20	1,000	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
23	8/2-8/3	38	59	3	-21	1,047	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
24	<b>August Polls</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-22.5</b>			
25	7/28-8/1	38	59	3	-21	1,478	Adults	LA Times
26	7/21-7/25	33	59	8	-26	1,127	Adults	CBS News/NYT
27	7/21-7/24	41	53	6	-12	1,010	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
28	7/21-7/23	39	59	2	-20	1,005	Adults	Gallup
29	7/18-7/21	31	63	6	-32	1,100	Adults	ARG
30	7/10-7/12	38	60	2	-22	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
31	<b>July Polls</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-22.2</b>			
32	6/27-6/29	36	58	6	-22	1,003	Adults	Time/SRBI
33	6/22-6/25	38	61	1	-23	1,000	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
34	6/18-6/21	34	61	5	-27	1,100	Adults	ARG
35	6/10-6/11	33	59	8	-26	659	Adults	CBS News
36	6/9-6/12	38	56	6	-18	1,002	Adults	NBC News/WSJ

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37	6/9-6/11	39	57	4	-18	1,002	Adults	Gallup
38	6/5-6/7	38	60	2	-22	1,003	Adults	AP/Ipsos
39	<b>June Polls</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-22.3</b>			
40	5/18-5/21	37	60	3	-7	807	RV	Diago/Hotline
41	5/18-5/21	29	65	6	-36	1,100	Adults	ARG
42	5/16-5/17	34	61	5	-27	1,022	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
43	5/16-5/17	34	57	9	-23	636	Adults	CBS News
44	5/11-5/15	38	60	2	-22	1,103	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
45	5/4-5/8	28	66	6	-38	1,241	Adults	CBS News/NYT
46	5/1-5/3	37	61	2	-24	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
47	<b>May Polls</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>-25.3</b>			
48	4/28-4/30	31	58	11	-27	719	Adults	CBS News
49	4/28-4/30	34	64	2	-30	1,011	Adults	Gallup
50	4/21-4/24	35	60	5	-25	1,109	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
51	4/18-4/21	31	64	5	-33	1,100	Adults	ARG
52	4/8-4/11	39	57	4	-18	1,357	Adults	LA Times
53	4/7-4/9	39	58	3	-19	1,004	Adults	Gallup
54	4/6-4/9	36	57	7	-21	899	Adults	CBS News
55	4/6-4/9	40	59	1	-19	1,027	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
56	4/3-4/5	39	59	2	-20	1,003	Adults	AP/Ipsos
57	<b>April Polls</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>59.6</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-23.6</b>			
58	3/18-3/21	35	59	6	-24	1,100	Adults	ARG
59	3/16-3/17	36	58	6	-22	1,020	Adults	Newsweek
60	3/10-3/13	36	58	6	-22	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
61	3/9-3/12	35	57	8	-22	1,136	Adults	CBS News
62	3/8-3/12	34	57	9	-23	1,405	Adults	Pew Research Center
63	3/6-3/8	40	57	3	-17	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
64	3/2-3/5	48	51	1	-3	1,000	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
65	<b>March Polls</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>-19.0</b>			
66	2/28-3/1	40	57	3	-17	1,020	Adults	Gallup
67	2/22-2/26	32	60	8	-28	1,018	Adults	CBS News
68	2/21-2/28	36	60	4	-24	1,892	RV	Quinnipiac
69	2/18-2/21	37	58	5	-21	1,100	Adults	ARG
70	2/16-2/19	37	58	5	-7	807	RV	Diago/Hotline
71	2/15-2/16	38	56	6	-18	1,001	Adults	Time/SRBI
72	2/13-2/15	39	58	3	-19	1,132	Adults	Marist

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73	2/6-2/9	40	56	4	-13	1,002	Adults	Gallup
74	2/6-2/8	39	59	2	-20	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
75	2/1-2/5	38	55	7	-17	1,502	Adults	Pew Research Center
76	<b>February Polls</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>-18.4</b>			
77	1/24-1/25	41	52	7	-11	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
78	1/23-1/26	46	52	2	-6	1,002	Adults	ABC News/WP
79	1/22-1/25	37	59	4	-22	1,555	Adults	LA Times
80	1/20-1/25	39	54	7	-15	1,229	Adults	CBS News/NYT
81	1/20-1/22	39	56	5	-17	1,006	Adults	Gallup
82	1/12-1/15	44	50	6	-6	806	RV	Diaego/Hotline
83	1/5-1/8	39	52	9	-13	1,151	Adults	CBS News
84	1/3-1/5	39	58	3	-19	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
85	<b>January Polls</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>-13.6</b>			
86	12/16-12/18	41	56	3	-15	1,003	Adults	Gallup
87	12/15-12/18	47	52	1	-5	1,003	Adults	ABC News/WP
88	12/15-12/18	36	59	5	-23	1,100	Adults	ARG
89	12/15, 12/17-12/18	43	54	3	-11	800	LV	NPR/POS/GQR
90	12/12-12/13	43	52	5	-9	813	RV	Diaego/Hotline
91	12/9-12/12	38	54	8	-16	1,006	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
92	12/9-12/11	40	58	2	-18	1,003	Adults	Gallup
93	12/5-12/7	42	55	3	-13	1,002	Adults	AP/Ipsos
94	12/2-12/6	38	54	8	-16	1,155	Adults	CBS News/NYT
95	<b>December Polls</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>-14.0</b>			
96	11/29-12/1	40	55	5	-15	1,004	Adults	Time/SRBI
97	11/19-11/22	31	62	7	-31	1,100	Adults	ARG
98	11/11-11/15	34	61	5	-27	700	RV	Diaego/Hotline
99	11/11-11/13	37	61	2	-24	1,006	Adults	Gallup
100	11/7-11/9	37	61	2	-24	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
101	<b>November Polls</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>-24.2</b>			
102	10/30-11/2	36	61	3	-25	1,202	Adults	ABC News/WP
103	10/30-11/1	34	55	11	-21	936	Adults	CBS News
104	10/18-10/21	34	59	7	-25	1,100	Adults	ARG
105	10/12-10/16	36	59	5	-23	500	RV	Diaego/Hotline
106	10/3-10/5	32	61	7	-29	808	Adults	CBS News
107	10/3-10/5	40	58	2	-19	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
108	<b>October Polls</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>-23.7</b>			

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109	9/29-9/30	35	60	5	-25	1,004	Adults	Newsweek
110	9/19-9/21	41	58	1	-17	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
111	9/16-9/18	35	63	2	-28	818	Adults	Gallup
112	9/9-9/13	35	59	6	-24	1,167	Adults	CBS News/NYT
113	9/8-9/11	40	58	2	-18	1,201	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
114	9/8-9/11	39	58	3	-19	1,005	Adults	Gallup
115	9/6-9/8	41	57	2	-16	1,002	Adults	AP/Ipsos
116	9/6-9/7	33	60	7	-27	1,000	Adults	Pew Research Center
117	<b>September Polls</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-21.8</b>			
118	8/30-8/31	38	55	7	-17	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
119	8/29-8/31	37	58	5	-21	871	Adults	CBS News
120	8/28-8/30	38	60	2	-22	1,007	Adults	Gallup
121	8/25-8/28	44	54	3	-10	1,006	Adults	ABC News/WP
122	8/18-8/21	33	62	5	-29	1,100	Adults	ARG
123	8/1-8/3	41	56	2	-15	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
124	<b>August Polls</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>-19.0</b>			
125	7/26-7/30	42	52	6	-10	1,222	Adults	CBS News
126	7/26-7/30	38	59	3	-21	1,042	LV	Zogby
127	7/18-7/21	38	54	8	-16	1,100	Adults	ARG
128	7/13-7/17	38	53	9	-15	1,502	Adults	Pew Research Center
129	7/11-7/13	42	56	2	-14	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
130	7/8-7/11	39	54	7	-15	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
131	7/7-7/11	43	53	4	-10	825	LV	NPR/GQR/POS
132	7/7-7/10	39	57	4	-18	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
133	<b>July Polls</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>-14.9</b>			
134	6/19-6/22	37	59	4	-22	1,100	Adults	ARG
135	6/16-6/19	41	55	4	-14	1,009	Adults	Gallup
136	6/10-6/15	39	56	5	-17	1,111	Adults	CBS News/NYT
137	6/6-6/8	43	54	3	-11	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
138	6/2-6/5	40	58	2	-18	1,000	Adults	ABC News/WP
139	6/2-6/5	40	52	8	-12	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
140	<b>June Polls</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>-15.7</b>			
141	5/20-5/22	40	58	2	-18	1,006	Adults	Gallup
142	5/2-5/4	43	54	3	-11	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
143	<b>May Polls</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>-14.5</b>			
144	4/29-5/1	43	53	4	-10	1,006	Adults	Gallup

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145	4/28-5/1	38	57	5	-19	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
146	4/4-4/6	42	54	4	-12	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
147	4/1-4/2	41	55	4	-14	1,040	Adults	Gallup
148	<b>April Polls</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>-13.8</b>			
149	3/31-4/3	41	53	6	-12	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
150	3/31-4/3	38	56	5	-18	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
151	3/22-3/24	42	54	4	-12	1,000	Adults	Time/SRBI
152	3/21-3/22	36	53	11	-17	1,000	Adults	CBS News/NYT
153	3/17-3/17	42	51	7	-9	1,010	Adults	Newsweek
154	3/14-3/17	41	53	6	-12	1,100	Adults	ARG
155	3/10-3/13	43	55	2	-12	1,000	Adults	ABC News/WP
156	3/7-3/9	47	50	3	-3	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
157	<b>March Polls</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-11.9</b>			
158	2/25-2/27	48	49	4	-1	1,008	Adults	Gallup
159	2/24-2/28	38	54	8	-16	1,111	Adults	CBS News/NYT
160	2/24-2/27	43	54	3	-11	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
161	2/16-2/21	43	50	7	-7	1,000	Adults	Pew Research Center
162	2/14-2/17	42	51	7	-9	1,100	Adults	ARG
163	2/10-2/14	46	50	4	-4	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
164	2/7-2/10	45	52	3	-7	1,006	Adults	Gallup
165	2/7-2/9	43	56	1	-13	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
166	2/4-2/6	50	47	3	3	1,010	Adults	Gallup
167	<b>February Polls</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-7.2</b>			
168	1/26-1/31	46	52	2	-6	1,000	Adults	ABC News/WP
169	1/15-1/17	49	46	5	3	1,033	Adults	LA Times
170	1/14-1/18	42	52	7	-10	1,100	Adults	CBS News/NYT
171	1/14-1/17	44	50	6	-6	1,100	Adults	ARG
172	1/13-1/17	47	47	6	0	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
173	1/12-1/16	46	52	2	-6	1,004	Adults	ABC News/WP
174	1/12-1/13	51	44	5	7	1,000	Adults	Time/SRBI
175	1/11-1/12	46	46	8	0	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
176	1/7-1/9	50	48	2	2	1,008	Adults	Gallup
177	1/5-1/9	45	50	5	-5	964	Adults	Pew Research Center
178	1/3-1/5	47	51	2	-4	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
179	<b>January Polls</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-2.3</b>			

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1				Other/ Not Sure	% Diff. (A-D)	N	Population	Polling Organization
2	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>					
3	10/6-10/8	30	66	4	-36	1,007	Adults	Gallup
4	10/5-10/8	30	66	4	-36	983	Adults	CBS News/NYT
5	10/5-10/8	35	64	1	-29	1,204	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
6	10/3-10/4	31	65	4	-34	1,002	Adults	Time/SRBI
7	10/2-10/4	37	61	2	-24	741	LV	AP/Ipsos
8	<b>October Polls</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-31.8</b>			
9	9/29-10/2	32	66	2	-34	1,014	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
10	9/24-9/26	37	60	3	-23	423	LV	Diaego/Hotline
11	9/16-9/19	40	56	4	-16	1,517	Adults	LA Times
12	9/8-9/11	38	57	5	-19	1,009	RV	NBC News/WSJ
13	9/5-9/7	41	57	2	-16	1,003	Adults	ABC News
14	<b>September Polls</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>-21.6</b>			
15	8/24-8/25	31	63	6	-32	1,002	Adults	Newsweek
16	8/22-8/24	34	63	3	-29	1,002	Adults	Time/SRBI
17	8/18-8/20	36	61	3	-25	1,001	Adults	Gallup
18	8/17-8/21	30	65	5	-35	1,206	Adults	CBS News/NYT
19	8/11-8/13	30	66	4	-36	974	Adults	CBS News
20	8/10-8/11	34	62	4	-28	1,001	Adults	Newsweek
21	8/9-8/13	32	61	7	-26	1,506	Adults	Pew Research Center
22	8/7-8/9	33	65	2	-32	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
23	8/3-8/6	36	62	2	-26	1,000	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
24	8/2-8/3	36	62	2	-26	1,047	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
25	<b>August Polls</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>-29.5</b>			
26	7/28-8/1	38	60	2	-22	1,478	Adults	LA Times
27	7/21-7/25	32	62	9	-30	1,127	Adults	CBS News/NYT
28	7/21-7/24	34	61	5	-27	1,010	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
29	7/21-7/23	35	62	3	-27	1,005	Adults	Gallup
30	7/10-7/12	38	59	3	-21	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
31	<b>July Polls</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-25.4</b>			
32	6/27-6/29	33	64	3	-31	1,003	Adults	Time/SRBI
33	6/22-6/25	37	62	1	-25	1,000	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
34	6/14-6/19	35	57	8	-22	1,501	Adults	Pew Research
35	6/14-6/15	39	54	7	-15	1,017	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
36	6/10-6/11	33	61	6	-28	659	Adults	CBS News

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37	6/9-6/12	35	61	4	-26	1,002	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
38	6/9-6/11	36	60	4	-24	1,002	Adults	Gallup
39	6/5-6/7	33	64	3	-31	1,003	Adults	AP/Ipsos
40	<b>June Polls</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-25.3</b>			
41	5/23-5/30	35	61	4	-26	1,534	RV	Quinnipiac
42	5/18-5/21	34	62	4	-28	801	RV	Diaego/Hotline
43	5/16-5/17	34	62	4	-28	1,022	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
44	5/16-5/17	31	64	5	-33	636	Adults	CBS News
45	5/11-5/15	32	66	2	-34	1,103	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
46	5/4-5/8	29	67	4	-38	1,241	Adults	CBS News/NYT
47	5/1-5/3	37	60	3	-23	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
48	<b>May Polls</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>-30.0</b>			
49	4/28-4/30	30	64	6	-34	719	Adults	CBS News
50	4/28-4/30	32	66	2	-34	1,011	Adults	Gallup
51	4/21-4/24	33	62	5	-29	1,109	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
52	4/8-4/11	37	59	4	-22	1,357	Adults	LA Times
53	4/7-4/9	32	65	3	-33	1,004	Adults	Gallup
54	4/6-4/9	31	61	8	-30	899	Adults	CBS News
55	4/6-4/9	37	62	1	-25	1,027	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
56	4/3-4/5	35	63	2	-28	1,003	Adults	AP/Ipsos
57	<b>April Polls</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>-29.4</b>			
58	3/16-3/17	29	65	6	-36	1,020	Adults	Newsweek
59	3/10-3/13	35	61	4	-26	1,000	Adults	Gallup
60	3/9-3/12	31	63	6	-32	1,136	Adults	CBS News
61	3/8-3/12	30	65	5	-35	1,405	Adults	Pew Research Center
62	3/6-3/8	39	58	3	-19	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
63	3/2-3/5	40	59	1	-19	1,000	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
64	<b>March Polls</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>-27.8</b>			
65	2/28-3/1	35	64	1	-29	1,020	Adults	Gallup
66	2/22-2/26	30	65	5	-35	1,018	Adults	CBS News
67	2/21-2/28	36	60	4	-24	1,892	RV	Quinnipiac
68	2/16-2/19	42	54	4	-7	807	RV	Diaego/Hotline
69	2/15-2/16	36	60	4	-24	1,001	Adults	Time/SRBI
70	2/13-2/15	39	59	2	-20	1,132	Adults	Marist
71	2/6-2/9	38	59	3	-21	1,002	Adults	Gallup
72	2/6-2/8	38	60	2	-22	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos

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73	2/1-2/5	38	57	5	-19	1,502	Adults	Pew Research Center
74	<b>February Polls</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>-22.3</b>			
75	1/24-1/25	40	55	5	-15	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
76	1/23-1/26	39	60	1	-21	1,002	Adults	ABC News/WP
77	1/22-1/25	41	56	3	-15	1,555	Adults	LA Times
78	1/20-1/25	37	59	4	-22	1,229	Adults	CBS News/NYT
79	1/20-1/22	39	58	3	-19	1,006	Adults	Gallup
80	1/12-1/15	43	54	3	-11	806	RV	Diaego/Hotline
81	1/6-1/8	37	58	5	-21	1,151	Adults	CBS News
82	1/3-1/5	39	59	2	-20	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
83	<b>January Polls</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>-18.0</b>			
84	12/16-12/18	37	61	2	-24	1,003	Adults	Gallup
85	12/15-12/18	46	53	1	-7	1,003	Adults	ABC News/WP
86	12/12-12/13	41	55	4	-14	813	RV	Diaego/Hotline
87	12/9-12/11	39	59	2	-20	1,003	Adults	Gallup
88	12/5/-12/7	41	58	1	-17	1,002	Adults	AP/Ipsos
89	12/2-12/6	36	59	5	-23	1,155	Adults	CBS News/NYT
90	<b>December Polls</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>-17.5</b>			
91	11/29-12/1	38	60	2	-22	1,004	Adults	Time/SRBI
92	11/28-12/4	36	60	4	-24	1,230	RV	Quinnipiac
93	11/11-11/15	36	61	3	-25	700	RV	Diaego/Hotline
94	11/11-11/13	35	63	2	-28	1,006	Adults	Gallup
95	11/10-11/11	30	65	5	-35	1,002	Adults	Newsweek
96	11/7-11/9	37	62	1	-25	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
97	<b>November Polls</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-26.5</b>			
98	10/30-11/2	36	64	0	-28	1,202	Adults	ABC News/WP
99	10/30-11/1	32	62	6	-30	936	Adults	CBS News
100	10/12-10/16	38	59	3	-21	500	RV	Diaego/Hotline
101	10/3-10/5	32	64	4	-32	808	Adults	CBS News
102	10/3-10/5	37	61	2	-19	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
103	<b>October Polls</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-26.0</b>			
104	9/29-9/30	33	62	5	-29	1,004	Adults	Newsweek
105	9/19-9/21	42	57	1	-15	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
106	9/16-9/18	32	67	1	-35	818	Adults	Gallup
107	9/9-9/13	36	59	5	-23	1,167	Adults	CBS News/NYT
108	9/9-9/12	37	58	5	-21	1,013	Adults	NBC News/WSJ

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109	9/8-9/11	38	62	0	-24	1,201	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
110	9/8-9/11	40	58	2	-18	1,005	Adults	Gallup
111	9/8-9/9	36	60	4	-24	1,009	Adults	Newsweek
112	9/6-9/8	37	62	1	-25	1,002	Adults	AP/Ipsos
113	9/6-9/7	34	58	8	-24	1,000	Adults	Pew Research Center
114	9/6-9/7	35	60	5	-25	725	Adults	CBS News
115	<b>September Polls</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-23.9</b>			
116	8/30-8/31	41	55	4	-14	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
117	8/29-8/31	38	57	5	-19	871	Adults	CBS News
118	8/28-8/30	40	59	1	-19	1,007	Adults	Gallup
119	8/25-8/28	42	57	1	-15	1,006	Adults	ABC News/WP
120	8/22-8/24	37	58	5	-21	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
121	8/1-8/3	38	59	3	-21	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
122	<b>August Polls</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>-18.2</b>			
123	7/29-8/2	41	55	4	-14	1,222	Adults	CBS News
124	7/26-7/30	38	61	1	-23	1,042	LV	Zogby
125	7/13-7/17	35	57	8	-22	1,502	Adults	Pew Research Center
126	7/11-7/13	40	59	1	-19	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
127	7/8-7/11	39	55	6	-16	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
128	7/7-7/10	41	55	3	-14	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
129	<b>July Polls</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>-18.0</b>			
130	6/16-6/19	40	58	2	-18	1,009	Adults	Gallup
131	6/10-6/15	37	59	4	-22	1,111	Adults	CBS News/NYT
132	6/6-6/8	41	56	3	-15	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
133	6/2-6/5	41	58	1	-17	1,000	Adults	ABC News/WP
134	6/2-6/5	43	55	2	-12	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
135	<b>June Polls</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>-16.8</b>			
136	5/20-5/22	40	56	4	-16	1,006	Adults	Gallup
137	5/12-5/16	44	52	4	-8	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
138	5/10-5/12	41	55	4	-14	1,011	Adults	Time/SRBI
139	5/2-5/4	43	55	2	-12	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
140	<b>May Polls</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-12.5</b>			
141	4/29-5/1	40	56	4	-16	1,006	Adults	Gallup
142	4/28-5/1	41	52	7	-11	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
143	4/4-4/6	43	56	1	-13	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
144	4/1-4/2	43	54	3	-11	1,040	Adults	Gallup

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145	<b>April Polls</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>-12.8</b>			
146	3/31-4/3	41	54	5	-13	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
147	3/22-3/24	44	52	4	-8	1,000	Adults	Time/SRBI
148	3/21-3/22	39	53	8	-14	1,000	Adults	CBS News/NYT
149	3/15-3/17	47	50	3	-3	1,000	Adults	Time/SRBI
150	3/7-3/9	45	53	2	-8	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
151	<b>March Polls</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-9.2</b>			
152	2/25-2/27	45	53	2	-8	1,008	Adults	Gallup
153	2/24-2/28	45	50	5	-5	1,111	Adults	CBS News/NYT
154	2/16-2/21	40	53	7	-13	1,000	Adults	Pew Research Center
155	2/7-2/9	42	57	1	-15	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
156	2/4-2/6	50	48	2	2	1,010	Adults	Gallup
157	<b>February Polls</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-7.8</b>			
158	1/14-1/18	40	55	5	-15	1,100	Adults	CBS News/NYT
159	1/12-1/13	45	51	4	-6	1,000	Adults	Time/SRBI
160	1/11-1/12	44	51	5	-7	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
161	1/7-1/9	42	56	2	-14	1,008	Adults	Gallup
162	1/5-1/9	45	50	5	-5	964	Adults	Pew Research Center
163	<b>January Polls</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>-9.4</b>			

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1				<b>Other/</b>	<b>% Diff.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Polling</b>
2	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Right Track</b>	<b>Wrong Track</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>(A-D)</b>			<b>Organization</b>
3	10/5-10/8	32	66	2	-34	1,204	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
4	10/5-10/6	25	67	8	-42	1,004	Adults	Newsweek
5	10/2-10/4	31	64	5	-33	741	LV	AP/Ipsos
6	10/1-10/3	34	59	7	-25	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
7	<b>September Polls</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-33.5</b>			
8	9/30-10/2	29	58	3	-29	802	RV	NBC News/WSJ
9	9/24-9/27	31	62	7	-31	1,000	LV	Battleground
10	9/24-9/26	29	66	5	-37	423	LV	Diaego/Hotline
11	9/21-10/4	30	63	7	-33	914	Adults	Pew
12	9/17-9/19	32	59	9	-27	1,006	LV	Democracy Corps
13	9/16-9/19	31	61	8	-30	1,517	Adults	LA Times
14	9/8-9/11	31	54	15	-23	1,009	RV	NBC News/WSJ
15	9/7-9/10	32	67	1	-35	1,007	Adults	Gallup
16	9/6-9/10	33	61	6	-28	1,004	LV	Democracy Corps
17	<b>September Polls</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>-30.3</b>			
18	8/25-8/27	28	64	8	-36	801	RV	Cook/RT Strategies
19	8/24-8/25	28	65	7	-37	1,002	Adults	Newsweek
20	8/10-8/11	26	67	7	-41	1,001	Adults	Newsweek
21	8/7-8/10	28	69	3	-41	1,007	Adults	Gallup
22	8/7-8/9	26	71	3	-45	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
23	<b>August Polls</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>-40.0</b>			
24	7/28-8/1	31	63	6	-32	1,478	Adults	LA Times
25	7/28-7/30	27	63	10	-36	809	RV	Cook/RT Strategies
26	7/21-7/25	28	66	6	-38	1,127	Adults	CBS News/NYT
27	7/21-7/24	27	60	13	-33	1,010	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
28	7/21-7/23	33	65	2	-32	1,005	Adults	Gallup
29	7/20-7/23	25	60	15	-35	800	RV	Diaego/Hotline
30	7/6-7/19	30	65	5	-35	2,003	Adults	Pew Research
31	<b>July Polls</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>-34.4</b>			
32	6/27-6/29	28	66	6	-38	1,003	Adults	Time/SRBI
33	6/10-6/11	27	69	4	-42	659	Adults	CBS News
34	6/9-6/12	27	61	12	-34	1,002	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
35	6/5-6/7	26	70	4	-44	1,003	Adults	AP/Ipsos
36	6/2-6/5	28	64	8	-36	1,001	Adults	Harris

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37	6/1-6/4	30	67	2	-37	1,002	Adjults	Gallup
38	6/1-6/4	27	61	9	-34	874	RV	Cook/RT Strategies
39	<b>June Polls</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>-37.9</b>			
40	5/18-5/21	23	62	15	-39	801	RV	Diaego/Hotline
41	5/11-5/15	29	69	2	-40	1,103	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
42	5/11-5/12	23	71	6	-48	1,007	Adults	Newsweek
43	5/8-5/11	25	72	3	-47	1,002	Adults	Gallup
44	5/1-5/3	23	73	4	-50	1,000	RV	AP/Ipsos
45	<b>May Polls</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>-44.8</b>			
46	4/22-4/23	28	64	8	-36	1,000	RV	Winston Group
47	4/21-4/24	24	67	9	-43	1,005	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
48	4/20-4/24	25	67	8	-42	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
49	4/10-4/13	27	71	2	-44	1,005	RV	Gallup
50	4/8-4/11	26	65	9	-39	1,357	Adults	LA Times
51	4/7-4/10	27	65	8	-38	1,008	Adults	Harris
52	4/3-4/5	28	69	3	-41	1,003	Adults	AP/Ipsos
53	<b>April Polls</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>-40.4</b>			
54	3/26-3/28	27	63	10	-36	1000	LV	Lake Research/Terrance
55	3/22-3/23	34	60	6	-26	1,003	Adults	Time/SRBI
56	3/16-3/20	30	63	6	-33	1,150	Adults	Greenberg
57	3/16-3/17	30	64	6	-34	1,020	Adults	Newsweek
58	3/13-3/16	29	68	2	-39	1,000	Adults	Gallup
59	3/12-3/14	30	64	7	-34	800	LV	NPR/POS/GQR
60	3/10-3/13	26	62	12	-36	1,005	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
61	3/9-3/12	28	66	6	-38	1,136	Adults	CBS News
62	3/6-3/8	30	67	3	-37	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
63	3/4-3/5	36	56	8	-20	1,000	RV	Winston Group
64	3/3-3/7	31	60	9	-29	1,001	Adults	Harris
65	<b>March Polls</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>-32.9</b>			
66	2/27-3/2	37	55	8	-18	1,004	LV	Zogby
67	2/25-3/1	30	64	6	-34	2,563	Adults	LA Times
68	2/23-2/27	32	62	6	-30	1,135	Adults	Greenberg
69	2/23-2/26	34	59	5	-25	1,000	RV	Cook/RT Strategies
70	2/16-2/19	29	57	14	-28	807	RV	Diaego/Hotline
71	2/15-2/18	42	53	5	-11	1,039	Adults	Zogby
72	2/15-2/16	36	58	6	-22	1,001	Adults	Time/SRBI

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73	2/13 , 2/15	34	61	5	-27	1,132	Adults	Marist Institute
74	2/12-2/15	31	60	9	-29	1,000	LV	George Washington
75	2/8-3/7	32	63	5	-31	2,000	Adults	Pew Resarch Center
76	2/6-2/9	35	62	3	-27	1,000	Adults	Gallup
77	2/6-2/8	35	61	4	-26	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
78	2/3-2/7	32	59	9	-27	1,002	Adults	Harris
79	<b>February Polls</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>-25.7</b>			
80	1/26-1/29	31	57	12	-26	1,011	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
81	1/24-1/26	33	63	4	-30	1,002	Adults	Time/SRBI
82	1/22-1/25	31	60	8	-29	1,005	LV	Democracy Corps
83	1/22-1/25	38	60	2	-22	1,000	Adults	Cook/RT Strategies
84	1/22-1/25	32	61	7	-29	1,555	Adults	LA Times
85	1/21-1/23	37	54	9	-17	1,000	RV	Winston Group
86	1/20-1/25	32	61	7	-29	1,229	Adults	CBS News/NYT
87	1/20-1/22	35	62	3	-27	1,006	Adults	Gallup
88	1/16-1/25	37	48	15	-11	1,004	RV	Wright Consulting
89	1/12-1/15	33	54	14	-21	806	RV	Diaego/Hotline
90	1/9-1/12	40	53	8	-13	1,031	LV	Zogby
91	1/9-1/12	36	61	3	-25	1,003	Adults	Gallup
92	1/6-1/9	33	54	13	-21	1,003	Adults	Harris
93	1/5-1/8	31	62	7	-31	1,151	Adults	CBS News
94	1/4-1/8	34	61	5	-27	1,503	Adults	Pew Research Center
95	1/3-1/5	32	65	3	-33	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
96	<b>January Polls</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>-24.4</b>			
97	12/20-12/21	44	51	5	-7	1,929	Adults	Zogby
98	12/19-12/22	36	62	2	-26	1,004	Adults	Gallup
99	12/15, 12/17-12/18	35	60	5	-25	800	LV	NPR/POS/GQR
100	12/12-12/13	32	54	14	-22	813	RV	Diaego/Hotline
101	12/9-12/12	30	59	11	-29	1,006	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
102	12/8-12/11	37	51	2	-14	1,000	Adults	RT Strategies
103	12/6-12/8	40	54	6	-14	1,013	LV	Zogby
104	12/5-12/8	35	62	3	-27	1,013	Adults	Gallup
105	12/5-12/7	33	64	3	-31	1,002	Adults	AP/Ipsos
106	<b>December Polls</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>-21.7</b>			
107	11/30-12/4	32	60	8	-28	1,000	LV	Greenberg
108	11/29-12/1	34	60	6	-26	1,004	Adults	Time/SRBI

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109	11/28-12/4	39	59	1	-20	1,230	RV	Quinnipiac
110	11/17-11/20	36	62	2	-26	1,000	Adults	Gallup
111	11/11-11/15	24	66	10	-42	700	RV	Diaego/Hotline
112	11/10-11/11	26	68	6	-42	1,002	Adults	Newsweek
113	11/9-11/27	34	59	7	-25	1,500	Adults	Pew Research Center
114	11/8-11/13	27	68	5	-41	1,011	Adults	Harris
115	11/7-11/10	31	66	3	-35	1,006	Adults	Gallup
116	11/7-11/9	32	64	3	-32	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
117	11/4-11/7	26	63	11	-37	1,003	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
118	11/2-11/6	31	62	7	-31	1,015	Adults	Democracy Corps
119	<b>November Polls</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-32.1</b>			
120	10/30-11/1	27	68	5	-41	936	Adults	CBS News
121	10/29-11/2	37	59	4	-22	844	Adults	Zogby
122	10/19-10/23	31	61	8	-30	1,004	LV	Democracy Corps
123	10/19-10/21	45	51	4	-6	1,001	Adults	Zogby
124	10/13-10/16	31	68	1	-37	1,012	Adults	Gallup
125	10/12-10/17	31	62	7	-31	1,053	Adults	Marist Institute
126	10/12-10/16	26	60	14	-34	500	RV	Diaego/Hotline
127	10/10-10/18	35	58	8	-23	1,204	Adults	Harvard IOP
128	10/9-10/12	27	66	7	-39	1,000	LV	Lake Snell Perry
129	10/8-10/10	28	69	13	-41	807	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
130	10/6/10/10	29	65	6	-36	1,500	Adults	Pew Research Center
131	10/5-10/5	34	58	77	-24	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
132	10/3-10/5	26	69	5	-43	808	Adults	CBS News
133	10/3-10/5	28	66	6	-38	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
134	<b>October Polls</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>-31.8</b>			
135	9/29-10/10	29	55	15	-26	1338	Adults	Global Strat Group
136	9/29-10/2	40	54	6	-14	1,004	Adults	Zogby
137	9/29-9/30	31	61	8	-30	1,004	Adults	Newsweek
138	9/26-9/28	39	59	2	-20	1,007	Adults	Gallup
139	9/19-9/21	33	61	6	-28	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
140	9/14-9/15	35	58	7	-23	1,000	RV	Winston Group
141	9/12-9/15	34	65	1	-31	1,005	Adults	Gallup
142	9/9-9/12	32	57	11	-25	1,013	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
143	9/8-9/9	28	66	6	-38	1,009	Adults	Newsweek
144	9/6-9/8	32	65	3	-33	1,002	Adults	AP/Ipsos

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145	9/6-9/7	42	53	5	-11	1,157	LV	Zogby
146	<b>September Polls</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-25.4</b>			
147	8/31-9/1	35	58	7	-23	1,000	RV	Winston Group
148	8/22-8/25	34	62	4	-28	1,007	Adults	Gallup
149	8/9-8/16	37	59	4	-22	1,217	Adults	Harris
150	8/8-8/11	37	60	3	-23	1,001	Adults	Gallup
151	8/2-8/4	36	54	10	-18	1,004	Adults	Newsweek
152	8/1-8/3	37	59	4	-22	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
153	<b>August Polls</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>-22.6</b>			
154	7/29-8/2	37	57	6	-20	1,222	Adults	CBS News
155	7/25-7/28	40	58	2	-18	1,010	Adults	Gallup
156	7/26-7/30	46	47	7	-1	1,042	LV	Zogby
157	7/23-7/24	42	51	7	-9	1,000	RV	Winston Group
158	7/19-7/25	37	57	6	-20	1,001	LV	Democracy Corps
159	7/11-7/13	36	59	5	-23	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
160	7/11/-7/12	39	53	9	-14	1,000	RV	Winston Group
161	7/8-7/11	34	52	14	-18	1,009	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
162	7/7-7/11	36	55	9	-19	825	LV	NPR/POS/GQR
163	7/7-7/10	35	58	7	-23	2,000	Adults	Pew Research Center
164	7/7-7/10	42	57	1	-15	10,006	Adults	Gallup
165	<b>July Polls</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-16.4</b>			
166	6/27-6/30	31	54	15	-23	1,015	Adults	Westhill/Hotline
167	6/27-6/29	38	53	9	-15	905	LV	Zogby
168	6/20-6/26	36	56	8	-20	1,078	LV	Democracy Corps
169	6/20-6/22	43	53	5	-10	1,000	Adults	Zogby
170	6/16-6/19	42	56	2	-14	1,006	Adults	Gallup
171	6/10-6/15	33	61	6	-28	1,111	Adults	CBS News/NYT
172	6/7-6/12	38	55	7	-17	1,015	Adults	Harris
173	6/7-6/8	41	52	6	-11	1,000	RV	Winston Group
174	6/6-6/8	38	60	2	-22	1,003	Adults	Gallup
175	6/6-6/8	35	59	6	-24	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
176	6/2-6/5	34	52	15	-18	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
177	<b>June Polls</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>-18.4</b>			
178	5/23-5/26	41	55	4	-14	1,004	Adults	Gallup
179	5/23-5/28	37	51	12	-14	1,000	Adults	Feldman Group/Mkt Strat
180	5/20-5/24	34	60	6	-26	1,150	Adults	CBS News

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181	5/18-5/26	34	52	14	-18	2,613	RV	Emily
182	5/17-5/23	37	55	8	-18	1,013	LV	Democracy Corps
183	5/16-5/17	38	55	7	-17	1,000	RV	Winston Group
184	5/12-5/16	35	52	13	-17	1,005	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
185	5/11-5/15	39	57	4	-18	1,000	Adults	Pew Research Center
186	5/2-5/5	39	58	3	-19	1,005	Adults	Gallup
187	5/2-5/4	36	59	5	-23	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
188	<b>May Polls</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>-18.4</b>			
189	4/28-5/1	32	54	14	-22	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
190	4/18-4/21	38	56	6	-18	1,007	Adults	Marist College
191	4/15-4/19	46	48	6	-2	1,011	Adults	Zogby
192	4/13-4/19	34	56	10	-22	1,058	LV	Democracy Corps
193	4/13-4/16	32	62	6	-30	1,149	Adults	CBS News
194	4/12-4/13	40	52	7	-12	1,000	RV	Winston Group
195	4/4-4/7	38	59	3	-21	1,010	Adults	Gallup
196	4/4-4/6	38	56	6	-18	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
197	<b>April Polls</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>-18.1</b>			
198	3/31-4/3	34	51	15	-17	1,002	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
199	3/31-4/3	30	56	14	-26	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
200	3/21-3/23	38	59	3	-21	1,001	Adults	Gallup
201	3/20-3/22	34	58	8	-24	800	LV	Lake Snell Perry
202	3/15-3/21	41	52	7	-11	1,002	LV	Democracy Corps
203	3/15-3/17	44	51	5	-7	1,010	Adults	Time/SRBI
204	3/13-3/14	45	47	8	-2	1,000	RV	Winston Group
205	3/8-3/10	36	56	8	-20	800	Adults	NBC News
206	3/7-3/10	42	56	2	-14	1,004	Adults	Gallup
207	3/7-3/9	39	54	7	-15	1,000	RV	Lake Snell Perry
208	3/7-3/9	40	55	5	-15	1,000	RV	Battleground
209	3/2-3/7	45	54	1	-9	1,534	RV	Quinnipiac
210	<b>March Polls</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>-15.1</b>			
211	2/24-2/28	42	52	6	-10	1,111	Adults	CBS News/NYT
212	2/24-2/27	38	50	13	-12	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
213	2/21-2/24	45	52	3	-7	1,003	Adults	Gallup
214	2/16-2/21	38	56	6	-18	1,502	Adults	Pew Research Center
215	2/15-2/17	42	51	7	-9	800	LV	Greenberg/POS
216	2/14-2/16	47	48	5	-1	1,009	Adults	Marist

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217	2/12-2/13	45	46	9	-1	1,000	RV	Winston Group
218	2/10-2/14	42	48	11	-6	1,008	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
219	2/7-2/10	46	52	2	-6	1,008	Adults	Gallup
220	2/7-2/9	38	58	4	-20	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
221	<b>February Polls</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-9.0</b>			
222	1/15-1/17	40	48	12	-8	1,033	Adults	LA Times
223	1/14-1/18	39	56	5	-17	1,118	Adults	CBS News/NYT
224	1/13-1/17	40	47	13	-7	1,007	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
225	1/12-1/13	46	49	5	-3	1,002	Adults	Time
226	1/11-1/16	41	50	9	-9	1,202	Adults	Annenberg
227	1/5-1/9	40	54	5	-14	1,503	Adults	Pew Research Center
228	1/3-1/5	46	53	2	-7	1,005	Adults	Gallup
229	1/3-1/5	44	51	5	-7	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
230	<b>January Polls</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>-9.0</b>			

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1				Other/	% Diff.	N	Population	Polling
2	DATE	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	(A-D)			Organization
3	10/10-10/11	40	56	4	-16	900	LV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
4	10/6-10/8	37	59	4	-22	1,007	Adults	Gallup
5	10/6-10/8	39	56	5	-17	1,028	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
6	10/5-10/8	34	60	6	-26	983	Adults	CBS News/NYT
7	10/5-10/8	39	60	1	-21	1,204	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
8	10/5-10/6	33	59	8	-26	1,004	Adults	Newsweek
9	10/3-10/4	36	57	7	-21	1,002	Adults	Time/SRBI
10	10/2-10/4	39	58	3	-19	741	LV	AP/Ipsos
11	10/1-10/3	43	53	4	-10	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
12	<b>October Polls</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>-19.8</b>			
13	9/30-10/2	39	56	5	-17	802	RV	NBC News/WSJ
14	9/29-10/2	39	59	2	-20	1,014	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
15	9/26-9/27	42	54	4	-12	900	LV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
16	9/24-9/27	45	52	3	-7	1,000	LV	Battleground
17	9/24-9/26	42	56	2	-14	423	LV	Diatego/Hotline
18	9/22-9/24	42	55	3	-13	1,009	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
19	9/21-10/4	37	53	10	-16	914	Adults	Pew
20	9/21-9/24	40	50	10	-10	950	RV	Cook/RT Strategies
21	9/17-9/19	44	52	4	-8	1,006	LV	Democracy Corps
22	9/16-9/19	45	52	3	-7	1,517	Adults	LA Times
23	9/15-9/19	37	56	7	-19	1,131	Adults	CBS News/NYT
24	9/15-9/17	44	51	5	-7	1,002	Adults	Gallup
25	9/12-9/13	40	49	11	-9	900	LV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
26	9/11-9/13	39	60	1	-21	1,501	Adults	AP/Ipsos
27	9/8-9/11	42	53	5	-11	1,009	RV	NBC News/WSJ
28	9/7-9/10	39	56	5	-17	1,002	Adults	Gallup
29	9/6-9/10	43	53	4	-10	1,004	LV	Democracy Corps
30	9/6-9/10	37	53	10	-16	1,507	Adults	Pew Research
31	9/5-9/7	42	55	3	-13	1,003	Adults	ABC News
32	<b>September Polls</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>-13.0</b>			
33	8/30-9/2	41	55	4	-14	1,000	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
34	8/29-8/30	38	56	6	-18	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
35	8/25-8/27	39	55	6	-16	801	RV	Cook/RT Strategies
36	8/24-8/25	36	56	8	-20	1,002	Adults	Newsweek

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37	8/22-8/24	38	57	5	-19	1,002	Adults	Time/SRBI
38	8/18-8/21	36	58	6	-22	1,100	Adults	ARG
39	8/18-8/20	42	57	1	-15	1,033	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
40	8/18-8/20	42	54	4	-12	1,001	Adults	Gallup
41	8/17-8/23	39	53	8	-14	1,080	Adults	Quinnipiac
42	8/17-8/21	36	57	7	-21	1,206	Adults	CBS News/NYT
43	8/11-8/13	36	57	7	-21	974	Adults	CBS News
44	8/10-8/11	38	55	7	-17	1,001	Adults	Newsweek
45	8/9-8/13	37	54	9	-17	1,506	Adults	Pew Research
46	8/9-8/10	35	58	7	-23	1,003	Adults	Time/SRBI
47	8/8-8/9	36	56	8	-20	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
48	8/7-8/10	37	59	4	-22	1,007	Adults	Gallup
49	8/7-8/9	33	64	3	-31	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
50	8/3-8/6	40	58	2	-18	1,000	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
51	8/2-8/3	40	59	1	-19	1,047	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
52	<b>August Polls</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>-18.9</b>			
53	7/28-8/1	40	58	2	-18	1,478	Adults	LA Times
54	7/28-7/30	39	51	10	-12	809	RV	Cook/RT Strategies
55	7/28-7/30	40	56	4	-16	1,007	Adults	Gallup
56	7/21-7/25	36	55	9	-19	1,127	Adults	CBS News/NYT
57	7/21-7/24	39	56	5	-17	1,010	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
58	7/21-7/23	37	59	4	-22	1,005	Adults	Gallup
59	7/20-7/23	38	59	3	-21	800	RV	Diago/Hotline
60	7/18-7/21	35	59	6	-24	1,100	Adults	ARG
61	7/16-7/18	42	54	4	-12	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
62	7/11-7/12	36	53	11	-17	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
63	7/10-7/12	36	63	1	-27	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
64	7/6-7/19	36	57	7	-21	2,003	Adults	Pew Research
65	7/6-7/9	40	55	5	-15	1,007	Adults	Gallup
66	<b>July Polls</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-18.5</b>			
67	6/27-6/29	35	59	6	-24	1,003	Adults	Time/SRBI
68	6/27-6/28	41	50	9	-9	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
69	6/25-6/29	42	54	4	-12	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
70	6/24-6/27	41	56	3	-15	1,321	Adults	LA Times
71	6/23-6/25	37	60	3	-23	1,000	Adults	Gallup
72	6/22-6/25	38	60	2	-22	1,000	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post

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73	6/21-6/25	41	56	3	-15	800	RV	Diago/Hotline
74	6/18-6/21	36	57	7	-21	1,100	Adults	ARG
75	6/14-6/19	36	54	10	-18	1,501	Adults	Pew Research
76	6/14-6/15	37	53	10	-16	1,017	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
77	6/13-6/14	40	52	8	-12	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
78	6/10-6/11	33	60	7	-27	659	Adults	CBS News
79	6/9-6/12	37	58	5	-21	1,002	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
80	6/9-6/11	38	56	6	-18	1,002	Adults	Gallup
81	6/5-6/7	35	63	2	-28	1,003	Adults	AP/Ipsos
82	6/1-6/4	37	57	6	-20	874	RV	Cook/RT Strategies
83	6/1-6/4	36	57	7	-21	1,002	Adults	Gallup
84	<b>June Polls</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>-18.9</b>			
85	5/23-5/30	35	58	7	-23	1,534	RV	Quinnipiac
86	5/18-5/24	37	58	5	-21	1,200	LV	Democracy Corps
87	5/18-5/21	37	61	2	-24	801	RV	Diago/Hotline
88	5/18-5/21	32	61	6	-29	1,100	Adults	ARG
89	5/16-5/18	35	56	11	-21	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
90	5/16-5/17	36	57	7	-21	1,022	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
91	5/16-5/17	35	60	5	-25	636	Adults	CBS News
92	5/11-5/15	33	65	2	-32	1,103	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
93	5/11-5/12	35	59	6	-24	1,007	Adults	Newsweek
94	5/8-5/11	33	61	6	-28	1,002	Adults	Gallup
95	5/5-5/7	31	65	4	-34	1,013	Adults	Gallup
96	5/5-5/7	34	58	8	-24	1,021	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
97	5/4-5/8	31	63	6	-32	1,241	Adults	CBS News/NYT
98	5/2-5/3	38	53	11	-15	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
99	5/1-5/3	33	65	2	-32	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
100	<b>May Polls</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>-25.7</b>			
101	4/28-4/30	33	58	9	-25	719	Adults	CBS News
102	4/28-4/30	34	63	3	-29	1,011	Adults	Gallup
103	4/27-5/22	33	56	11	-23	1,000	Adults	Pew Research
104	4/27-4/30	36	59	5	-23	1,003	Adults	Cook/RT Strategies
105	4/21-4/24	36	57	7	-21	1,109	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
106	4/21-4/23	32	60	8	-28	1,012	Adults	CNN/Opinion Research
107	4/20-4/24	40	56	4	-16	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
108	4/18-4/21	34	60	6	-26	1,100	Adults	ARG

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109	4/18-4/19	33	57	10	-24	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
110	4/10-4/13	36	59	5	-23	1,005	Adults	Gallup
111	4/8-4/11	39	57	4	-18	1,357	Adults	LA Times
112	4/7-4/16	35	55	10	-20	1,501	Adults	Pew Resarch Center
113	4/7-4/9	37	60	3	-23	1,004	Adults	Gallup
114	4/6-4/9	37	56	7	-19	1,000	Adults	Cook/RT Strategies
115	4/6-4/9	37	56	7	-19	899	Adults	CBS News
116	4/6-4/9	38	60	2	-22	1,027	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
117	4/4-4/5	36	53	11	-17	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
118	4/3-4/5	36	62	2	-26	1,003	Adults	AP/Ipsos
119	<b>April Polls</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>-22.3</b>			
120	3/29-3/30	37	57	6	-20	1,004	Adults	Time/SRBI
121	3/22-3/23	39	56	5	-17	1,003	Adults	Time/SRBI
122	3/18-3/21	37	57	6	-20	1,100	Adults	ARG
123	3/16-3/20	40	57	3	-17	1,150	LV	Democracy Corps
124	3/16-3/17	36	58	6	-22	1,020	Adults	Newsweek
125	3/16-3/17	37	59	4	-22	1,000	Adults	Gallup
126	3/14-3/15	39	51	10	-12	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
127	3/12-3/14	39	58	3	-19	800	LV	NPR/POS/GQR
128	3/10-3/13	37	58	5	-21	1,005	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
129	3/10-3/12	36	60	4	-24	1,001	Adults	Gallup
130	3/9-3/12	34	57	9	-23	1,136	Adults	CBS News
131	3/8-3/12	33	57	10	-24	1,405	Adults	Pew Research Center
132	3/6-3/8	37	60	3	-23	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
133	3/2-3/5	41	58	1	-17	1,000	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
134	<b>March Polls</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>-20.1</b>			
135	2/28-3/1	38	60	2	-22	1,020	Adults	Gallup
136	2/28-3/1	39	54	7	-15	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
137	2/25-3/1	38	58	4	-20	1,273	Adults	LA Times
138	2/23-2/27	42	55	3	-13	1,135	LV	Democracy Corps
139	2/23-2/26	40	54	6	-14	1,000	Adults	Cook/RT Strategies
140	2/22-2/26	34	59	7	-25	1,018	Adults	CBS News
141	2/21-2/28	36	58	6	-22	1,892	RV	Quinnipiac
142	2/16-2/19	45	52	3	-7	807	RV	Diatego/Hotline
143	2/15-2/16	40	54	6	-14	1,001	Adults	Time/SRBI
144	2/13-2/15	40	57	3	-17	1,132	Adults	Marist

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145	2/12-2/15	46	52	2	-6	1,000	LV	Battleground
146	2/9-2/12	39	56	5	-17	1,000	Adults	Gallup
147	2/7-2/8	44	47	9	-3	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
148	2/6-2/9	42	55	3	-13	1,002	Adults	Gallup
149	2/6-2/8	40	57	3	-17	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
150	2/1-2/5	40	52	8	-12	1,502	Adults	Pew Research Center
151	<b>February Polls</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>-14.8</b>			
152	1/26-1/29	39	54	7	-15	1,011	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
153	1/24-1/26	41	55	4	-14	1,002	Adults	Time/SRBI
154	1/24-1/25	41	51	8	-10	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
155	1/23-1/26	42	56	2	-14	1,002	Adults	ABC News/WP
156	1/22-1/25	47	50	3	-3	1,000	Adults	Cook/RT Strategies
157	1/22-1/25	43	54	3	-11	1,555	Adults	LA Times
158	1/20-1/25	42	51	7	-9	1,229	Adults	CBS News/NYT
159	1/20-1/22	43	54	3	-11	1,006	Adults	Gallup
160	1/12-1/15	46	53	1	-7	806	RV	Diago/Hotline
161	1/9-1/12	43	53	4	-10	1,003	Adults	Gallup
162	1/10-1/11	42	49	9	-7	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
163	1/6-1/8	43	54	3	-11	1,003	Adults	Gallup
164	1/5-1/8	46	52	2	-6	1,001	Adults	ABC News/WP
165	1/5-1/8	41	52	7	-11	1,151	Adults	CBS News
166	1/4-1/8	38	54	8	-16	1,503	Adults	Pew Research
167	1/3-1/5	40	59	1	-19	1,001	Adults	AP/Ipsos
168	<b>January Polls</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-10.9</b>			
169	12/19-12/22	43	53	4	-10	1,000	Adults	Gallup
170	12/16-12/18	41	56	3	-15	1,003	Adults	Gallup
171	12/15-12/18	47	52	1	-5	1,003	Adults	ABC News/WP
172	12/15-12/18	40	56	4	-16	1,100	Adults	ARG
173	12/15, 12/17-12/18	44	54	2	-10	800	LV	NPR/POS/GQR
174	12/13-12/14	42	51	7	-9	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
175	12/12-12/13	50	47	3	3	813	RV	Diago/Hotline
176	12/9-12/12	39	55	6	-16	1,006	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
177	12/9-12/11	42	55	3	-13	1,003	Adults	Gallup
178	12/8-12/11	42	55	3	-13	1,000	Adults	RT Strategies
179	12/5-12/8	43	52	5	-9	1,013	Adults	Gallup
180	12/5-12/7	42	57	1	-15	1,002	Adults	AP/Ipsos

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181	12/2-12/6	40	53	7	-13	1,155	Adults	CBS News/NYT
182	<b>December Polls</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>-10.8</b>			
183	11/30-12/4	41	54	5	-13	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
184	11/29-12/1	41	53	6	-12	1,004	Adults	Time/SRBI
185	11/29-11/30	42	48	10	-6	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
186	11/28-12/4	40	54	6	-14	1,230	RV	Quinnipiac
187	11/19-11/22	36	58	6	-22	1,100	Adults	ARG
188	11/17-11/20	41	52	7	-11	1,001	Adults	RT Strategies
189	11/16-11/20	42	56	2	-14	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
190	11/11-11/15	39	59	2	-20	700	RV	Diatego/Hotline
191	11/11-11/13	37	60	3	-23	1,006	Adults	Gallup
192	11/10-11/11	36	58	6	-22	1,002	Adults	Newsweek
193	11/8-11/9	36	53	11	-17	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
194	11/7-11/9	37	61	2	-24	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
195	11/4-11/7	38	57	5	-19	1,003	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
196	11/3-11/6	36	55	9	-19	1,201	Adults	Pew Research
197	<b>November Polls</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>-16.2</b>			
198	10/31-11/2	37	59	4	-22	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
199	10/30-11/2	39	60	1	-21	1,202	Adults	ABC News/WP
200	10/30-11/1	35	57	8	-22	936	Adults	CBS News
201	10/28-10/30	41	56	3	-15	1,008	Adults	Gallup
202	10/28-10/29	39	58	3	-19	600	Adults	ABC News/WP
203	10/25-10/26	41	51	8	-10	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
204	10/21-10/23	42	55	3	-13	1,008	Adults	Gallup
205	10/18-10/21	38	55	7	-17	1,100	Adults	ARG
206	10/13-10/16	39	58	3	-19	1,012	Adults	Gallup
207	10/12-10/24	40	52	8	-12	1,003	Adults	Pew Research Center
208	10/12-10/17	41	53	6	-12	1,053	Adults	Marist
209	10/12-10/16	41	57	2	-16	500	RV	Diatego/Hotline
210	10/11-10/12	40	51	9	-11	900	LV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
211	10/9-10/12	44	54	2	-10	1,000	RV	GWU-Battleground
212	10/8-10/10	39	54	7	-15	807	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
213	10/6-10/10	38	56	6	-18	1,500	Adults	Pew Research Center
214	10/5-10/10	42	54	4	-12	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
215	10/3-10/5	39	58	3	-19	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
216	10/3-10/5	37	58	5	-21	808	Adults	CBS News

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217	<b>October Polls</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>-16.0</b>			
218	9/29-9/30	40	53	7	-13	1,004	Adults	Newsweek
219	9/27-9/28	45	47	8	-2	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
220	9/26-9/28	45	50	5	-5	1,007	Adults	Gallup
221	9/19-9/21	43	53	4	-10	1,000	LV	Democracy Corps
222	9/16-9/18	40	57	3	-17	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
223	9/16-9/18	40	58	2	-18	818	Adults	Gallup
224	9/13-9/14	41	51	8	-10	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
225	9/9-9/13	41	53	6	-12	1,167	Adults	CBS News/NYT
226	9/9-9/12	40	55	5	-15	1,013	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
227	9/8-9/11	46	51	3	-5	1,005	Adults	Gallup
228	9/8-9/11	42	57	1	-15	1,201	Adults	ABC News/Washington Post
229	9/8-9/11	40	52	8	-12	1,523	Adults	Pew Research Center
230	9/8-9/9	38	55	7	-17	1,009	Adults	Newsweek
231	9/7-9/8	42	52	6	-10	1,000	Adults	Time/SRBI
232	9/6-9/8	39	59	2	-20	1,002	Adults	AP/Ipsos
233	9/6-9/7	42	52	6	-10	725	Adults	CBS News
234	9/6-9/7	40	59	1	-19	1,157	LV	Zogby
235	9/6-9/7	40	52	8	-12	1,000	Adults	Pew Research Center
236	<b>September Polls</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>-12.3</b>			
237	8/30-8/31	45	50	5	-5	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
238	8/29-8/31	41	51	8	-10	871	Adults	CBS News
239	8/28-8/30	45	52	3	-7	1,007	Adults	Gallup
240	8/25-8/28	45	53	2	-8	1,006	Adults	ABC News/WP
241	8/22-8/25	40	56	4	-16	1,007	Adults	Gallup
242	8/18-8/21	36	58	6	-22	1,100	Adults	ARG
243	8/9-8/16	40	58	2	-18	1,217	Adults	Harris
244	8/8-8/11	45	51	4	-6	1,000	Adults	Gallup
245	8/5-8/7	45	51	4	-6	1,004	Adults	Gallup
246	8/2-8/4	42	51	7	-9	1,004	Adults	Newsweek
247	8/1-8/3	42	55	3	-13	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
248	<b>August Polls</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-10.9</b>			
249	7/29-8/2	45	46	9	-1	1,222	Adults	CBS News
250	7/26-7/30	45	55	5	-10	1,042	LV	Zogby
251	7/25-7/28	44	51	5	-7	1,010	Adults	Gallup
252	7/26-7/27	47	44	9	3	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics

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253	7/22-7/24	49	48	3	1	1,006	Adults	Gallup
254	7/21-7/25	41	53	6	-12	920	RV	Quinnipiac
255	7/19-7/25	45	52	3	-7	1,001	LV	Democracy Corps
256	7/18-7/21	42	52	6	-10	1,100	Adults	ARG
257	7/13-7/17	44	48	8	-4	1,502	Adults	Pew Research Center
258	7/13-7/14	45	50	5	-5	632	Adults	CBS News
259	7/12-7/13	47	47	6	0	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
260	7/11-7/13	42	56	1	-14	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
261	7/8-7/11	46	49	5	-3	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
262	7/7-7/11	49	47	5	2	825	LV	NPR/POS/GQR
263	7/7-7/10	49	49	2	0	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
264	7/7-7/10	47	46	7	1	964	Adults	Pew Research Center
265	7/7-7/10	49	48	3	1	1,006	Adults	Gallup
266	<b>July Polls</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>-3.8</b>			
267	6/29-6/30	46	51	3	-5	883	Adults	Gallup
268	6/27-6/29	43	56	1	-13	905	LV	Zogby
269	6/23-6/26	48	51	1	-3	1,004	Adults	ABC News/WP
270	6/20-6/26	48	50	3	-2	1,078	LV	Democracy Corps
271	6/20-6/22	44	56	1	-12	900	LV	Zogby
272	6/19-6/22	42	53	5	-11	1,100	Adults	ARG
273	6/16-6/19	47	51	2	-4	1,009	Adults	Gallup
274	6/14-6/15	48	43	9	5	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
275	6/10-6/15	42	51	7	-9	1,111	Adults	CBS News/NYT
276	6/8-6/12	42	49	10	-7	1,000	Adults	Pew Research Center
277	6/7-6/12	45	55	1	-10	1,015	Adults	Harris
278	6/6-6/8	47	49	4	-2	1,003	Adults	Gallup
279	6/6-6/8	43	55	1	-12	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
280	6/2-6/5	48	52	1	-4	1,000	Adults	ABC News/WP
281	6/2-6/5	51	44	6	7	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
282	<b>June Polls</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>-5.5</b>			
283	5/23-5/26	48	47	5	1	1,004	Adults	Gallup
284	5/23-5/25	46	53	2	-7	900	LV	Zogby
285	5/20-5/24	46	48	6	-2	1,100	Adults	CBS News/NYT
286	5/20-5/22	46	50	4	-4	1,006	Adults	Gallup
287	5/18-5/23	44	50	6	-6	1,104	Adults	Quinnipiac
288	5/17-5/23	49	50	1	-1	1,013	LV	Democracy Corps

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289	5/15-5/18	43	51	6	-8	1,100	Adults	ARG
290	5/12-5/16	47	47	6	0	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
291	5/11-5/15	43	50	7	-7	1,000	Adults	Pew Research Center
292	5/10-5/12	46	47	7	-1	1,011	Adults	Time/SRBI
293	5/2-5/5	50	45	5	5	1,005	Adults	Gallup
294	5/2-5/4	47	51	2	-4	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
295	<b>May Polls</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>49.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>-2.8</b>			
296	4/29-5/1	48	49	3	-1	1,006	Adults	Gallup
297	4/28-5/1	48	47	4	1	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
298	4/25-4/26	47	43	10	4	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
299	4/21-4/24	47	50	3	-3	1,000	Adults	ABC News/WP
300	4/18-4/21	48	49	3	-1	1,003	Adults	Gallup
301	4/18-4/21	47	50	4	-3	1,007	Adults	Marist
302	4/16-4/19	44	50	6	-6	1,100	Adults	ARG
303	4/15-4/19	46	53	1	-7	900	LV	Zogby
304	4/13-4/19	48	49	3	-1	1,058	LV	Democracy Corps
305	4/13-4/16	44	51	5	-7	1,000	Adults	CBS News/NYT
306	4/5-4/10	44	56	1	-12	1,000	Adults	Harris
307	4/4-4/7	50	45	5	5	1,010	Adults	Gallup
308	4/4-4/6	44	54	1	-10	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
309	4/1-4/2	48	48	4	0	1,040	Adults	Gallup
310	<b>April Polls</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>-2.9</b>			
311	3/31-4/3	48	46	6	2	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
312	3/31-4/3	45	51	4	-6	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
313	3/29-3/30	49	46	5	3	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
314	3/22-3/24	48	46	6	2	1,000	Adults	Time/SRBI
315	3/21-3/22	43	48	9	-5	1,000	Adults	CBS News/NYT
316	3/21-3/23	45	49	6	-4	1,040	Adults	Gallup
317	3/18-3/20	52	44	4	8	1,001	Adults	Gallup
318	3/17-3/21	45	46	9	-1	1,000	Adults	Pew Research Center
319	3/17-3/17	45	48	7	-3	1,010	Adults	Newsweek
320	3/15-3/21	51	47	2	4	1,002	LV	Democracy Corps
321	3/15-3/17	53	43	4	10	1,000	Adults	Time/SRBI
322	3/14-3/17	47	48	5	-1	1,100	Adults	ARG
323	3/10-3/13	50	48	3	2	1,000	Adults	ABC News/WP
324	3/7-3/10	52	44	4	8	909	Adults	Gallup

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325	3/7-3/9	48	50	2	-2	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
326	3/7-3/9	53	44	4	9	1,000	RV	Battleground
327	3/2-3/7	45	48	7	-3	1,104	Adults	Quinnipiac
328	3/1-3/2	52	39	9	13	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
329	<b>March Polls</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>2.0</b>			
330	2/25-2/27	46	54	1	-8	900	LV	Zogby
331	2/25-2/27	52	45	3	7	1,008	Adults	Gallup
332	2/24-2/28	49	44	7	5	1,111	Adults	CBS News/NYT
333	2/24-2/27	52	46	2	6	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
334	2/21-2/24	51	45	4	6	1,003	Adults	Gallup
335	2/16-2/21	46	47	7	-1	1,000	Adults	Pew Research Center
336	2/15-2/17	50	47	3	3	800	LV	Greenberg/POS
337	2/14-2/17	49	50	1	-1	900	LV	Zogby
338	2/14-2/17	49	45	6	4	1,100	Adults	ARG
339	2/14-2/16	51	45	4	6	1,009	Adults	Marist
340	2/13-2/17	51	46	3	5	1,001	LV	Democracy Corps
341	2/10-2/14	50	45	5	5	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ
342	2/8-2/13	48	51	1	-3	1,000	Adults	Harris
343	2/8-2/9	51	43	7	8	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
344	2/7-2/10	49	48	3	1	1,006	Adults	Gallup
345	2/7-2/9	45	54	1	-9	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
346	2/4-2/6	57	40	3	17	1,010	Adults	Gallup
347	2/3-2/6	49	48	3	1	1,236	Adults	Harvard/Kaiser
348	2/3-2/4	50	42	8	8	1,000	Adults	Newsweek
349	<b>February Polls</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.2</b>			
350	1/26-1/31	50	45	5	5	1,000	Adults	ABC News/WP
351	1/25-1/31	48	45	7	3	1,000	Adults	Quinnipiac
352	1/25-1/27	51	46	3	5	800	RV	Westhill/Hotline
353	1/25-1/26	50	40	10	10	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
354	1/18-1/21	48	51	1	-3	900	LV	Zogby
355	1/16-1/20	51	47	2	4	998	LV	Democracy Corps
356	1/15-1/17	50	47	3	3	1,033	Adults	LA Times
357	1/14-1/18	49	46	5	3	1,100	Adults	CBS News/NYT
358	1/14-1/17	51	44	5	7	1,100	Adults	ARG
359	1/14-1/16	51	46	3	5	1,007	Adults	Gallup
360	1/13-1/17	50	44	6	6	1,000	Adults	NBC News/WSJ

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361	1/12-1/16	52	46	2	6	1,004	Adults	ABC News/WP
362	1/12-1/13	53	43	3	10	1,000	Adults	Time/SRBI
363	1/11-1/16	53	43	4	10	1,202	Adults	Annenberg
364	1/11-1/12	52	41	7	11	900	RV	FOX News/Opinion Dynamics
365	1/7-1/9	52	44	4	8	1,008	Adults	Gallup
366	1/5-1/9	50	43	7	7	964	Adults	Pew Research Center
367	1/3-1/5	52	44	4	8	1,005	Adults	Gallup
368	1/3-1/5	49	49	2	0	1,000	Adults	AP/Ipsos
369	<b>January Polls</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.7</b>			

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2	<i>Arizona</i>								
3	9/26-10/3	Rocky Mountain Poll	36%	Pederson	45%	Kyl			
4	9/21-9/25	Zogby	44%	Pederson	51%	Kyl			
5	9/21-9/24	KAET-ASU	38%	Pederson	49%	Kyl			
6	9/19-9/21	POS	44%	Pederson	48%	Kyl			
7	9/4-9/6	Harstad Research (D)	41%	Pederson	47%	Kyl			
8	8/29-9/5	Zogby	44%	Pederson	50%	Kyl			
9	8/29-8/31	POS	41%	Pederson	50%	Kyl			
10	8/24-8/29	KAET-ASU	36%	Pederson	46%	Kyl			
11	8/15-8/21	Zogby	44%	Pederson	48%	Kyl			
12	7/11-7/19	Zogby	42%	Pederson	50%	Kyl			
13	7/1-7/15	Behavior Research Ctr.	27%	Pederson	45%	Kyl			
14	6/15-6/18	KAET-ASU	29%	Pederson	43%	Kyl			
15	6/13-6/19	Zogby	42%	Pederson	48%	Kyl			
16	5/23-5/25	POS	40%	Pederson	52%	Kyl			
17	4/20-4/23	KAET-ASU	31%	Pederson	42%	Kyl			
18	3/22-3/27	Zogby	42%	Pederson	47%	Kyl			
19	1/12-1/16	Zogby	42%	Pederson	52%	Kyl			
20	1/5-1/8	Behavior Research Ctr.	26%	Pederson	55%	Kyl			
21	11/13-11/15/05	V/CR for NRSC	13%	Pederson	52%	Kyl			
22	10/25-10/31	Zogby	42%	Pederson	52%	Kyl			
23	10/20-10/23	KAET-ASU	28%	Pederson	50%	Kyl			
24	9/16-9/21	Zogby	42%	Pederson	51%	Kyl			
25									
26	<i>California</i>								
27	9/25-9/28	Mason-Dixon	53%	Feinstein	23%	Mountjoy			
28	9/23-9/28	LA Times	54%	Feinstein	36%	Mountjoy			
29	9/14-9/24	Field Poll	57%	Feinstein	29%	Mountjoy			
30	9/12-9/15	Datamar	49%	Feinstein	38%	Mountjoy			
31	5/20-5/25	LA Times	59%	Feinstein	30%	Mountjoy			

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32	2/12-2/16	Field Poll	56%	Feinstein	28%	Mountjoy			
33									
34	<i>Connecticut</i>								
35	10/4-10/9	UCONN	40%	Lamont	4%	Schlesinger	48%	Lieberman	
36	9/25-10/2	Reuters/Zogby	33%	Lamont		Schlesinger	53%	Lieberman	
37	9/21-9/25	Quinnipiac	39%	Lamont	5%	Schlesinger	49%	Lieberman	
38	9/21-9/25	Zogby	44%	Lamont		Schlesinger	46%	Lieberman	
39	9/15-9/19	American Research Group	45%	Lamont	3%	Schlesinger	47%	Lieberman	
40	8/27-8/29	POS	35%	Lamont	4%	Schlesinger	51%	Lieberman	
41	8/17-8/21	American Research Group	42%	Lamont	2%	Schlesinger	44%	Lieberman	
42	8/15-8/21	Zogby	39%	Lamont	2%	Schlesinger	49%	Lieberman	
43	8/10-8/14	Quinnipiac	41%	Lamont	4%	Schlesinger	53%	Lieberman	
44	7/13-7/18	Quinnipiac	68%	Lieberman	15%	Schlesinger			
45	7/13-7/18	Quinnipiac	45%	Lamont	22%	Schlesinger			
46	7/13-7/18	Quinnipiac	27%	Lamont	9%	Schlesinger	51%	Lieberman	
47	5/31-6/6	Quinnipiac	68%	Lieberman	14%	Schlesinger			
48	5/31-6/6	Quinnipiac	37%	Lamont	20%	Schlesinger			
49	5/31-6/6	Quinnipiac	18%	Lamont	8%	Schlesinger	56%	Lieberman	
50									
51	<i>Florida</i>								
52	10/3-10/8	Quinnipiac	61%	Nelson	33%	Harris			
53	9/21-9/25	Zogby	52%	Nelson	35%	Harris			
54	9/18-9/20	Research 2000	55%	Nelson	37%	Harris			
55	8/29-9/5	Zogby	51%	Nelson	33%	Harris			
56	8/25-8/27	Strategic Vision	63%	Nelson	20%	Harris			
57	8/15-8/21	Zogby	52%	Nelson	32%	Harris			
58	7/21-7/23	Mason-Dixon	57%	Nelson	29%	Harris			
59	7/21-7/23	Strategic Vision	60%	Nelson	22%	Harris			
60	7/11-7/19	Zogby	52%	Nelson	34%	Harris			

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61	6/13-6/19	Zogby	51%	Nelson	33%	Harris		
62	5/19-5/21	Strategic Vision	56%	Nelson	26%	Harris		
63	5/15-5/22	Quinnipiac	58%	Nelson	25%	Harris		
64	4/21-4/23	Strategic Vision	56%	Nelson	24%	Harris		
65	4/21-4/23	Strategic Vision	47%	Nelson	36%	Bense		
66	4/11-4/17	Quinnipiac	56%	Nelson	27%	Harris		
67	3/24-3/26	Strategic Vision	56%	Nelson	28%	Harris		
68	3/22-3/27	Zogby	50%	Nelson	38%	Harris		
69	3/21-3/23	Mason-Dixon	51%	Nelson	35%	Harris		
70	1/12-1/16	Zogby	51%	Nelson	40%	Harris		
71	11/25-11/28/05	Strategic Vision	48%	Nelson	32%	Harris		
72	11/8-11/13	Quinnipiac	55%	Nelson	31%	Harris		
73	10/25-10/31	Zogby	49%	Nelson	40%	Harris		
74	10/25-10/31	Zogby	46%	Nelson	42%	Crist		
75	9/16-20/05	Strategic Vision	48%	Nelson	36%	Harris		
76	9/16-20/05	Strategic Vision	45%	Nelson	39%	Jennings		
77	9/16-20/05	Strategic Vision	45%	Nelson	41%	Foley		
78	9/16-21/05	Zogby	48%	Nelson	44%	Harris		
79	9/16-21/05	Zogby	45%	Nelson	43%	Crist		
80								
81	<i>Maryland</i>							
82	10/2-10/4	POS	47%	Cardin	43%	Steele		
83	9/27-10/1	Gallup	54%	Cardin	39%	Steele		
84	9/27-9/28	V/CR for NRSC	44%	Cardin	39%	Steele		
85	9/25-10/2	Reuters/Zogby	45%	Cardin	37%	Steele		
86	9/22-9/26	Mason-Dixon	47%	Cardin	41%	Steele		
87	9/21-9/25	Zogby	52%	Cardin	39%	Steele		
88	9/18-9/20	V/CR for NRSC	47%	Cardin	36%	Steele		
89	9/15-9/18	Baltimore Sun	51%	Cardin	40%	Steele		
90	8/29-9/5	Zogby	49%	Cardin	40%	Steele		

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91	8/18-8/25	Gonzales Research	38%	Mfume	42%	Steele		
92	8/15-8/21	Gonzales Research	44%	Cardin	39%	Steele		
93	8/15-8/21	Zogby	47%	Mfume	43%	Steele		
94	8/15-8/21	Zogby	50%	Cardin	41%	Steele		
95	8/1-8/2	POS	43%	Cardin	35%	Steele		
96	8/1-8/2	POS	39%	Mfume	40%	Steele		
97	7/11-7/19	Zogby	50%	Mfume	41%	Steele		
98	7/11-7/19	Zogby	50%	Cardin	42%	Steele		
99	7/6-7/10	Baltimore Sun	47%	Cardin	36%	Steele		
100	7/6-7/10	Baltimore Sun	42%	Mfume	40%	Steele		
101	6/19-6/25	Washington Post	46%	Mfume	43%	Steele		
102	6/19-6/25	Washington Post	49%	Cardin	39%	Steele		
103	6/13-6/19	Zogby	51%	Cardin	40%	Steele		
104	4/4-4/13	Gonzales Research	49%	Cardin	35%	Steele		
105	4/4-4/13	Gonzales Research	44%	Mfume	39%	Steele		
106	3/22-3/27	Zogby	49%	Cardin	35%	Steele		
107	3/22-3/27	Zogby	45%	Mfume	44%	Steele		
108	1/12-1/16	Zogby	50%	Cardin	44%	Steele		
109	1/12-1/16	Zogby	43%	Mfume	49%	Steele		
110	11/13-11/15/05	V/CR for NRSC	29%	Cardin	37%	Steele		
111	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	30%	Mfume	42%	Steele		
112	10/27-11/1	Baltimore Sun	43%	Cardin	32%	Steele		
113	10/27-11/1	Baltimore Sun	38%	Mfume	39%	Steele		
114	10/25-10/31	Zogby	50%	Cardin	42%	Steele		
115	10/25-10/31	Zogby	45%	Mfume	47%	Steele		
116	10/17-10/21	Gonzales Research	47%	Cardin	38%	Steele		
117	10/17-10/21	Gonzales Research	40%	Mfume	42%	Steele		
118	10/17-10/21	Gonzales Research	36%	Van Susteren	44%	Steele		
119	10/17-10/21	Gonzales Research	35%	Lichtman	43%	Steele		
120	9/16-21/05	Zogby	49%	Cardin	45%	Steele		

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121	9/16-21/05	Zogby	46%	Mfume	47%	Steele			
122									
123	<i>Michigan</i>								
124	9/21-9/25	Zogby	49%	Stabenow	42%	Bouchard			
125	9/15-9/19	MRG	52%	Stabenow	30%	Bouchard			
126	9/15-9/17	Strategic Vision	51%	Stabenow	44%	Bouchard			
127	9/7-9/12	EPIC/MRA	51%	Stabenow	38%	Bouchard			
128	8/29-9/5	Zogby	50%	Stabenow	44%	Bouchard			
129	8/28-8/30	Selzer & Co.	50%	Stabenow	37%	Bouchard			
130	8/25-8/27	Strategic Vision	49%	Stabenow	42%	Bouchard			
131	8/21-8/22	EPIC/MRA	51%	Stabenow	38%	Bouchard			
132	8/15-8/21	Zogby	49%	Stabenow	45%	Bouchard			
133	8/9-8/14	EPIC/MRA	54%	Stabenow	42%	Bouchard			
134	7/21-7/23	Strategic Vision	52%	Stabenow	36%	Bouchard			
135	7/21-7/23	Strategic Vision	53%	Stabenow	33%	Butler			
136	7/11-7/19	Zogby	48%	Stabenow	42%	Bouchard			
137	7/7-7/12	Detroit Free Press	50%	Stabenow	26%	Butler			
138	7/7-7/12	Detroit Free Press	49%	Stabenow	29%	Bouchard			
139	6/13-6/19	Zogby	49%	Stabenow	41%	Bouchard			
140	6/17-6/19	Strategic Vision	48%	Stabenow	36%	Bouchard			
141	6/17-6/19	Strategic Vision	51%	Stabenow	33%	Butler			
142	5/19-5/21	Strategic Vision	48%	Stabenow	36%	Bouchard			
143	5/19-5/21	Strategic Vision	51%	Stabenow	33%	Butler			
144	5/1-5/8	EPIC/MRA	55%	Stabenow	28%	Bouchard			
145	5/1-5/8	EPIC/MRA	57%	Stabenow	29%	Butler			
146	4/17-4/19	Strategic Vision	48%	Stabenow	38%	Bouchard			
147	4/17-4/19	Strategic Vision	49%	Stabenow	32%	Butler			
148	3/22-3/27	Zogby	51%	Stabenow	39%	Butler			
149	3/22-3/27	Zogby	51%	Stabenow	38%	Bouchard			
150	3/10-3/12	Strategic Vision	48%	Stabenow	37%	Bouchard			

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151	3/10-3/12	Strategic Vision	51%	Stabenow	28%	Butler		
152	3/10-3/12	Strategic Vision	52%	Stabenow	24%	Zandstra		
153	3/5-3/8	EPIC/MRA	54%	Stabenow	36%	Bouchard		
154	1/27-1/29	Strategic Vision	50%	Stabenow	25%	Butler		
155	1/27-1/29	Strategic Vision	50%	Stabenow	25%	Zandstra		
156	1/12-1/16	Zogby	52%	Stabenow	39%	Butler		
157	1/12-1/16	Zogby	51%	Stabenow	38%	Zandstra		
158	1/27-1/29	Strategic Vision	49%	Stabenow	36%	Bouchard		
159	12/16-12/18/05	Strategic Vision	47%	Stabenow	35%	Bouchard		
160	12/16-12/18	Strategic Vision	48%	Stabenow	26%	Butler		
161	12/16-12/18	Strategic Vision	48%	Stabenow	24%	Zandstra		
162	11/20-11/23	R.A.	56%	Stabenow	36%	Bouchard		
163	11/18-11/20	Strategic Vision	45%	Stabenow	31%	Bouchard		
164	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	57%	Stabenow	32%	Bouchard		
165	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	58%	Stabenow	30%	Butler		
166	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	62%	Stabenow	26%	Zandstra		
167	10/25-10/31	Zogby	53%	Stabenow	38%	Butler		
168	10/21-10/23	Strategic Vision	47%	Stabenow	28%	Butler		
169	10/21-10/23	Strategic Vision	49%	Stabenow	22%	Zandstra		
170	9/25-9/27/05	Strategic Vision	48%	Stabenow	27%	Butler		
171	9/18-9/21/05	EPIC/MRA	49%	Stabenow	25%	Butler		
172	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	47%	Stabenow	41%	Butler		
173								
174	<b>Minnesota</b>							
175	9/26-9/28	Tarrance	51%	Klobuchar	36%	Kennedy		
176	9/25-9/27	Tarrance	50%	Klobuchar	39%	Kennedy		
177	9/24-9/25	Fabrizio, McLaughlin (R)	49%	Klobuchar	41%	Kennedy		
178	9/21-9/25	Zogby	49%	Klobuchar	40%	Kennedy		
179	9/18-9/20	Mason-Dixon	52%	Klobuchar	37%	Kennedy		
180	9/13-9/18	University of Minnesota	52%	Klobuchar	36%	Kennedy		

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181	9/13-9/15	Star Tribune	56%	Klobuchar	32%	Kennedy		
182	8/29-9/5	Zogby	49%	Klobuchar	40%	Kennedy		
183	8/15-8/21	Zogby	50%	Klobuchar	42%	Kennedy		
184	8/15-8/17	Tarrance	49%	Klobuchar	39%	Kennedy		
185	7/16-7/20	Bennett, Petts, Blumenthal	48%	Klobuchar	30%	Kennedy		
186	7/11-7/19	Zogby	49%	Klobuchar	43%	Kennedy		
187	7/6-7/11	Star Tribune	50%	Klobuchar	31%	Kennedy		
188	6/13-6/19	Zogby	49%	Klobuchar	41%	Kennedy		
189	4/20-4/26	Greenberg (D)	50%	Klobuchar	42%	Kennedy		
190	3/22-3/27	Zogby	49%	Klobuchar	41%	Kennedy		
191	11/13-11/15/05	V/CR for NRSC	48%	Klobuchar	34%	Kennedy		
192	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	48%	Wetterling	38%	Kennedy		
193	10/25-10/31	Zogby	49%	Klobuchar	43%	Kennedy		
194	10/25-10/31	Zogby	44%	Bell	44%	Kennedy		
195	10/25-10/31	Zogby	47%	Ciresi	43%	Kennedy		
196	10/4-6/05	Tarrance	48%	Wetterling	42%	Kennedy		
197	10/4-6/05	Tarrance	43%	Ciresi	42%	Kennedy		
198	10/4-6/05	Tarrance	51%	Klobuchar	36%	Kennedy		
199	9/16-21/05	Zogby	49%	Klobuchar	43%	Kennedy		
200	9/16-21/05	Zogby	48%	Wetterling	45%	Kennedy		
201	9/16-21/05	Zogby	43%	Bell	45%	Kennedy		
202								
203	<i>Missouri</i>							
204	10/10-10/12	American Viewpoint	45%	McCaskill	46%	Talent		
205	10/9-10/11	American Viewpoint	45%	McCaskill	46%	Talent		
206	10/3-10/5	American Viewpoint	43%	McCaskill	43%	Talent		
207	9/27-10/1	Gallup	48%	McCaskill	45%	Talent		
208	9/26-9/28	American Viewpoint	44%	McCaskill	43%	Talent		
209	9/25-10/1	Reuters/Zogby	39%	McCaskill	43%	Talent		
210	9/25-9/27	American Viewpoint	43%	McCaskill	45%	Talent		

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211	9/24-9/27	Mason-Dixon	43%	McCaskill	43%	Talent		
212	9/21-9/25	Zogby	45%	McCaskill	47%	Talent		
213	9/19-9/21	American Viewpoint	45%	McCaskill	45%	Talent		
214	9/18-9/20	American Viewpoint	48%	McCaskill	44%	Talent		
215	9/17-9/19	American Viewpoint	48%	McCaskill	42%	Talent		
216	9/12-9/14	American Viewpoint	47%	McCaskill	46%	Talent		
217	8/29-9/5	Zogby	45%	McCaskill	49%	Talent		
218	8/28-8/31	Research 2000	47%	McCaskill	46%	Talent		
219	8/23-8/27	Gallup	44%	McCaskill	50%	Talent		
220	8/15-8/21	Zogby	45%	McCaskill	50%	Talent		
221	7/11-7/19	Zogby	45%	McCaskill	49%	Talent		
222	6/19-6/22	Research 2000	49%	McCaskill	43%	Talent		
223	6/13-6/19	Zogby	44%	McCaskill	49%	Talent		
224	3/22-3/27	Zogby	45%	McCaskill	48%	Talent		
225	1/16-1/18	Research 2000	47%	McCaskill	44%	Talent		
226	1/12-1/16	Zogby	45%	McCaskill	49%	Talent		
227	11/13-11/15/05	V/CR for NRSC	45%	McCaskill	41%	Talent		
228	10/25-10/31	Zogby	46%	McCaskill	47%	Talent		
229	9/16-21/05	Zogby	47%	McCaskill	48%	Talent		
230								
231	<b>Montana</b>							
232	10/10-10/11	Moore Information	49%	Tester	39%	Burns		
233	9/26-9/28	Mason-Dixon	47%	Tester	40%	Burns		
234	9/25-10/1	Reuters/Zogby	46%	Tester	42%	Burns		
235	9/25-9/27	Moore Information	46%	Tester	41%	Burns		
236	8/23-8/27	Gallup	48%	Tester	45%	Burns		
237	8/8-8/10	Lake Research	44%	Tester	37%	Burns		
238	6/20-6/22	Lake Research	43%	Tester	42%	Burns		
239	4/25-4/27	Moore Information	37%	Tester	39%	Burns		
240	4/25-4/27	Moore Information	38%	Morrison	37%	Burns		

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241	4/25-4/27	Ayres McHenry	50%	Morrison	40%	Burns		
242	4/25-4/27	Ayres McHenry	48%	Tester	42%	Burns		
243	12/13-12/15/05	Mason-Dixon	40%	Morrison	46%	Burns		
244	12/13-12/15/05	Mason-Dixon	35%	Tester	49%	Burns		
245	12/4-5/05	Moore Information	36%	Tester	47%	Burns		
246	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	32%	Morrison	43%	Burns		
247	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	24%	Tester	47%	Burns		
248	10/25-10/31	Moore Information	42%	Morrison	47%	Burns		
249								
250	<b>Nebraska</b>							
251	11/13-11/15/05	V/CR for NRSC	62%	Nelson	15%	Kramer		
252	11/13-11/15/05	V/CR for NRSC	63%	Nelson	15%	Ricketts		
253	11/13-11/15/05	V/CR for NRSC	57%	Nelson	31%	Stenberg		
254								
255	<b>New Jersey</b>							
256	10/5-10/8	POS	41%	Menendez	39%	Kean Jr.		
257	10/4-10/1	Quinnipiac	49%	Menendez	45%	Kean Jr.		
258	9/29-10/1	Strategic Vision	41%	Menendez	46%	Kean Jr.		
259	9/28	Marist	37%	Menendez	42%	Kean Jr.		
260	9/27-10/2	Fairleigh Dickinson	42%	Menendez	37%	Kean Jr.		
261	9/27-10/1	Gallup	46%	Menendez	43%	Kean Jr.		
262	9/25-10/1	Reuters/Zogby	45%	Menendez	35%	Kean Jr.		
263	9/24-9/27	Mason-Dixon	44%	Menendez	41%	Kean Jr.		
264	9/24-9/26	Rutgers-Eagleton	45%	Menendez	44%	Kean Jr.		
265	9/21-9/25	Zogby	47%	Menendez	41%	Kean Jr.		
266	9/18-9/21	Monmouth Univ.	38%	Menendez	44%	Kean Jr.		
267	9/13-9/18	Quinnipiac	45%	Menendez	48%	Kean Jr.		
268	9/12-9/14	POS	38%	Menendez	41%	Kean Jr.		
269	9/8-9/10	Strategic Vision	40%	Menendez	44%	Kean Jr.		

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270	8/29-9/5	Zogby	40%	Menendez	40%	Kean Jr.		
271	8/21-8/27	Fairleigh Dickinson	39%	Menendez	43%	Kean Jr.		
272	8/15-8/21	Zogby	43%	Menendez	41%	Kean Jr.		
273	8/11-8/13	Strategic Vision	42%	Menendez	40%	Kean Jr.		
274	7/31-8/2	POS	38%	Menendez	39%	Kean Jr.		
275	7/11-7/19	Zogby	45%	Menendez	39%	Kean Jr.		
276	7/11-7/13	Monmouth Univ.	38%	Menendez	37%	Kean Jr.		
277	7/10-7/16	Fairleigh Dickinson	43%	Menendez	40%	Kean Jr.		
278	7/8-7/12	Quinnipiac	38%	Menendez	40%	Kean Jr.		
279	7/7-7/9	Strategic Vision	43%	Menendez	37%	Kean Jr.		
280	6/14-6/19	Rutgers-Eagleton	42%	Menendez	38%	Kean Jr.		
281	6/16-6/18	Strategic Vision	38%	Menendez	36%	Kean Jr.		
282	6/13-6/19	Zogby	41%	Menendez	40%	Kean Jr.		
283	5/12-5/14	Strategic Vision	35%	Menendez	35%	Kean Jr.		
284	4/18-4/24	Quinnipiac	40%	Menendez	34%	Kean Jr.		
285	3/27-4/2	Fairleigh Dickinson	38%	Menendez	42%	Kean Jr.		
286	3/26-3/30	Rutgers-Eagleton	40%	Menendez	35%	Kean Jr.		
287	3/22-3/27	Zogby	40%	Menendez	40%	Kean Jr.		
288	3/8-3/14	Quinnipiac	40%	Menendez	36%	Kean Jr.		
289	3/6-3/8	Strategic Vision	30%	Menendez	32%	Kean Jr.		
290	2/27-3/6	Fairleigh Dickinson	42%	Menendez	37%	Kean Jr.		
291	2/8-2/10	Zogby	37%	Menendez	32%	Kean Jr.		
292	2/3-2/5	Strategic Vision	28%	Menendez	33%	Kean Jr.		
293	1/18-1/23	Quinnipiac	38%	Menendez	36%	Kean Jr.		
294	1/12-1/16	Zogby	38%	Menendez	43%	Kean Jr.		
295	1/3-1/10	Fairleigh Dickinson	25%	Menendez	36%	Kean Jr.		
296	12/10-12/13/05	Quinnipiac	44%	Menendez	38%	Kean Jr.		
297	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	20%	Andrews	27%	Kean Jr.		
298	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	18%	Menendez	31%	Kean Jr.		
299	10/25-10/31	Zogby	37%	Andrews	41%	Kean Jr.		

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300	10/25-10/31	Zogby	50%	Codey	39%	Kean Jr.		
301	9/16-21/05	Zogby	36%	Andrews	44%	Kean Jr.		
302	9/16-21/05	Zogby	34%	Menendez	43%	Kean Jr.		
303	9/16-21/05	Zogby	45%	Codey	41%	Kean Jr.		
304								
305	<b>New Mexico</b>							
306	9/25-9/28	<i>Albuquerque Journal</i>	65%	Bingaman	19%	McCulloch		
307	9/21-9/25	Zogby	57%	Bingaman	32%	McCulloch		
308	8/29-9/5	Zogby	59%	Bingaman	33%	McCulloch		
309	8/15-8/21	Zogby	53%	Bingaman	32%	McCulloch		
310	7/11-7/19	Zogby	53%	Bingaman	32%	McCulloch		
311	6/13-6/19	Zogby	55%	Bingaman	33%	McCulloch		
312	3/22-3/27	Zogby	50%	Bingaman	31%	Pfeffer		
313	1/12-1/16	Zogby	57%	Bingaman	29%	Sanchez		
314	1/12-1/16	Zogby	57%	Bingaman	26%	McCulloch		
315	10/25-10/31	Zogby	52%	Bingaman	39%	Wilson		
316	9/16-21/05	Zogby	52%	Bingaman	41%	Wilson		
317								
318	<b>Nevada</b>							
319	9/21-9/25	Zogby	42%	Carter	49%	Ensign		
320	9/19-9/21	Mason-Dixon	35%	Carter	58%	Ensign		
321	9/5-9/7	Research 2000	35%	Carter	56%	Ensign		
322	8/29-9/5	Zogby	40%	Carter	52%	Ensign		
323	8/15-8/21	Zogby	45%	Carter	48%	Ensign		
324	8/8-8/9	Mason-Dixon	33%	Carter	54%	Ensign		
325	7/11-7/19	Zogby	35%	Carter	50%	Ensign		
326	4/3-4/5	Mason-Dixon	27%	Carter	60%	Ensign		
327	3/22-3/27	Zogby	40%	Goodman	48%	Ensign		
328	1/12-1/16	Zogby	34%	Carter	52%	Ensign		

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329	1/12-1/16	Zogby	38%	Goodman	52%	Ensign		
330	10/25-10/31	Zogby	43%	Goodman	45%	Ensign		
331	9/16-21/05	Zogby	39%	Goodman	48%	Ensign		
332								
333	<b>New York</b>							
334	9/26-10/1	Quinnipiac	66%	Clinton	31%	Spencer		
335	9/21-9/25	Zogby	55%	Clinton	31%	Spencer		
336	9/13-9/14	Siena College	62%	Clinton	33%	Spencer		
337	8/29-9/5	Zogby	57%	Clinton	33%	Spencer		
338	8/23-8/26	Quinnipiac	62%	Clinton	26%	Spencer		
339	8/15-8/21	Zogby	55%	Clinton	34%	Spencer		
340	7/11-7/19	Zogby	53%	Clinton	34%	Spencer		
341	6/13-6/19	Zogby	51%	Clinton	33%	Spencer		
342	6/12-6/19	Quinnipiac	58%	Clinton	31%	McFarland		
343	6/12-6/19	Quinnipiac	57%	Clinton	33%	Spencer		
344	4/24-5/2	Siena College	59%	Clinton	31%	McFarland		
345	4/23-4/26	Manhattanville College	58%	Clinton	27%	Spencer		
346	4/23-4/26	Manhattanville College	59%	Clinton	26%	McFarland		
347	3/22-3/27	Zogby	54%	Clinton	33%	Spencer		
348	3/1-3/7	Siena College	57%	Clinton	32%	Spencer		
349	2/26-3/5	Newsday/NY1	57%	Clinton	30%	Spencer		
350	2/24-2/26	Strategic Vision	63%	Clinton	24%	Spencer		
351	1/24-2/6	Marist	62%	Clinton	33%	Spencer		
352	1/23-1/27	Siena College	58%	Clinton	31%	Spencer		
353	1/12-1/16	Zogby	60%	Clinton	32%	Cox		
354	1/12-1/16	Zogby	61%	Clinton	30%	Spencer		
355	1/10-1/16	Quinnipiac	60%	Clinton	30%	Spencer		
356	1/10-1/16	Quinnipiac	60%	Clinton	29%	Cox		
357	12/7-12/12	Quinnipiac	62%	Clinton	30%	Pirro		
358	12/2-4/2005	Strategic Vision	58%	Clinton	31%	Pirro		

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359	11/9-11/11	Siena College	59%	Clinton	31%	Pirro			
360	10/25-10/31	Zogby	58%	Clinton	32%	Spencer			
361	10/25-10/31	Zogby	58%	Clinton	34%	Pirro			
362	10/23-10/25/05	Strategic Vision	57%	Clinton	34%	Pirro			
363	10/4-10/10/05	Siena College	60%	Clinton	30%	Cox			
364	10/4-10/10/05	Siena College	59%	Clinton	31%	Pirro			
365	9/26-10/2/05	Quinnipiac	62%	Clinton	30%	Cox			
366	9/26-10/2/05	Quinnipiac	61%	Clinton	30%	Pirro			
367	9/26-9/28/05	Strategic Vision	62%	Clinton	22%	Cox			
368	9/26-9/28/05	Strategic Vision	55%	Clinton	33%	Pirro			
369	9/26-9/27/05	Marist	61%	Clinton	34%	Cox			
370	9/26-9/27/05	Marist	59%	Clinton	35%	Pirro			
371	9/16-21/05	Zogby	55%	Clinton	34%	Cox			
372	9/16-21/05	Zogby	56%	Clinton	34%	Pirro			
373									
374	<b>North Dakota</b>								
375	10/18-10/19	The Tarrance Group	69%	Conrad	24%	Cramer			
376									
377	<b>Ohio</b>								
378	10/8-10/12	Tarrance Group	54%	Brown	39%	DeWine			
379	10/1-10/4	Tarrance Group	53%	Brown	42%	DeWine			
380	9/25-10/1	Reuters/Zogby	41%	Brown	41%	DeWine			
381	9/25-9/28	Tarrance Group	49%	Brown	43%	DeWine			
382	9/25-9/27	Mason-Dixon	45%	Brown	43%	DeWine			
383	9/24-9/27	Tarrance Group	48%	Brown	43%	DeWine			
384	9/21-9/25	Zogby	45%	Brown	41%	DeWine			
385	9/19-9/21	Tarrance Group	45%	Brown	47%	DeWine			
386	9/17-9/19	Tarrance Group	48%	Brown	46%	DeWine			
387	9/09-9/22	Columbus Dispatch	47%	Brown	42%	DeWine			

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388	9/07-9/17	Univ. of Cincinnati	51%	Brown	47%	DeWine			
389	9/11-9/17	Quinnipiac	45%	Brown	44%	DeWine			
390	8/29-9/5	Zogby	45%	Brown	40%	DeWine			
391	8/27-8/29	Tarrance Group	46%	Brown	49%	DeWine			
392	8/23-8/27	Gallup	46%	Brown	40%	DeWine			
393	8/15-8/21	Zogby	47%	Brown	39%	DeWine			
394	7/11-7/19	Zogby	45%	Brown	37%	DeWine			
395	7/11-7/20	Columbus Dispatch	45%	Brown	37%	DeWine			
396	6/13-6/19	Zogby	47%	Brown	34%	DeWine			
397	5/9-5/21	Univ. of Cincinnati	42%	Brown	52%	DeWine			
398	4/24-4/26	Mason-Dixon	36%	Brown	47%	DeWine			
399	4/4-4/27	Feldman Group	44%	Brown	45%	DeWine			
400	4/11-4/13	Tarrance Group	43%	Brown	46%	DeWine			
401	3/22-3/27	Zogby	46%	Brown	37%	DeWine			
402	1/12-1/16	Zogby	41%	Brown	37%	DeWine			
403	1/12-1/16	Zogby	42%	Hackett	35%	DeWine			
404	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	35%	Hackett	47%	DeWine			
405	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	43%	Brown	45%	DeWine			
406	10/25-10/31	Zogby	45%	Hackett	35%	DeWine			
407	10/24-11/3	Columbus Dispatch	35%	Brown	31%	DeWine			
408	10/24-11/3	Columbus Dispatch	31%	Hackett	32%	DeWine			
409	9/16-21/05	Zogby	44%	Hackett	36%	DeWine			
410									
411	<b>Pennsylvania</b>								
412	9/27-10/1	American Viewpoint	49%	Casey	39%	Santorum			
413	9/25-10/1	Reuters/Zogby	48%	Casey	36%	Santorum			
414	9/22-9/26	Mason-Dixon	49%	Casey	40%	Santorum			
415	9/22-9/24	Strategic Vision	50%	Casey	41%	Santorum			
416	9/21-9/25	Zogby	47%	Casey	40%	Santorum			
417	9/19-9/24	Quinnipiac	51%	Casey	39%	Santorum	4%	Romanelli	

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1	Date	Source	DEM		GOP			
418	9/19-9/20	Keystone Poll	45%	Casey	38%	Santorum	5%	Romanelli
419	9/18-9/20	Temple Univ.	49%	Casey	39%	Santorum		
420	9/11-9/18	Princeton Survey Research	52%	Casey	31%	Santorum	3%	Romanelli
421	8/29-9/5	Zogby	47%	Casey	43%	Santorum		
422	8/23-8/27	Gallup	56%	Casey	38%	Santorum		
423	8/16-8/21	Keystone Poll	44%	Casey	39%	Santorum	4%	Romanelli
424	8/15-8/21	Zogby	51%	Casey	42%	Santorum		
425	8/13-8/16	Benenson Strategy (D)	48%	Casey	37%	Santorum	3%	Romanelli
426	8/13-8/16	Benenson Strategy (D)	51%	Casey	37%	Santorum		
427	8/11-8/13	Strategic Vision	47%	Casey	41%	Santorum	4%	Romanelli
428	8/8-8/13	Quinnipiac	51%	Casey	44%	Santorum	5%	Romanelli
429	8/8-8/13	Quinnipiac	48%	Casey	42%	Santorum		
430	7/31-8/3	Muhlenberg College	45%	Casey	39%	Santorum		
431	7/14-7/16	Strategic Vision	50%	Casey	40%	Santorum		
432	7/11-7/19	Zogby	49%	Casey	40%	Santorum		
433	6/13-6/19	Zogby	48%	Casey	41%	Santorum		
434	6/13-6/19	Quinnipiac	52%	Casey	34%	Santorum		
435	6/9-6/11	Strategic Vision	49%	Casey	40%	Santorum		
436	5/21-5/25	Greenberg Quinlan Rosner	54%	Casey	41%	Santorum		
437	5/5-5/7	Strategic Vision	49%	Casey	41%	Santorum		
438	5/2-5/8	Quinnipiac	49%	Casey	36%	Santorum		
439	4/27-5/1	Keystone Poll	47%	Casey	41%	Santorum		
440	4/17-4/24	Muhlenberg College	46%	Casey	38%	Santorum		
441	4/3-4/7	Strategic Vision	50%	Casey	40%	Santorum		
442	3/28-4/3	Quinnipiac	48%	Casey	37%	Santorum		
443	3/27-4/2	V/CR	50%	Casey	37%	Santorum		
444	3/22-3/27	Zogby	46%	Casey	39%	Santorum		
445	3/10-3/12	Strategic Vision	52%	Casey	38%	Santorum		
446	2/25-3/2	Muhlenberg College	49%	Casey	37%	Santorum		
447	1/31-2/6	Quinnipiac	51%	Casey	36%	Santorum		

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448	1/31-2/5	Keystone Poll	50%	Casey	39%	Santorum		
449	1/20-1/22	Strategic Vision	50%	Casey	40%	Santorum		
450	1/12-1/16	Zogby	51%	Casey	41%	Santorum		
451	12/16-12/18	Strategic Vision	50%	Casey	39%	Santorum		
452	11/30-12/6	Quinnipiac	50%	Casey	38%	Santorum		
453	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	46%	Casey	35%	Santorum		
454	11/11-11/13	Strategic Vision	51%	Casey	36%	Santorum		
455	11/2-11/7	Keystone Poll	51%	Casey	35%	Santorum		
456	10/25-10/31	Zogby	50%	Casey	40%	Santorum		
457	10/14-10/16	Strategic Vision	52%	Casey	36%	Santorum		
458	9/27-10/3	Quinnipiac	52%	Casey	34%	Santorum		
459	9/18-9/25/05	Muhlenberg College	37%	Casey	29%	Santorum		
460	9/16-21/05	Zogby	51%	Casey	42%	Santorum		
461	9/10-9/12/05	Strategic Vision	52%	Casey	38%	Santorum		
462	9/8-9/13/05	Keystone Poll	50%	Casey	37%	Santorum		
463								
464	<i>Rhode Island</i>							
465	10/2-10/4	RI College	40%	Whitehouse	37%	Chafee		
466	9/29-10/6	TargetPoint	44%	Whitehouse	39%	Chafee		
467	9/27-10/1	Gallup	50%	Whitehouse	39%	Chafee		
468	9/25-10/1	Reuters/Zogby	45%	Whitehouse	41%	Chafee		
469	9/25-9/28	Mason-Dixon	42%	Whitehouse	41%	Chafee		
470	9/19-9/21	POS	49%	Whitehouse	37%	Chafee		
471	9/15-9/19	American Research Group	45%	Whitehouse	40%	Chafee		
472	9/16-9/18	Brown Univ.	40%	Whitehouse	39%	Chafee		
473	8/16-8/21	Fleming & Assoc.	42%	Whitehouse	43%	Chafee		
474	8/16-8/21	Fleming & Assoc.	58%	Whitehouse	26%	Laffey		
475	6/24-6/26	Brown Univ.	37%	Whitehouse	38%	Chafee		
476	6/24-6/26	Brown Univ.	55%	Whitehouse	25%	Laffey		
477	6/12-6/15	RI College	40%	Whitehouse	43%	Chafee		

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478	6/12-6/15	RI College	58%	Whitehouse	27%	Laffey			
479	2/4-2/6/06	Brown Univ.	34%	Whitehouse	40%	Chafee			
480	2/4-2/6/06	Brown Univ.	36%	Brown	38%	Chafee			
481									
482	<i>Tennessee</i>								
483	10/9-10, 10/12	POS	47%	Ford Jr.	43%	Corker			
484	10/3-10/5	POS	46%	Ford Jr.	43%	Corker			
485	10/2-10/4	Hamilton Beattie (D)	51%	Ford Jr.	44%	Corker			
486	9/27-10/1	Gallup	50%	Ford Jr.	45%	Corker			
487	9/26-9/28	POS	48%	Ford Jr.	43%	Corker			
488	9/25-10/1	Reuters/Zogby	40%	Ford Jr.	40%	Corker			
489	9/25-9/27	Mason-Dixon	43%	Ford Jr.	42%	Corker			
490	9/21-9/25	Zogby	42%	Ford Jr.	48%	Corker			
491	9/19-9/30	Middle Tn. State Univ.	42%	Ford Jr.	43%	Corker			
492	9/18-9/20	POS	45%	Ford Jr.	46%	Corker			
493	9/12 & 9/14	POS	46%	Ford Jr.	45%	Corker			
494	8/29-9/5	Zogby	43%	Ford Jr.	45%	Corker			
495	8/15-8/21	Zogby	44%	Ford Jr.	48%	Corker			
496	8/10-8/15	Benenson Strategy (D)	44%	Ford Jr.	42%	Corker			
497	7/23-7/25	Voter/Consumer Research	39%	Ford Jr.	54%	Corker			
498	7/17-7/19	Mason-Dixon	40%	Ford Jr.	43%	Bryant			
499	7/17-7/19	Mason-Dixon	41%	Ford Jr.	41%	Hilleary			
500	7/17-7/19	Mason-Dixon	36%	Ford Jr.	49%	Corker			
501	7/11-7/19	Zogby	44%	Ford Jr.	43%	Corker			
502	7/5-7/16	Univ. of TN-Knoxville	36%	Ford Jr.	37%	Bryant			
503	7/5-7/16	Univ. of TN-Knoxville	38%	Ford Jr.	37%	Hilleary			
504	7/5-7/16	Univ. of TN-Knoxville	35%	Ford Jr.	42%	Corker			
505	6/13-6/19	Zogby	41%	Ford Jr.	46%	Bryant			
506	6/13-6/19	Zogby	43%	Ford Jr.	43%	Hilleary			
507	6/13-6/19	Zogby	41%	Ford Jr.	42%	Corker			

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508	6/11-6/12	Zogby	42%	Ford Jr.	46%	Corker		
509	6/11-6/12	Zogby	41%	Ford Jr.	43%	Hilleary		
510	6/11-6/12	Zogby	42%	Ford Jr.	42%	Bryant		
511	3/22-3/27	Zogby	44%	Ford Jr.	47%	Hilleary		
512	3/22-3/27	Zogby	42%	Ford Jr.	50%	Bryant		
513	1/12-1/16	Zogby	41%	Ford Jr.	42%	Corker		
514	1/12-1/16	Zogby	42%	Ford Jr.	47%	Hilleary		
515	1/12-1/16	Zogby	41%	Ford Jr.	49%	Bryant		
516	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	40%	Ford Jr.	41%	Hilleary		
517	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	42%	Ford Jr.	29%	Corker		
518	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	39%	Ford Jr.	37%	Bryant		
519	10/25-10/31	Zogby	41%	Ford Jr.	48%	Hilleary		
520	10/25-10/31	Zogby	41%	Ford Jr.	48%	Bryant		
521	9/16-21/05	Zogby	41%	Ford Jr.	50%	Hilleary		
522	9/16-21/05	Zogby	40%	Ford Jr.	51%	Bryant		
523								
524	<i>Texas</i>							
525	9/21-9/25	Zogby	30%	Radnofsky	54%	Hutchison		
526	8/29-9/5	Zogby	39%	Radnofsky	48%	Hutchison		
527	8/15-8/21	Zogby	37%	Radnofsky	55%	Hutchison		
528	7/11-7/19	Zogby	37%	Radnofsky	52%	Hutchison		
529	6/13-6/19	Zogby	33%	Radnofsky	57%	Hutchison		
530	3/22-3/27	Zogby	31%	Radnofsky	60%	Hutchison		
531	1/12-1/16	Zogby	33%	Kirk	56%	Hutchison		
532	1/12-1/16	Zogby	32%	Radnofsky	58%	Hutchison		
533	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	9%	Radnofsky	62%	Hutchison		
534	10/25-10/31	Zogby	39%	Kirk	55%	Hutchison		
535	9/16-21/05	Zogby	27%	Kirk	50%	Hutchison		
536								

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537	<i>Vermont</i>							
538	9/13-9/14	American Research Group	55%	Sanders (I)	40%	Tarrant		
539	7/26-7/27	American Research Group	56%	Sanders (I)	35%	Tarrant		
540	5/5-5/6	Research 2000	64%	Sanders (I)	22%	Parke		
541	5/5-5/6	Research 2000	61%	Sanders (I)	24%	Tarrant		
542	10/31-11/1/05	Research 2000	64%	Sanders (I)	16%	Tarrant		
543								
544	<i>Virginia</i>							
545	10/9-10/11	McLaughlin	44%	Webb	47%	Allen		
546	10/2-10/4	POS	40%	Webb	48%	Allen		
547	9/27-10/1	Gallup	45%	Webb	48%	Allen		
548	9/25-10/1	Reuters/Zogby	37%	Webb	48%	Allen		
549	9/23-9/27	Mason-Dixon	43%	Webb	43%	Allen		
550	9/21-9/25	Zogby	44%	Webb	49%	Allen		
551	9/5-9/7	Mason-Dixon	42%	Webb	46%	Allen		
552	8/29-9/5	Zogby	50%	Webb	43%	Allen		
553	8/15-8/21	Zogby	49%	Webb	47%	Allen		
554	7/25-7/27	Mason-Dixon	32%	Webb	48%	Allen		
555	7/12-7/15	Zogby	37%	Webb	47%	Allen		
556	7/11-7/19	Zogby	41%	Webb	52%	Allen		
557	6/22-6/27	Benenson Strategy Group	39%	Webb	46%	Allen		
558								
559	<i>Washington</i>							
560	9/24-9/27	Mason-Dixon	50%	Cantwell	40%	McGavick		
561	9/22-9/24	Strategic Vision	49%	Cantwell	40%	McGavick		
562	9/21-9/25	Zogby	50%	Cantwell	43%	McGavick		
563	9/18-9/20	Moore Information	47%	Cantwell	39%	McGavick		
564	9/18-9/19	Moore Information	47%	Cantwell	39%	McGavick		
565	8/29-9/5	Zogby	50%	Cantwell	42%	McGavick		

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566	8/25-8/27	Strategic Vision	48%	Cantwell	43%	McGavick		
567	8/15-8/21	Zogby	51%	Cantwell	43%	McGavick		
568	7/21-7/23	Strategic Vision	48%	Cantwell	44%	McGavick		
569	6/23-6/25	Strategic Vision	47%	Cantwell	43%	McGavick		
570	6/13-6/19	Zogby	48%	Cantwell	43%	McGavick		
571	6/12-6/14	Moore Information	43%	Cantwell	37%	McGavick		
572	5/19-5/21	Strategic Vision	47%	Cantwell	42%	McGavick		
573	4/21-4/23	Strategic Vision	48%	Cantwell	40%	McGavick		
574	4/20-4/23	Elway Group	52%	Cantwell	23%	McGavick		
575	3/24-3/26	Strategic Vision	49%	Cantwell	39%	McGavick		
576	3/22-3/27	Zogby	49%	Cantwell	42%	McGavick		
577	2/10-2/12	Strategic Vision	48%	Cantwell	40%	McGavick		
578	1/12-1/16	Zogby	50%	Cantwell	39%	Hutchinson		
579	1/12-1/16	Zogby	50%	Cantwell	41%	McGavick		
580	12/2-4/2005	Strategic Vision	50%	Cantwell	39%	McGavick		
581	11/13-11/15	V/CR for NRSC	55%	Cantwell	31%	McGavick		
582	10/25-10/31	Zogby	50%	Cantwell	41%	McGavick		
583	10/23-10/25	Strategic Vision	48%	Cantwell	39%	McGavick		
584	9/19-9/21/05	Strategic Vision	49%	Cantwell	39%	McGavick		
585	9/16-21/05	Zogby	49%	Cantwell	39%	McGavick		
586								
587	<b>West Virginia</b>							
588	6/22-6/24	RMS Strategies	59%	Byrd	30%	Raese		
589	11/13-15/05	V/CR for NRSC	68%	Byrd	21%	Capeheart		
590	11/13-15/05	V/CR for NRSC	69%	Byrd	19%	Altmeyer		
591	11/13-15/05	V/CR for NRSC	58%	Byrd	31%	Capito		
592								
593	<b>Wisconsin</b>							
594	9/21-9/25	Zogby	47%	Kohl	34%	Lorge		

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595	8/29-9/5	Zogby	50%	Kohl	35%	Lorge		
596	8/15-8/21	Zogby	51%	Kohl	33%	Lorge		
597	7/11-7/19	Zogby	47%	Kohl	42%	Michels		
598	6/13-6/19	Zogby	50%	Kohl	41%	Neumann		
599	4/7-4/9	Strategic Vision	55%	Kohl	38%	Michels		
600	3/22-3/27	Zogby	49%	Kohl	40%	Michels		
601	3/3-3/5	Strategic Vision	41%	Kohl	46%	Thompson		
602	1/27-1/29	Strategic Vision	58%	Kohl	22%	Redick		
603	1/27-1/29	Strategic Vision	57%	Kohl	38%	Michels		
604	1/27-1/29	Strategic Vision	60%	Kohl	27%	Lorge		
605	1/27-1/29	Strategic Vision	42%	Kohl	46%	Thompson		
606	1/12-1/16	Zogby	50%	Kohl	42%	Neumann		
607	1/12-1/16	Zogby	48%	Kohl	47%	Thompson		
608	12/16-12/18	Strategic Vision	56%	Kohl	37%	Michels		
609	12/16-12/18	Strategic Vision	59%	Kohl	29%	Lorge		
610	12/16-12/18	Strategic Vision	42%	Kohl	45%	Thompson		
611	11/11-11/13	Strategic Vision	42%	Kohl	44%	Thompson		
612	10/25-10/31	Zogby	50%	Kohl	43%	Neumann		
613	10/25-10/31	Zogby	49%	Kohl	46%	Thompson		
614	9/16-21/05	Zogby	50%	Kohl	42%	Neumann		
615	9/16-21/05	Zogby	48%	Kohl	47%	Thompson		

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2	<i>Alabama</i>									
3	9/30-10/3	Univ. of South AL/Mobile Register	32%	Baxley	57%	Riley				
4	9/5-9/7	Birmingham News	34%	Baxley	55%	Riley				
5	6/12-6/14	Univ. of South AL/Mobile Register	25%	Baxley	53%	Riley				
6	4/22-4/27	Univ. of South AL/Mobile Register	35%	Siegelman	39%	Moore				
7	4/22-4/27	Univ. of South AL/Mobile Register	50%	Baxley	32%	Moore				
8	4/22-4/27	Univ. of South AL/Mobile Register	23%	Siegelman	56%	Riley				
9	4/22-4/27	Univ. of South AL/Mobile Register	33%	Baxley	49%	Riley				
10	2/4-2/8/06	Univ. of South AL/Mobile Register	28%	Moore (R)	56%	Riley				
11										
12	<i>Alaska</i>									
13		Ivan Moore Research	37%	Knowles	48%	Palin				
14	8/24-8/30	Dittman Research	29%	Knowles	46%	Palin				
15	6/1-6/4	Ivan Moore Research	43%	Knowles	39%	Palin				
16	6/1-6/4	Ivan Moore Research	45%	Knowles	37%	Binkley				
17	6/1-6/4	Ivan Moore Research	53%	Knowles	21%	Murkowski				
18										
19	<i>Arizona</i>									
20	9/21-9/25	Zogby	50%	Napolitano	41%	Munsil				
21	9/21-9/24	KAET-ASU	64%	Napolitano	28%	Munsil				
22	8/29-9/5	Zogby	51%	Napolitano	40%	Goldwater				
23	8/15-8/21	Zogby	51%	Napolitano	39%	Goldwater				
24	7/11-7/19	Zogby	49%	Napolitano	41%	Goldwater				
25	7/8-7/21	Behavior Research Center	57%	Napolitano	17%	Munsil				
26	7/8-7/21	Behavior Research Center	58%	Napolitano	24%	Goldwater				
27	6/13-6/19	Zogby	48%	Napolitano	40%	Goldwater				
28	3/22-3/27	Zogby	47%	Napolitano	36%	Goldwater				
29	1/12-1/16	Zogby	50%	Napolitano	37%	Goldwater				
30	10/25-10/31	Zogby	46%	Napolitano	43%	Goldwater				

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31	10/20-10/23	KAET-ASU	54%	Napolitano	24%	Goldwater				
32	10/20-10/23	KAET-ASU	58%	Napolitano	16%	Greene				
33	10/19-10/28	Behavior Research Center	53%	Napolitano	21%	Goldwater				
34	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	47%	Napolitano	45%	Goldwater				
35										
36	<i>Arkansas</i>									
37	10/3-10/5	RGA	44%	Beebe	39%	Hutchison				
38	9/26-9/30	Opinion Research	53%	Beebe	35%	Hutchison				
39	9/21-9/25	Zogby	47%	Beebe	43%	Hutchison				
40	8/29-9/5	Zogby	48%	Beebe	44%	Hutchison				
41	8/15-8/21	Zogby	50%	Beebe	42%	Hutchison				
42	7/11-7/19	Zogby	48%	Beebe	44%	Hutchison				
43	7/10-7/24	POS for RGA	46%	Beebe	41%	Hutchison				
44	3/22-3/27	Zogby	47%	Beebe	41%	Hutchison				
45	1/12-1/16	Zogby	45%	Beebe	47%	Hutchison				
46	10/25-10/31	Zogby	39%	Beebe	49%	Hutchison				
47	10/16-10/17/05	POS	42%	Beebe	39%	Hutchison				
48	10/8-10/17/05	Univ. of AR	47%	Beebe	40%	Hutchison				
49	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	41%	Beebe	46%	Hutchison				
50										
51	<i>California</i>									
52	10/3-10/5	POS	33%	Angelides	46%	Schwarzenegger				
53	9/26-9/28	San Jose State Univ.	33%	Angelides	46%	Schwarzenegger				
54	9/25-9/28	Mason-Dixon	36%	Angelides	49%	Schwarzenegger				
55	9/23-9/28	LA Times	33%	Angelides	50%	Schwarzenegger				
56	9/21-9/25	Zogby	34%	Angelides	43%	Schwarzenegger				
57	9/14-9/24	Field Poll	34%	Angelides	44%	Schwarzenegger				
58	9/13-9/20	Public Policy Inst. of CA	31%	Angelides	48%	Schwarzenegger				
59	9/12-9/15	Datamar	31%	Angelides	54%	Schwarzenegger				
60	8/29-9/5	Zogby	40%	Angelides	44%	Schwarzenegger				
61	8/16-8/23	Public Policy Inst. of CA	32%	Angelides	45%	Schwarzenegger				

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62	8/15-8/21	Zogby	40%	Angelides	45%	Schwarzenegger				
63	7/10-7/23	Field Poll	37%	Angelides	45%	Schwarzenegger				
64	7/11-7/19	Zogby	44%	Angelides	42%	Schwarzenegger				
65	7/5-7/18	Public Policy Inst. of CA	30%	Angelides	43%	Schwarzenegger				
66	6/26-6/30	San Jose State Univ.	37%	Angelides	44%	Schwarzenegger				
67	6/13-6/19	Zogby	45%	Angelides	45%	Schwarzenegger				
68	5/20-5/25	LA Times	46%	Angelides	45%	Schwarzenegger				
69	5/20-5/25	LA Times	50%	Westley	40%	Schwarzenegger				
70	5/14-5/21	Public Policy Inst. of CA	38%	Angelides	38%	Schwarzenegger				
71	5/14-5/21	Public Policy Inst. of CA	36%	Westley	36%	Schwarzenegger				
72	4/21-4/27	LA Times	43%	Angelides	43%	Schwarzenegger				
73	4/21-4/27	LA Times	48%	Westley	39%	Schwarzenegger				
74	4/3-4/10	Field Poll	43%	Westley	43%	Schwarzenegger				
75	4/3-4/10	Field Poll	40%	Angelides	44%	Schwarzenegger				
76	3/27-4/1	San Jose State Univ.	37%	Westley	38%	Schwarzenegger				
77	3/27-4/1	San Jose State Univ.	37%	Angelides	40%	Schwarzenegger				
78	3/22-3/27	Zogby	46%	Angelides	41%	Schwarzenegger				
79	3/22-3/27	Zogby	47%	Westley	38%	Schwarzenegger				
80	3/15-3/22	Public Policy Inst. of CA	29%	Angelides	41%	Schwarzenegger				
81	3/15-3/22	Public Policy Inst. of CA	31%	Westley	39%	Schwarzenegger				
82	2/12-2/26	Field Poll	41%	Westley	37%	Schwarzenegger				
83	2/12-2/26	Field Poll	39%	Angelides	39%	Schwarzenegger				
84	1/12-1/16	Zogby	48%	Angelides	41%	Schwarzenegger				
85	10/25-10/31	Zogby	44%	Westley	41%	Schwarzenegger				
86	10/25-10/31	Zogby	48%	Angelides	41%	Schwarzenegger				
87	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	45%	Westley	41%	Schwarzenegger				
88	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	49%	Angelides	41%	Schwarzenegger				
89										
90	<i>Colorado</i>									
91	10/3-10/5	Mason-Dixon	50%	Ritter	35%	Beauprez				
92	9/26-10/2	Ciruli & Assoc.	43%	Ritter	33%	Beauprez				

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93	9/21-9/25	Zogby	46%	Ritter	43%	Beauprez				
94	9/10-9/12	POS	50%	Ritter	33%	Beauprez				
95	8/29-9/5	Zogby	48%	Ritter	39%	Beauprez				
96	8/15-8/21	Zogby	46%	Ritter	39%	Beauprez				
97	7/12-7/13	Mason-Dixon	42%	Ritter	35%	Beauprez				
98	7/11-7/19	Zogby	43%	Ritter	31%	Beauprez				
99	6/13-6/19	Zogby	44%	Ritter	36%	Beauprez				
100	3/22-3/27	Zogby	41%	Ritter	36%	Holtzman				
101	3/22-3/27	Zogby	40%	Ritter	38%	Beauprez				
102	2/6-2/8	Mason-Dixon	43%	Ritter	24%	Holtzman				
103	2/6-2/8	Mason-Dixon	43%	Ritter	37%	Beauprez				
104	1/12-1/16	Zogby	39%	Ritter	36%	Holtzman				
105	1/12-1/16	Zogby	40%	Ritter	37%	Beauprez				
106	10/25-10/31	Zogby	38%	Ritter	42%	Beauprez				
107	10/11-10/13/05	Mason-Dixon	42%	Ritter	36%	Beauprez				
108	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	39%	Ritter	44%	Beauprez				
109										
110	<i>Connecticut</i>									
111	10/10-10/11	UCONN	28%	DeStefano	50%	Rell				
112	10/4-10/8	UCONN	28%	DeStefano	56%	Rell				
113	9/21-9/25	Quinnipiac	30%	DeStefano	63%	Rell				
114	8/10-8/14	Quinnipiac	32%	DeStefano	64%	Rell				
115	7/13-7/18	Quinnipiac	23%	Malloy	64%	Rell				
116	7/13-7/18	Quinnipiac	25%	DeStefano	62%	Rell				
117	5/31-6/6	Quinnipiac	22%	Malloy	65%	Rell				
118	5/31-6/6	Quinnipiac	24%	DeStefano	64%	Rell				
119	4/25-4/30	Quinnipiac	20%	Malloy	65%	Rell				
120	4/25-4/30	Quinnipiac	20%	DeStefano	66%	Rell				
121	2/10-2/14	Quinnipiac	15%	Malloy	70%	Rell				
122	2/10-2/14	Quinnipiac	16%	DeStefano	70%	Rell				
123	1/4-1/9/06	Quinnipiac	17%	Malloy	68%	Rell				

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124	1/4-1/9/06	Quinnipiac	21%	DeStefano	64%	Rell					
125											
126	<i>Florida</i>										
127	10/3-10/8	Quinnipiac	43%	Davis	53%	Crist					
128	9/26-9/28	Zogby	30%	Davis	51%	Crist					
129	9/24-9/25	McLaughlin	37%	Davis	51%	Crist					
130	9/22-9/24	Strategic Vision	40%	Davis	50%	Crist					
131	9/21-9/25	Zogby	37%	Davis	50%	Crist					
132	9/20-9/22	Mason-Dixon	36%	Davis	51%	Crist					
133	9/18-9/20	Research 2000	43%	Davis	49%	Crist					
134	8/29-9/5	Zogby	36%	Davis	51%	Crist					
135	8/25-8/27	Strategic Vision	41%	Davis	49%	Crist					
136	8/25-8/27	Strategic Vision	43%	Smith	48%	Crist					
137	8/25-8/27	Strategic Vision	39%	Davis	39%	Gallagher					
138	8/25-8/27	Strategic Vision	40%	Smith	38%	Gallagher					
139	8/15-8/21	Zogby	39%	Davis	52%	Crist					
140	7/21-7/23	Mason-Dixon	32%	Davis	48%	Crist					
141	7/21-7/23	Mason-Dixon	30%	Smith	48%	Crist					
142	7/21-7/23	Mason-Dixon	38%	Davis	41%	Gallagher					
143	7/21-7/23	Mason-Dixon	34%	Smith	44%	Gallagher					
144	7/21-7/23	Strategic Vision	39%	Davis	49%	Crist					
145	7/21-7/23	Strategic Vision	41%	Smith	49%	Crist					
146	7/21-7/23	Strategic Vision	39%	Davis	40%	Gallagher					
147	7/21-7/23	Strategic Vision	40%	Smith	40%	Gallagher					
148	7/19-7/24	Quinnipiac	38%	Smith	39%	Gallagher					
149	7/19-7/24	Quinnipiac	36%	Smith	45%	Crist					
150	7/19-7/24	Quinnipiac	41%	Davis	39%	Gallagher					
151	7/19-7/24	Quinnipiac	38%	Davis	44%	Crist					
152	7/11-7/19	Zogby	39%	Davis	43%	Crist					
153	7/11-7/19	Zogby	37%	Smith	44%	Crist					
154	6/13-6/19	Zogby	40%	Davis	43%	Crist					

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155	6/13-6/19	Zogby	40%	Davis	43%	Crist				
156	5/19-5/21	Strategic Vision	38%	Smith	42%	Gallagher				
157	5/19-5/21	Strategic Vision	37%	Smith	49%	Crist				
158	5/19-5/21	Strategic Vision	40%	Davis	48%	Gallagher				
159	5/19-5/21	Strategic Vision	42%	Davis	43%	Crist				
160	5/15-5/22	Quinnipiac	35%	Smith	39%	Gallagher				
161	5/15-5/22	Quinnipiac	37%	Smith	39%	Crist				
162	5/15-5/22	Quinnipiac	40%	Davis	37%	Gallagher				
163	5/15-5/22	Quinnipiac	40%	Davis	37%	Crist				
164	4/21-4/23	Strategic Vision	35%	Smith	44%	Gallagher				
165	4/21-4/23	Strategic Vision	33%	Smith	49%	Crist				
166	4/21-4/23	Strategic Vision	40%	Davis	44%	Gallagher				
167	4/21-4/23	Strategic Vision	39%	Davis	46%	Crist				
168	4/11-4/17	Quinnipiac	35%	Smith	41%	Gallagher				
169	4/11-4/17	Quinnipiac	37%	Smith	39%	Crist				
170	4/11-4/17	Quinnipiac	38%	Davis	38%	Gallagher				
171	4/11-4/17	Quinnipiac	39%	Davis	37%	Crist				
172	3/24-3/26	Strategic Vision	39%	Davis	46%	Gallagher				
173	3/24-3/26	Strategic Vision	38%	Davis	47%	Crist				
174	3/22-3/27	Zogby	40%	Davis	42%	Crist				
175	3/21-3/23	Mason-Dixon	30%	Davis	46%	Crist				
176	2/17-2/19	Strategic Vision	38%	Davis	45%	Gallagher				
177	2/17-2/19	Strategic Vision	39%	Davis	46%	Crist				
178	2/15-2/20	Quinnipiac	36%	Davis	37%	Gallagher				
179	2/15-2/20	Quinnipiac	36%	Davis	40%	Crist				
180	1/12-1/16	Zogby	38%	Davis	36%	Jennings				
181	1/12-1/16	Zogby	39%	Davis	44%	Crist				
182	11/25-11/28	Strategic Vision	38%	Davis	45%	Crist				
183	11/8-11/13	Quinnipiac	40%	Davis	39%	Crist				
184	11/8-11/13	Quinnipiac	41%	Davis	38%	Gallagher				
185	10/25-10/31	Zogby	39%	Davis	44%	Crist				

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186	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	38%	Davis	44%	Crist					
187	9/16-9/20/05	Strategic Vision	35%	Davis	47%	Gallagher					
188	9/16-9/20/05	Strategic Vision	33%	Davis	48%	Crist					
189											
190	<i>Georgia</i>										
191	9/24-9/27	Mason-Dixon	34%	Taylor	53%	Perdue					
192	9/21-9/25	Zogby	34%	Taylor	49%	Perdue					
193	9/22-9/24	Strategic Vision	38%	Taylor	51%	Perdue					
194	9/19-9/20	Insider Advantage	32%	Taylor	52%	Perdue					
195	8/29-9/5	Zogby	36%	Taylor	53%	Perdue					
196	8/20-8/21	Insider Advantage	32%	Taylor	49%	Perdue					
197	8/18-8/20	Strategic Vision	41%	Taylor	54%	Perdue					
198	8/15-8/21	Zogby	41%	Taylor	51%	Perdue					
199	7/11-7/19	Zogby	39%	Taylor	52%	Perdue					
200	6/23-6/25	Strategic Vision	44%	Taylor	50%	Perdue					
201	6/13-6/19	Zogby	40%	Cox	47%	Perdue					
202	6/13-6/19	Zogby	40%	Taylor	49%	Perdue					
203	5/5-5/7	Strategic Vision	42%	Cox	50%	Perdue					
204	5/5-5/7	Strategic Vision	39%	Taylor	51%	Perdue					
205	3/22-3/27	Zogby	37%	Taylor	52%	Perdue					
206	3/22-3/27	Zogby	39%	Cox	48%	Perdue					
207	3/14-3/17	Insider Advantage	34%	Taylor	50%	Perdue					
208	3/14-3/17	Insider Advantage	40%	Cox	48%	Perdue					
209	3/3-3/5	Strategic Vision	36%	Cox	57%	Perdue					
210	1/20-1/22	Strategic Vision	38%	Cox	56%	Perdue					
211	1/20-1/22	Strategic Vision	36%	Taylor	57%	Perdue					
212	1/12-1/16	Zogby	35%	Taylor	57%	Perdue					
213	1/12-1/16	Zogby	39%	Cox	51%	Perdue					
214	12/27-12/29	Zogby	37%	Cox	53%	Perdue					
215	12/27-12/29	Zogby	31%	Taylor	56%	Perdue					
216	12/2-12/4	Strategic Vision	41%	Cox	54%	Perdue					

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217	10/25-10/31	Zogby	38%	Taylor	52%	Perdue					
218	10/25-10/31	Zogby	41%	Cox	49%	Perdue					
219	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	40%	Taylor	53%	Perdue					
220	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	41%	Cox	50%	Perdue					
221											
222	<i>Hawaii</i>										
223	6/8-6/27	Ward Research	18%	Iwase	64%	Lingle					
224											
225	<i>Illinois</i>										
226	10/3-10/5	RGA	41%	Blagojevich	33%	Baar Topinka					
227	9/21-9/25	Zogby	41%	Blagojevich	30%	Baar Topinka					
228	9/10-9/12	Chicago Sun-Times	56%	Blagojevich	26%	Baar Topinka					
229	9/7-9/10	Tribune/WGN	45%	Blagojevich	33%	Baar Topinka					
230	8/29-9/5	Zogby	47%	Blagojevich	34%	Baar Topinka					
231	8/28-8/31	Research 2000	47%	Blagojevich	39%	Baar Topinka					
232	8/15-8/21	Zogby	45%	Blagojevich	38%	Baar Topinka					
233	7/11-7/19	Zogby	44%	Blagojevich	36%	Baar Topinka					
234	7/5-7/7	Garin Hart Yang (D)	47%	Blagojevich	31%	Baar Topinka					
235	6/13-6/19	Zogby	41%	Blagojevich	38%	Baar Topinka					
236	4/25-4/30	Lester and Assoc. (D)	47%	Blagojevich	40%	Baar Topinka					
237	3/30-4/1	Glengariff Group (R)	41%	Blagojevich	44%	Baar Topinka					
238	3/22-3/27	Zogby	43%	Blagojevich	37%	Baar Topinka					
239	1/16-1/18	Research 2000	45%	Blagojevich	37%	Baar Topinka					
240	1/12-1/16	Zogby	46%	Blagojevich	36%	Brady					
241	1/12-1/16	Zogby	40%	Blagojevich	39%	Baar Topinka					
242	10/25-10/31	Zogby	48%	Blagojevich	35%	Brady					
243	10/25-10/31	Zogby	43%	Blagojevich	42%	Rauschenberger					
244	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	42%	Blagojevich	38%	Brady					
245	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	40%	Blagojevich	41%	Rauschenberger					
246											

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247	<i>Iowa</i>										
248	10/3-10/5	RGA	44%	Culver	44%	Nussle					
249	9/21-9/25	Zogby	45%	Culver	45%	Nussle					
250	9/11-9/12	Research 2000	48%	Culver	43%	Nussle					
251	9/10-9/13	Selzer and Co.	44%	Culver	44%	Nussle					
252	9/5-9/6	Victory Enterprises	38%	Culver	41%	Nussle					
253	8/29-9/5	Zogby	46%	Culver	43%	Nussle					
254	8/15-8/21	Zogby	48%	Culver	45%	Nussle					
255	7/11-7/19	Zogby	45%	Culver	47%	Nussle					
256	7/10-7/24	POS for RGA	45%	Culver	43%	Nussle					
257	6/13-6/19	Zogby	46%	Culver	47%	Nussle					
258	5/20-5/22	Research 2000	49%	Culver	41%	Nussle					
259	5/20-5/22	Research 2000	39%	Blouin	42%	Nussle					
260	5/20-5/22	Research 2000	35%	Fallon	45%	Nussle					
261	3/22-3/24	Research 2000	44%	Culver	43%	Nussle					
262	3/22-3/24	Research 2000	37%	Blouin	43%	Nussle					
263	3/22-3/24	Research 2000	34%	Fallon	44%	Nussle					
264	3/22-3/27	Zogby	42%	Culver	46%	Nussle					
265	1/12-1/16	Zogby	44%	Culver	42%	Vander Plaats					
266	1/12-1/16	Zogby	43%	Culver	44%	Nussle					
267	11/14-11/15	Research 2000	38%	Culver	42%	Nussle					
268	10/25-10/31	Zogby	41%	Culver	42%	Vander Plaats					
269	10/25-10/31	Zogby	43%	Culver	42%	Nussle					
270	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	42%	Culver	42%	Vander Plaats					
271	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	44%	Culver	44%	Nussle					
272											
273	<i>Maine</i>										
274	8/16-8/25	Portland Research Group	38%	Baldacci	27%	Woodcock	8%	Merrill	5%	LaMarche	
275	7/14-7/21	Strategic Marketing Services	42%	Baldacci	24%	Woodcock					
276	7/10-7/13	POS	43%	Baldacci	31%	Woodcock					
277	5/24-5/30	Critical Insights	45%	Baldacci	22%	Woodcock					

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278	5/24-5/30	Critical Insights	42%	Baldacci	29%	Emery				
279	5/24-5/30	Critical Insights	42%	Baldacci	25%	Mills				
280	3/3-3/8/06	Strategic Marketing Services	37%	Baldacci	23%	Emery				
281	3/3-3/8/06	Strategic Marketing Services	33%	Baldacci	20%	Mills				
282										
283	<i>Massachusetts</i>									
284	10/10-10/11	Suffolk Univ.	46%	Patrick	33%	Healey				
285	9/26-9/29	Boston Globe/UNH	55%	Patrick	30%	Healey				
286	9/21-9/25	Zogby	59%	Patrick	27%	Healey				
287	9/7-9/10	State House News Poll	47%	Gabrieli	26%	Healey	7%	Mihos		
288	9/7-9/10	State House News Poll	43%	Patrick	30%	Healey	7%	Mihos		
289	9/7-9/10	State House News Poll	38%	Reilly	30%	Healey	9%	Mihos		
290	8/29-9/5	Zogby	58%	Gabrieli	29%	Healey				
291	8/29-9/5	Zogby	47%	Reilly	36%	Healey				
292	8/29-9/5	Zogby	58%	Patrick	33%	Healey				
293	8/17-8/21	Suffolk Univ.	38%	Patrick	30%	Healey	10%	Mihos		
294	8/17-8/21	Suffolk Univ.	38%	Reilly	29%	Healey	10%	Mihos		
295	8/17-8/21	Suffolk Univ.	46%	Gabrieli	25%	Healey	8%	Mihos		
296	8/15-8/21	Zogby	54%	Gabrieli	28%	Healey				
297	8/15-8/21	Zogby	36%	Reilly	24%	Healey				
298	8/15-8/21	Zogby	50%	Patrick	24%	Healey				
299	8/13-8/14	POS	34%	Patrick	34%	Healey	8%	Mihos		
300	8/13-8/14	POS	39%	Reilly	35%	Healey	8%	Mihos		
301	8/13-8/14	POS	41%	Gabrieli	30%	Healey	7%	Mihos		
302	7/11-7/19	Zogby	57%	Patrick	31%	Healey				
303	6/13-6/19	Zogby	49%	Reilly	34%	Healey				
304	6/13-6/19	Zogby	56%	Patrick	34%	Healey				
305	5/3-5/4	State House News Poll	29%	Patrick	31%	Healey	15%	Mihos		
306	5/3-5/4	State House News Poll	38%	Reilly	30%	Healey	13%	Mihos		
307	3/22-3/27	Zogby	53%	Patrick	32%	Healey				
308	3/18-3/20	Suffolk Univ.	34%	Reilly	25%	Healey	15%	Mihos		

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309	3/3-3/8	Boston Globe/UNH	50%	Reilly	35%	Healey					
310	3/3-3/8	Boston Globe/UNH	44%	Patrick	38%	Healey					
311	1/12-1/16	Zogby	49%	Reilly	32%	Healey					
312	11/17-11/20	State House News Poll	52%	Reilly	36%	Romney					
313	11/14-11/16	Opinion Dynamics	37%	Reilly	41%	Romney					
314	10/25-10/31	Zogby	50%	Galvin	41%	Romney					
315	10/25-10/31	Zogby	53%	Reilly	40%	Romney					
316	9/19-9/27/05	Univ. of MA Poll	46%	Galvin	42%	Romney					
317	9/19-9/27/05	Univ. of MA Poll	53%	Reilly	38%	Romney					
318	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	55%	Galvin	35%	Romney					
319	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	58%	Reilly	34%	Romney					
320											
321	<i>Maryland</i>										
322	9/27-10/1	Gallup	53%	O'Malley	41%	Ehrlich					
323	9/26-9/27	GHY (D)	51%	O'Malley	42%	Ehrlich					
324	9/22-9/26	Mason-Dixon	47%	O'Malley	43%	Ehrlich					
325	9/21-9/25	Zogby	52%	O'Malley	39%	Ehrlich					
326	9/17-9/18	Voter/Consumer Research	46%	O'Malley	43%	Ehrlich					
327	9/15-9/18	Baltimore Sun	44%	O'Malley	50%	Ehrlich					
328	8/29-9/5	Zogby	53%	O'Malley	40%	Ehrlich					
329	8/23-8/27	POS	38%	O'Malley	49%	Ehrlich					
330	8/18-8/25	Gonzales Research	46%	O'Malley	42%	Ehrlich					
331	8/15-8/21	Zogby	52%	O'Malley	42%	Ehrlich					
332	8/1-8/2	POS	41%	O'Malley	41%	Ehrlich					
333	7/11-7/19	Zogby	51%	O'Malley	42%	Ehrlich					
334	7/6-7/10	Baltimore Sun	46%	O'Malley	38%	Ehrlich					
335	6/19-6/25	Washington Post	51%	O'Malley	40%	Ehrlich					
336	6/13-6/19	Zogby	53%	O'Malley	39%	Ehrlich					
337	6/13-6/19	Zogby	53%	Duncan	39%	Ehrlich					
338	5/7-5/9	POS	49%	Duncan	44%	Ehrlich					
339	5/7-5/9	POS	47%	O'Malley	42%	Ehrlich					

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340	4/4-4/13	Gonzales Research	44%	Duncan	42%	Ehrlich				
341	4/4-4/13	Gonzales Research	46%	O'Malley	41%	Ehrlich				
342	3/22-3/27	Zogby	45%	Duncan	43%	Ehrlich				
343	3/22-3/27	Zogby	48%	O'Malley	43%	Ehrlich				
344	1/12-1/16	Zogby	49%	Duncan	42%	Ehrlich				
345	1/12-1/16	Zogby	53%	O'Malley	40%	Ehrlich				
346	10/27-10/31	Baltimore Sun	48%	O'Malley	33%	Ehrlich				
347	10/25-10/31	Zogby	51%	Duncan	44%	Ehrlich				
348	10/25-10/31	Zogby	53%	O'Malley	42%	Ehrlich				
349	10/17-10/25	Gonzales Research	45%	Duncan	44%	Ehrlich				
350	10/17-10/25	Gonzales Research	48%	O'Malley	42%	Ehrlich				
351	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	46%	Duncan	46%	Ehrlich				
352	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	47%	O'Malley	45%	Ehrlich				
353										
354	<i>Michigan</i>									
355	10/3-10/5	RGA	45%	Granholm	44%	DeVos				
356	9/26-9/28	Gene Ulm	44%	Granholm	47%	DeVos				
357	9/21-9/25	Zogby	49%	Granholm	41%	DeVos				
358	9/15-9/17	Strategic Vision	47%	Granholm	46%	DeVos				
359	9/7-9/12	EPIC/MRA	50%	Granholm	42%	DeVos				
360	8/29-9/5	Zogby	49%	Granholm	44%	DeVos				
361	8/28-8/30	Selzer & Co.	46%	Granholm	44%	DeVos				
362	8/25-8/27	Strategic Vision	48%	Granholm	43%	DeVos				
363	8/21-8/22	EPIC/MRA	49%	Granholm	42%	DeVos				
364	8/15-8/21	Zogby	51%	Granholm	44%	DeVos				
365	8/9-8/14	EPIC/MRA	50%	Granholm	47%	DeVos				
366	7/21-7/23	Strategic Vision	44%	Granholm	48%	DeVos				
367	7/19-7/25	EPIC/MRA	47%	Granholm	44%	DeVos				
368	7/11-7/19	Zogby	51%	Granholm	44%	DeVos				
369	7/10-7/24	POS for RGA	45%	Granholm	44%	DeVos				
370	7/7-7/12	Selzer & Co.	42%	Granholm	47%	DeVos				

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371	6/16-6/18	Strategic Vision	41%	Granholm	48%	DeVos					
372	6/13-6/20	EPIC/MRA	44%	Granholm	46%	DeVos					
373	6/13-6/19	Zogby	48%	Granholm	48%	DeVos					
374	6/7-6/13	MRG	41%	Granholm	42%	DeVos					
375	6/5-6/9	EPIC/MRA	40%	Granholm	48%	DeVos					
376	5/19-5/21	Strategic Vision	42%	Granholm	45%	DeVos					
377	5/1-5/9	Mitchell Research & Comm.	43%	Granholm	44%	DeVos					
378	5/1-5/8	EPIC/MRA	45%	Granholm	46%	DeVos					
379	4/17-4/19	Strategic Vision	43%	Granholm	42%	DeVos					
380	4/3-4/9	EPIC/MRA	43%	Granholm	43%	DeVos					
381	3/22-3/27	Zogby	49%	Granholm	43%	DeVos					
382	3/13-3/17	MRG	43%	Granholm	41%	DeVos					
383	3/10-3/12	Strategic Vision	50%	Granholm	33%	DeVos					
384	3/5-3/8	EPIC/MRA	51%	Granholm	41%	DeVos					
385	1/27-1/29	Strategic Vision	48%	Granholm	34%	DeVos					
386	1/12-1/16	Zogby	50%	Granholm	40%	DeVos					
387	12/16-12/18	Strategic Vision	46%	Granholm	35%	DeVos					
388	11/20-11/23	EPIC/MRA	58%	Granholm	35%	DeVos					
389	11/18-11/20	Strategic Vision	44%	Granholm	33%	DeVos					
390	10/25-10/31	Zogby	54%	Granholm	36%	DeVos					
391	10/19-10/25/05	EPIC/MRA	53%	Granholm	30%	DeVos					
392	10/21-10/23/05	Strategic Vision	46%	Granholm	35%	DeVos					
393	9/25-9/27/05	Strategic Vision	47%	Granholm	33%	DeVos					
394	9/18-9/21/05	EPIC/MRA	50%	Granholm	30%	DeVos					
395	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	51%	Granholm	40%	DeVos					
396											
397	<b>Minnesota</b>										
398	10/3-10/5	RGA	39%	Hatch	43%	Pawlenty					
399	9/21-9/25	Zogby	44%	Hatch	43%	Pawlenty					
400	9/24-9/25	Fabrizio McLaughlin	39%	Hatch	45%	Pawlenty					
401	9/18-9/20	Mason-Dixon	39%	Hatch	42%	Pawlenty					

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402	9/13-9/18	Univ. of Minnesota	44%	Hatch	42%	Pawlenty				
403	9/13-9/15	Star Tribune	42%	Hatch	42%	Pawlenty				
404	8/29-9/5	Zogby	42%	Hatch	41%	Pawlenty				
405	8/23-8/27	Gallup	44%	Hatch	43%	Pawlenty				
406	8/15-8/21	Zogby	43%	Hatch	41%	Pawlenty				
407	7/11-7/19	Zogby	43%	Hatch	43%	Pawlenty				
408	7/6-7/11	Star Tribune	41%	Hatch	43%	Pawlenty				
409	6/13-6/19	Zogby	40%	Hatch	45%	Pawlenty				
410	3/22-3/27	Zogby	43%	Hatch	44%	Pawlenty				
411	1/12-1/16	Zogby	39%	Lourey	42%	Pawlenty				
412	1/12-1/16	Zogby	39%	Kelley	42%	Pawlenty				
413	1/12-1/16	Zogby	45%	Hatch	41%	Pawlenty				
414	10/25-10/31	Zogby	50%	Hatch	46%	Pawlenty				
415	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	48%	Ciresi	46%	Pawlenty				
416	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	49%	Hatch	45%	Pawlenty				
417										
418	<b>Nevada</b>									
419	9/21-9/25	Zogby	43%	Titus	47%	Gibbons				
420	9/5-9/7	Research 2000	38%	Titus	45%	Gibbons				
421	8/29-9/5	Zogby	39%	Titus	47%	Gibbons				
422	8/15-8/21	Zogby	47%	Titus	44%	Gibbons				
423	7/11-7/19	Zogby	39%	Titus	45%	Gibbons				
424	7/11-7/19	Zogby	33%	Gibson	46%	Gibbons				
425	6/13-6/19	Zogby	37%	Titus	45%	Gibbons				
426	6/13-6/19	Zogby	34%	Gibson	42%	Gibbons				
427	5/12-5/15	Research 2000	39%	Gibson	44%	Gibbons				
428	5/12-5/15	Research 2000	36%	Titus	46%	Gibbons				
429	5/12-5/15	Research 2000	35%	Gibson	37%	Hunt				
430	5/12-5/15	Research 2000	34%	Titus	39%	Hunt				
431	4/3-4/5	Mason-Dixon	30%	Gibson	44%	Gibbons				
432	4/3-4/5	Mason-Dixon	33%	Titus	50%	Gibbons				

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433	3/22-3/27	Zogby	43%	Gibson	40%	Gibbons					
434	1/12-1/16	Zogby	40%	Titus	46%	Gibbons					
435	10/25-10/31	Zogby	34%	Gibson	43%	Gibbons					
436	10/21-10/24	Mason-Dixon	32%	Gibson	47%	Gibbons					
437	10/21-10/24	Mason-Dixon	36%	Titus	45%	Gibbons					
438	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	35%	Gibson	41%	Gibbons					
439											
440	<i>New York</i>										
441	9/21-9/25	Zogby	60%	Spitzer	22%	Faso					
442	9/13-9/14	Siena College	72%	Spitzer	21%	Faso					
443	8/29-9/5	Zogby	61%	Spitzer	26%	Faso					
444	8/15-8/21	Zogby	61%	Spitzer	26%	Faso					
445	7/11-7/19	Zogby	61%	Spitzer	25%	Faso					
446	6/13-6/19	Zogby	61%	Spitzer	25%	Faso					
447	4/24-5/2	Siena College	67%	Spitzer	16%	Weld					
448	4/24-5/2	Siena College	64%	Spitzer	17%	Faso					
449	4/23-4/26	Manhattanville College	64%	Spitzer	14%	Faso					
450	4/23-4/26	Manhattanville College	65%	Spitzer	14%	Weld					
451	3/22-3/27	Zogby	59%	Spitzer	22%	Weld					
452	3/21-3/27	Quinnipiac	66%	Spitzer	18%	Daniels					
453	3/21-3/27	Quinnipiac	66%	Spitzer	18%	Weld					
454	3/1-3/7	Siena College	61%	Spitzer	18%	Weld					
455	2/26-3/5	Newsday/NY1	57%	Spitzer	16%	Weld					
456	2/24-2/26	Strategic Vision	62%	Spitzer	23%	Weld					
457	1/24-2/6	Marist	66%	Spitzer	19%	Weld					
458	1/23-1/27	Siena College	60%	Spitzer	17%	Weld					
459	1/23-1/27	Siena College	55%	Spitzer	29%	Golisano					
460	1/12-1/16	Zogby	62%	Spitzer	21%	Weld					
461	1/12-1/16	Zogby	61%	Spitzer	22%	Golisano					
462	1/10-1/16	Quinnipiac	62%	Spitzer	19%	Weld					
463	1/10-1/16	Quinnipiac	56%	Spitzer	25%	Golisano					

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464	1/10-1/16	Quinnipiac	61%	Spitzer	19%	Faso					
465	1/10-1/16	Quinnipiac	62%	Spitzer	17%	Daniels					
466	12/7-12/12	Quinnipiac	64%	Spitzer	14%	Faso					
467	12/7-12/12	Quinnipiac	63%	Spitzer	16%	Weld					
468	12/7-12/12	Quinnipiac	60%	Spitzer	22%	Golisano					
469	12/7-12/12	Quinnipiac	62%	Spitzer	15%	Daniels					
470	12/2-12/4	Strategic Vision	57%	Spitzer	35%	Gosliano					
471	12/2-12/4	Strategic Vision	58%	Spitzer	25%	Weld					
472	11/9-11/11	Siena College	64%	Spitzer	16%	Weld					
473	11/9-11/11	Siena College	58%	Spitzer	26%	Golisano					
474	10/25-10/31	Zogby	60%	Spitzer	19%	Weld					
475	10/25-10/31	Zogby	58%	Spitzer	27%	Golisano					
476	10/23-10/15/05	Strategic Vision	55%	Spitzer	34%	Weld					
477	10/23-10/15/05	Strategic Vision	56%	Spitzer	24%	Weld					
478	10/4-10/10/05	Siena College	62%	Spitzer	18%	Weld					
479	10/4-10/10/05	Siena College	56%	Spitzer	26%	Golisano					
480	9/26-10/2/05	Quinnipiac	60%	Spitzer	16%	Weld					
481	9/26-10/2/05	Quinnipiac	56%	Spitzer	22%	Golisano					
482	9/26-9/27/05	Marist	63%	Spitzer	21%	Golisano					
483	9/26-9/27/05	Marist	61%	Spitzer	26%	Golisano					
484	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	58%	Spitzer	24%	Weld					
485	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	59%	Spitzer	25%	Golisano					
486											
487	<i>Ohio</i>										
488	9/25-9/27	Mason-Dixon	53%	Strickland	36%	Blackwell					
489	9/21-9/25	Zogby	48%	Strickland	40%	Blackwell					
490	9/09-9/22	Columbus Dispatch	52%	Strickland	33%	Blackwell					
491	9/07-9/17	Univ. of Cincinnati	50%	Strickland	38%	Blackwell					
492	9/11-9/17	Quinnipiac	55%	Strickland	34%	Blackwell					
493	8/29-9/5	Zogby	48%	Strickland	42%	Blackwell					
494	8/23-8/27	Gallup	52%	Strickland	36%	Blackwell					

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495	8/15-8/21	Zogby	50%	Strickland	41%	Blackwell					
496	7/11-7/20	Columbus Dispatch	47%	Strickland	27%	Blackwell					
497	7/11-7/19	Zogby	48%	Strickland	44%	Blackwell					
498	7/10-7/24	POS for RGA	49%	Strickland	38%	Blackwell					
499	6/13-6/19	Zogby	49%	Strickland	44%	Blackwell					
500	5/9-5/21	Univ. of Cincinnati	50%	Strickland	44%	Blackwell					
501	4/24-4/26	Mason-Dixon	47%	Strickland	37%	Blackwell					
502	4/24-4/26	Mason-Dixon	44%	Strickland	38%	Petro					
503	3/22-3/27	Zogby	46%	Strickland	31%	Petro					
504	3/22-3/27	Zogby	47%	Strickland	41%	Blackwell					
505	2/20-3/25	Univ. of Akron	32%	Strickland	28%	Petro					
506	2/20-3/25	Univ. of Akron	38%	Strickland	33%	Blackwell					
507	1/12-1/16	Zogby	40%	Fingerhut	47%	Blackwell					
508	1/12-1/16	Zogby	34%	Petro	42%	Blackwell					
509	1/12-1/16	Zogby	41%	Strickland	46%	Blackwell					
510	10/25-10/31	Zogby	44%	Coleman	43%	Blackwell					
511	10/25-10/31	Zogby	44%	Strickland	42%	Blackwell					
512	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	43%	Coleman	44%	Blackwell					
513	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	43%	Strickland	45%	Blackwell					
514											
515	<b>Oregon</b>										
516	9/23-9/25	<i>Oregonian</i>	43%	Kulongoski	38%	Saxton					
517	9/21-9/25	Zogby	42%	Kulongoski	40%	Saxton					
518	9/20-9/29	Riley Research	37%	Kulongoski	39%	Saxton					
519	9/13-9/17	Moore	38%	Kulongoski	38%	Saxton					
520	9/13-9/15	RGA Internals	41%	Kulongoski	36%	Saxton					
521	8/29-9/5	Zogby	49%	Kulongoski	43%	Saxton					
522	8/15-8/21	Zogby	50%	Kulongoski	44%	Saxton					
523	7/11-7/19	Zogby	40%	Kulongoski	38%	Saxton					
524	7/10-7/24	POS for RGA	48%	Kulongoski	39%	Saxton					
525	7/10-7/13	Grove Insight	42%	Kulongoski	25%	Saxton					

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526	6/13-6/19	Zogby	48%	Kulongoski	40%	Saxton				
527	3/22-3/27	Zogby	46%	Kulongoski	39%	Atkinson				
528	1/12-1/16	Zogby	48%	Kulongoski	36%	Andrews				
529	10/25-10/31	Zogby	50%	Kulongoski	38%	Mannix				
530	10/25-10/31	Zogby	46%	Kulongoski	34%	Saxton				
531	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	49%	Kulongoski	37%	Mannix				
532	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	46%	Kulongoski	36%	Saxton				
533										
534	<i>Pennsylvania</i>									
535	9/27-10/01	American Viewpoint	53%	Rendell	35%	Swann				
536	9/22-9/26	Mason-Dixon	54%	Rendell	37%	Swann				
537	9/22-9/24	Strategic Vision	55%	Rendell	37%	Swann				
538	9/21-9/25	Zogby	52%	Rendell	42%	Swann				
539	9/19-9/24	Quinnipiac	55%	Rendell	39%	Swann				
540	9/19-9/20	Keystone Poll	52%	Rendell	34%	Swann				
541	9/18-9/20	Temple Univ.	60%	Rendell	33%	Swann				
542	9/11-9/18	Princeton Survey Research Assoc.	61%	Rendell	32%	Swann				
543	8/29-9/5	Zogby	51%	Rendell	42%	Swann				
544	8/23-8/27	Gallup	57%	Rendell	35%	Swann				
545	8/16-8/21	Keystone Poll	53%	Rendell	34%	Swann				
546	8/15-8/21	Zogby	48%	Rendell	44%	Swann				
547	8/11-8/13	Strategic Vision	51%	Rendell	41%	Swann				
548	8/8-8/13	Quinnipiac	57%	Rendell	38%	Swann				
549	7/31-8/3	Muhlenberg College	51%	Rendell	35%	Swann				
550	7/17-7/30	IssuesPA	35%	Rendell	27%	Swann				
551	7/14-7/16	Strategic Vision	49%	Rendell	36%	Swann				
552	7/11-7/19	Zogby	48%	Rendell	41%	Swann				
553	6/13-6/19	Quinnipiac	55%	Rendell	31%	Swann				
554	6/13-6/19	Zogby	48%	Rendell	43%	Swann				
555	6/9-6/11	Strategic Vision	49%	Rendell	38%	Swann				
556	5/21-5/25	Greenberg Quinlan Rosner	58%	Rendell	38%	Swann				

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557	5/5-5/7	Strategic Vision	49%	Rendell	41%	Swann				
558	5/2-5/8	Quinnipiac	55%	Rendell	33%	Swann				
559	4/27-5/1	Keystone Poll	49%	Rendell	35%	Swann				
560	4/17-4/26	IssuesPA	30%	Rendell	29%	Swann				
561	4/17-4/24	Muhlenberg College	45%	Rendell	39%	Swann				
562	4/7-4/9	Strategic Vision	44%	Rendell	42%	Swann				
563	3/28-4/3	Quinnipiac	47%	Rendell	37%	Swann				
564	3/27-4/2	V/CR	45%	Rendell	41%	Swann				
565	3/22-3/27	Zogby	47%	Rendell	41%	Swann				
566	3/14-3/22	IssuesPA	29%	Rendell	35%	Swann				
567	3/10-3/12	Strategic Vision	44%	Rendell	44%	Swann				
568	2/8-2/13	Quinnipiac	55%	Rendell	22%	Paynard				
569	2/8-2/13	Quinnipiac	48%	Rendell	36%	Swann				
570	1/31-2/5	Keystone Poll	45%	Rendell	42%	Swann				
571	1/20-1/22	Strategic Vision	46%	Rendell	41%	Scranton				
572	1/20-1/22	Strategic Vision	44%	Rendell	46%	Swann				
573	1/12-1/16	Zogby	46%	Rendell	38%	Scranton				
574	1/12-1/16	Zogby	44%	Rendell	44%	Swann				
575	12/16-12/18	Strategic Vision	45%	Rendell	41%	Swann				
576	12/16-12/18	Strategic Vision	47%	Rendell	35%	Piccola				
577	12/16-12/18	Strategic Vision	45%	Rendell	42%	Scranton				
578	11/30-12/9	Quinnipiac	53%	Rendell	24%	Paynard				
579	11/30-12/8	Quinnipiac	52%	Rendell	27%	Piccola				
580	11/30-12/7	Quinnipiac	48%	Rendell	35%	Swann				
581	11/30-12/6	Quinnipiac	48%	Rendell	36%	Scranton				
582	11/11-11/13	Strategic Vision	46%	Rendell	37%	Piccola				
583	11/11-11/13	Strategic Vision	46%	Rendell	44%	Scranton				
584	11/11-11/13	Strategic Vision	45%	Rendell	42%	Swann				
585	10/25-10/31	Zogby	45%	Rendell	43%	Swann				
586	10/25-10/31	Zogby	44%	Rendell	41%	Scranton				
587	10/14-10/16/05	Strategic Vision	48%	Rendell	37%	Piccola				

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588	10/14-10/16/05	Strategic Vision	47%	Rendell	43%	Scranton					
589	10/14-10/16/05	Strategic Vision	46%	Rendell	41%	Swann					
590	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	44%	Rendell	43%	Swann					
591	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	46%	Rendell	40%	Scranton					
592											
593	<i>Rhode Island</i>										
594	9/29-10/6	TargetPoint	40%	Fogarty	48%	Cariceri					
595	9/27-10/1	Gallup	46%	Fogarty	47%	Cariceri					
596	9/25-9/28	Mason-Dixon	34%	Fogarty	50%	Cariceri					
597	9/19-9/21	POS	43%	Fogarty	50%	Cariceri					
598	9/16-9/18	Brown University	38%	Fogarty	50%	Cariceri					
599	8/16-8/21	Fleming & Assoc.	41%	Fogarty	45%	Cariceri					
600	6/24-6/26	Brown University	39%	Fogarty	44%	Cariceri					
601	6/12-6/15	RI College	39%	Fogarty	44%	Cariceri					
602	2/4-2/6/06	Brown University	35%	Fogarty	46%	Cariceri					
603											
604	<i>Tennessee</i>										
605	9/25-9/27	Mason-Dixon	63%	Bredesen	22%	Bryson					
606	9/21-9/23	Beneson Strategy Group (D)	61%	Bredesen	21%	Bryson					
607	9/19-9/30	Middle Tn. State Univ.	59%	Bredesen	21%	Bryson					
608	7/17-7/19	Mason-Dixon	57%	Bredesen	24%	Bryson					
609	7/5-7/16	Univ. of TN-Knoxville	49%	Bredesen	8%	Bryson					
610	6/11-6/12	Zogby	58%	Bredesen	22%	Bryson					
611											
612	<i>Texas</i>										
613	9/26-10/3	<i>Dallas Morning News</i>	15%	Bell	38%	Perry					
614	9/21-9/25	Zogby	33%	Bell	22%	Perry	19%	Friedman	16%	Keeton Strayhorn	
615	8/29-9/5	Zogby	25%	Bell	31%	Perry	22%	Friedman	11%	Keeton Strayhorn	
616	8/28-8/30	Opinion Analysts	13%	Bell	41%	Perry	13%	Friedman	14%	Keeton Strayhorn	
617	8/15-8/21	Zogby	23%	Bell	35%	Perry	23%	Friedman	10%	Keeton Strayhorn	

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618	7/31-8/6	Cooper Secrest	18%	Bell	38%	Perry	11%	Friedman	16%	Keeton Strayhorn
619	7/11-7/19	Zogby	20%	Bell	38%	Perry	21%	Friedman	11%	Keeton Strayhorn
620	6/13-6/19	Zogby	20%	Bell	38%	Perry	18%	Friedman	14%	Keeton Strayhorn
621	3/22-3/27	Zogby	21%	Bell	36%	Perry	17%	Friedman	19%	Keeton Strayhorn
622	2/9-2/15	Blum & Weprin	19%	Bell	36%	Perry	10%	Friedman	16%	Keeton Strayhorn
623	1/12-1/16	Zogby	18%	Bell	38%	Perry	14%	Friedman	18%	Keeton Strayhorn
624	11/14-11/30	Scripps Howard	25%	Bell	46%	Perry	13%	Friedman		
625	10/25-10/31	Zogby	25%	Bell	42%	Perry	21%	Friedman		
626	9/16-9/21/05	Zogby	26%	Bell	40%	Perry	18%	Friedman		
627	9/7-9/11/05	Hamilton Beattie	38%	Dem	42%	Perry	21%	Friedman		
628										
629	<b>Vermont</b>									
630	9/18-9/19	Research 2000	38%	Parker	53%	Douglas				
631	9/13-9/14	American Research Group	32%	Parker	59%	Douglas				
632	7/26-7/27	American Research Group	36%	Parker	47%	Douglas				
633	5/5-5/6	Research 2000	18%	Parker	53%	Douglas				
634	10/31-11/1/05	Research 2000	10%	Parker	55%	Douglas				
635										
636	<b>Wisconsin</b>									
637	10/10-10/12	POS	42%	Doyle	40%	Green				
638	10/8-10/8	POS	41%	Doyle	44%	Green				
639	10/6-10/6	Strategic Vision	46%	Doyle	43%	Green				
640	9/27-9/28	POS	48%	Doyle	42%	Green				
641	9/21-9/25	Zogby	46%	Doyle	44%	Green				
642	9/20-9/21	Wisc. Policy Research Institute	45%	Doyle	40%	Green				
643	9/14-9/18	Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin (D)	51%	Doyle	42%	Green				
644	9/5-9/7	Research 2000	49%	Doyle	40%	Green				
645	8/29-9/5	Zogby	50%	Doyle	46%	Green				
646	8/15-8/21	Zogby	50%	Doyle	43%	Green				
647	8/14-8/16	Strategic Vision	48%	Doyle	38%	Green				
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652	7/10-7/24	POS for RGA	51%	Doyle	38%	Green				
653	6/23-7/2	Univ. of WI Badger Poll	49%	Doyle	36%	Green				
654	6/18-6/19	Wisc. Policy Research Institute	49%	Doyle	37%	Green				
655	6/13-6/19	Zogby	47%	Doyle	45%	Green				
656	6/2-6/4	Strategic Vision	45%	Doyle	46%	Green				
657	4/28-4/30	Strategic Vision	45%	Doyle	43%	Green				
658	4/7-4/9	Strategic Vision	43%	Doyle	43%	Green				
659	3/29-4/7	WI Public Radio/St. Norbert College	43%	Doyle	35%	Green				
660	3/22-3/27	Zogby	44%	Doyle	47%	Green				
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## **ALABAMA BRIEFING**

### **STATE ISSUES**

#### **ECONOMY**

In December, Alabama's unemployment rate was 3.6 percent, down from its peak of 5.7 percent in November 2003. In January, the national unemployment rate was 4.6 percent.

#### **TORNADO DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES**

On March 1, powerful storms ripped through Alabama causing 10 fatalities. The storm killed 9 people in the town of Enterprise, a city of 23,000, approximately 75 miles southeast of Montgomery. Eight of these deaths occurred at Enterprise High School as students were preparing to leave for the day. The students ran for shelter when the tornado hit the school, blowing out walls and collapsing part of the roof. At least one other person was killed at another location in Enterprise and one nearby in Wilcox County.

The burst of tornadoes were part of a large line of thunderstorms and snowstorms stretching from Minnesota to the Gulf Coast. The storms claimed the life of a seven-year-old girl in Missouri and nine others in Georgia.

Governor Bob Riley (R) has requested approximately 100 National Guardsmen to go into Enterprise to assist in the tornado recovery efforts. Riley also instructed the Alabama Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance. You will announce that you have declared a major disaster in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts. Your action makes Federal funding available to affected individuals in Coffee County.

#### **SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

On February 28, the Alabama House and Senate unanimously passed versions of Governor Riley's \$400 million incentive package aimed at luring German steel manufacturer ThyssenKrupp AG to the state. Riley called the Legislature into special session on February 26 to seek approval for a constitutional amendment that would increase the Governor's borrowing limit from the state's Capital Improvement Trust Fund from \$350 million to \$750 million. Legislators passed the bill on March 2, and it will go to a statewide referendum set for June 5.

ThyssenKrupp AG is planning a \$2.9 billion steel-making plant that will employ 2,700 people. The company has narrowed its search to a location between New Orleans and Baton Rouge and the Alabama site about 25 miles north of Mobile. Both Governor

## **ALABAMA BRIEFING**

Riley and Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco (D) have traveled to Germany to meet with officials of the Duesseldorf based company.

### **POLITICAL CLIMATE AND KEY 2008 RACES**

#### **U.S. SENATE**

Senator Jeff Sessions (R) is up for reelection in 2008. First elected in 1996, Sessions defeated Susan Parker (D) 59 percent to 40 percent in 2002. There is no clear Democrat opponent yet. Congressman Artur Davis (D, AL-07) has announced he will either be a candidate for Senator Richard Shelby's (R, AL) seat or Governor in 2010, but will not challenge Sessions. State Agriculture Commissioner Ron Sparks (D) and State Senator Vivian Davis Figures (D) are both also considering possible runs for the 2008 Senate race.

### **2006 ELECTION RESULTS**

#### **GOVERNOR 2006**

Governor Bob Riley (R) easily won re-election in 2006. Riley defeated Lieutenant Governor Lucy Baxley (D) by a margin of 57 percent to 42 percent. Riley was first elected Governor in 2002, defeating incumbent Governor Don Siegelman (D) by only 3,120 votes. He is only the second Republican governor in Alabama since Reconstruction. You won the state with 63 percent in 2004.

#### **U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

All seven Congressmen (5R, 2D) won re-election in 2006.

### **STATISTICS**

#### **2004 General Election Results**

##### **Statewide:**

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	1,716,394	63%
<b>Kerry</b>	693,933	37%
<b>Nader</b>	6,701	0%

#### **2000 General Election Results**

##### **Statewide:**

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	941,173	57%
<b>Gore</b>	692,611	42%
<b>Nader</b>	18,323	1%

## ALABAMA BRIEFING

### 2004 General Election Results

#### Coffee County:

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	13,019	74%
<b>Kerry</b>	1,391	24%
<b>Other</b>	37	1%

### 2000 General Election Results

#### Coffee County:

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	9,938	64%
<b>Gore</b>	5,220	34%
<b>Other</b>	276	2%

## CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

### U.S. SENATE

- Richard C. Shelby (R), 4<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected in 2004 with 68%
- Jeff Sessions (R), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, re-elected in 2002 with 59%

### U.S. HOUSE 7 Total (5R, 2D)

- Jo Bonner (R-01), 3<sup>rd</sup> term, re-elected with 68%
- Terry Everett (R-02), 8<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 70%
- Mike Rogers (R-03), 3<sup>rd</sup> term, re-elected with 60%
- Robert Aderholt (R-04), 6<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 70%
- Robert “Bud” Cramer, Jr. (D-05), 9<sup>th</sup> term, unopposed
- Spencer Bachus (R-06), 8<sup>th</sup> term, unopposed
- Artur Davis (D-07), 3<sup>rd</sup> term, unopposed

## STATE GOVERNMENT

- Governor Bob Riley (R), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, re-elected with 58%
- Lieutenant Governor Jim Folsom, Jr. (D), 3<sup>rd</sup> term overall  
**Note:** Folsom was elected as Lt. Governor in 1986 and 1990. In April 1993, he was sworn in as Governor to replace Governor Jim Hunt who resigned from office.
- Attorney General Troy King (R), 1<sup>st</sup> full term, elected with 53%, appointed by Riley in 2005
- Secretary of State Beth Chapman (R), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected with 58%
- State Auditor Samantha Shaw (R), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected with 54%
- Treasurer Kay Ivey (R), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, elected with 61%

### State House:

**105 (62D, 43R)**

Speaker:

Seth Hammett (D)

Speaker Pro Tempore:

Demetrius Newton (D)

## **ALABAMA BRIEFING**

Majority Leader: Ken Guin (D)  
Minority Leader: Mike Hubbard (R)

**State Senate:** 35 (23D, 12R)  
President: Lieutenant Governor Jim Folsom, Jr. (D)  
President Pro Tempore: Hinton Mitchem (D)  
Majority Leader: Zeb Little (D)  
Minority Leader: J.T. “Jabo” Waggoner (R)

### **STATE PARTY**

State Chairman: Mike Hubbard  
**Note:** Mike Hubbard took this position on February 10, 2007.  
National Committeeman: Edgar Welden  
National Committeewoman: Bettye Fine Collins

### **STATE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

#### **Estimated Population 2000:**

Alabama: 4,447,100, an increase of 10.1% since 1990  
National: 281,421,906, an increase of 13.1% since 1990

#### **Race/Ethnicity:**

Alabama: 70.3% White; 26.0% African-American; 1.7% Hispanic; 0.7% Asian;  
0.5% American Indian  
National: 69.1% White; 12.5% Hispanic; 12.3% African-American; 3.6% Asian;  
0.9% American Indian

#### **Median Age:**

Alabama: 35.8 years (13.0% are 65 years and older)  
National: 35.3 years (12.4% are 65 years and older)

#### **College Educated:**

Alabama: 19.0%  
National: 24.4%

#### **Median Household Income:**

Alabama: \$34,135  
National: \$41,994

#### **Households:**

Alabama: 70% family households; 52.2% married couple families  
National: 68.1% family households; 51.7% married couple families

*(Source: U.S. Census 2000)*

## **ALABAMA BRIEFING**

### **YOUR PREVIOUS TRAVEL**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Visits with Military Personnel and Families	January 11, 2007	Fort Benning
Photo Op and Remarks at Bob Riley for Governor Luncheon	September 28, 2006	Birmingham
Briefing on Energy and Press Statement	September 28, 2006	Hoover
Demonstration of Nanotechnology Research; Remarks on the American Competitiveness Initiative; Meeting with Families of Fallen Soldiers and the Family of a Fallen Marine	April 19, 2006	Tuskegee
Briefing on Hurricane Damage and Aerial Tour of Hurricane Damage	September 2, 2005	Mobile
Conversation on Strengthening Social Security	March 10, 2005	Montgomery
Aerial Tour of Hurricane Damage; Walking Tour of Hurricane Damage; and Statement to Responders at Fire and Rescue Station 1	September 19, 2004	Orange Beach
Meeting with Small Business Owners and Remarks on the Economy	November 3, 2003	Birmingham
Victory 2002 Rally	October 24, 2002	Auburn
Roundtable and Remarks on the Economy and Fundraiser for Congressman Bob Riley	July 15, 2002	Birmingham
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Thank you so much! This is awesome – no need to send the note – thanks again!

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Sorry it's a little late...I'll try to be better about remembering. Do you also want ABC's The Note?

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## WHAT'S NEWS . . . Friday . . . 3/30/2007 . . . 9 am

- **John McCain** held his 27th fundraiser this month. Meanwhile, **Mitt Romney** emailed potential donors with an e-mail titled "Big Splash." And as of 3/29, "73,119 people have made 96,941 donations" to **Barack Obama** (*Chicago Tribune*). [Newsday.com](#) reports, Obama will have at least \$18M "and maybe much more."
- Six candidates will campaign across IA over the next 5 days (*Des Moines Register*).
- FNC and the Cong Black Caucus are teaming up to sponsor a Dem debate in Detroit 9/23 and a GOP debate TBA (release).
- Drudge screams about two **Rudy Giuliani** "hits:" in the *New York Times* ("Briefed on Kerik in '00"), and by [AP](#) ("Faces Questions About Sept. 11").
- Rep. **Jim McGovern** (D-MA) said his support for **Hillary Clinton** was "crystallized" when he heard his 5-year-old daughter "excitedly discussing" her candidacy (*Boston Globe*).
- **Joe Biden** named veteran Dem strategist **Bill Romjue** to head his IA camp (release).
- Ex-Sen. **John Breaux** is organizing his GOV bid, "down to designing a bumper sticker" and choosing a treas (Lafayette *Daily Advertiser*).
- Asked about **Al Gonzales** "during a closed-door meeting" with House GOPers, Pres. **Bush** "did not defend his longtime friend" ([AP](#)).
- The impending departures of WH aides **Peter Wehner** and **Sara Taylor** "could further complicate life" for the Bush admin ("[Washington Wire](#)").
- NV first lady **Dawn Gibbons** was a consultant for a defense contractor "that got federal work" with the help of Gov. **Jim Gibbons** (R-NV) (*Wall Street Journal*).
- Google maps "replaced post-Hurricane Katrina satellite imagery" with pre-Katrina pictures, "fueling suspicions of a conspiracy" ([AP](#)).
- "Georgetown: Lucky and Good" (*Washington Post*).
- For more headlines, see today's [Earlybird](#): [Top News](#) · [Campaigns](#) · [Pundits & Editorials](#) · [Network News](#) · [TV Guests](#) · [Today In Washington](#) · .

## PLAY OF THE DAY

Unfortunately, **John Edwards** is learning about the threat of cyber-vandalism the hard way -- [Play Of The Day!](#)

## HAIR OF THE DOG

George Clooney subscribes to 2 newspapers and "can quote the top political columnists" (*Los Angeles Times*).

## GOSSIP BUFFET

- **Shamu** the whale predicted the Florida Gators will win the NCAA championship (CNN).
- Improv comic **Brad Sherwood** said his backup plan "was to grab **Wolf Blitzer** if **Karl Rove** had said 'no'" ("LKL").
- A "Fishwrap" spy says House Min. Leader **John Boehner** (R-OH) "accidentally" voted for the Dem budget (*WashingtonTimes.com*).
- NV Gov. Gibbons told a sixth grade Heavyweight wrestler that he and his team "better kick some butt" (*Reno Gazette Journal*).
- The TN House is en route to banning "wheelies" (*Chattanooga Times Free Press*).
- "He was on 'Macgyver.'" That puts him ahead of **Mitt Romney**, in my view" -- MSNBC's **Tucker Carlson**, on **Fred Thompson** ("Tucker").
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## ▶ SPOTLIGHT

### Green Tea Leaves

There will be surprises when WH '08ers start leaking **1stQ totals** next week. No one likes to be an April Fool, so here's our guide to reading through the pre-4/15 spin:

-- First, don't let them get away with releasing a single "raised" number before 4/15. The only number that really matters is how much they raised for the primaries.

-- **Romney could beat McCain.** Obama may wind up within \$5M of Hillary. Maybe, maybe not. We do know that each camp overestimates their rivals' strengths. The numbers, we hear, are very close. Our reporting suggests most candidates (esp. the GOPers) won't meet media expectations.

-- Also, check out the **burn rates**. Spending 50% or more is too much. Who's overspent on direct-mail solicitations? How much did those Straight Talk Express buses cost McCain? How much did those early ads cost Romney? What cut did his consultants get? Which big-name consultants are having their salaries deferred to give their campaign a higher CoH total? Who's polling? Who's polling *a lot*?

-- Wait for the 2ndQ; it's more important than the 1st. And the 3rdQ CoH total is, of course, the most important number of them all.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I've never been around anyone who can literally take someone's breath away."

-- **George Clooney** on Barack Obama, literally,  
*Los Angeles Times*, 3/30

## TOP NEWS

### ■By The Numbers

So far, Obama has 83K donors... and HRC has 250K. But who's giving how much? (#14)

### ■Strong Mommies

Dems have "stronger" leaders than GOP, 41%-36% (in 4/06, GOP led 2-1). Also: Dems have "better" leaders, 44% to 29%. (#39)

### ■Not That McGovern ...

But still ... Rep. Jim McGovern is HRC's 2nd big anti-war nod this week. (#8)

### ■Hate/Love

In unison: Dem bloggers dislike the CBC/Fox debates but really like the Blue Dogs' supplemental proposal. (#27)

### ■Late April Bloomberg

As Unity '08 sets ballot access rules, we're reminded that Mayor Mike can wait 'til about 4/08. (#23)

### ■Iowa Convergence

IA's the destination of choice for WH '08ers this weekend and early next week. Rudy's there 4/3. (#18)



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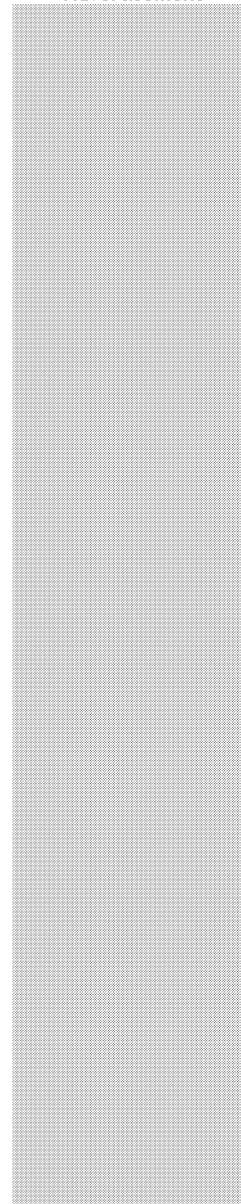
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## HOYA DO YOU LIKE THEM APPLES?

The last year Georgetown was in the Final Four was also the first year a Bush was president. Then-VP Bush became "Acting President" in '85 when Reagan underwent colon surgery.

## ▶ WHITE HOUSE 2008 -- THE REPUBLICANS

### 1 THE FIELD: I've Got The Tax Plan

*Wall Street Journal's* **Strassel** writes, the GOP '08 frontrunners have "started showing some leg on an issue that has the potential to galvanize the race" for the "disenchanted" party base: tax cuts and other "pro-growth" econ policies. There's a "wide-open opportunity for a bold GOP candidate to capture imaginations with a sweeping economic plan, rooted in tax reform, but extending to an overhaul of everything from entitlements to trade." Ex-Gov. **Mitt Romney** (R-MA) is "the guy with the momentum," having unveiled a "broad-strokes" tax agenda and set "a marker for the field." His econ team "is largely made up of the Bush tax-cut brain trust," attracted by Romney's gov. record.

Conservatives still "distrust" Sen. **John McCain's** (R-AZ) econ credentials. McCain and his team are all about being "tough on spending, big on balanced budgets," but "what's missing is a serious tax-cutter." McCain was one of three GOPers to oppose the '03 **Bush** tax cuts, though now he's calling for their extension.

Ex-NYC Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** (R) is the "dark horse" thanks to his mayoral record, but he "will need something to convince conservatives he's pro-growth genuine."

"Pushing and prodding" the frontrunners with more tax talk are Sen. **Sam Brownback** (R-KS), who "has been impressing some conservatives with his alternative flat-tax proposals," and ex-Speaker **Newt Gingrich** (R) (3/30).

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### 2 GIULIANI: Loveseat In The Oval Office?

**Rudy Giuliani's** comment that "he hopes" wife, **Judith** will "sit in on some Cabinet meetings" has "raised the prospect" of whether J. Giuliani "would try to follow the first-lady model" of Sen. **Hillary Clinton** (D-NY). Giuliani "tried to downplay his comments" from the ABC interview with **Barbara Walters** on **Marc Bernier's** conservative radio show 3/29, insisting "they were taken out of context." Giuliani: "Judith is not a political person, as she pointed out in the interview, and Judith is a person who does not have overriding interest, in many, many of the policy areas" (**Haberman**, *New York Post*, 3/30). More Giuliani, in Oklahoma City 3/29: "What I said was, my wife is a registered nurse with a deep interest in health issues." He added that "while she can be very helpful" she "is not interested in crafting policy herself" (**Katz**, *New York Daily News*, 3/30).

New York *Daily News*' **Ridley** writes, Giuliani "clumsily targets two different types of women" in this interview. First "there are the feminists who, he believes, will applaud his proud declaration that his wife ... would be welcome to sit in on cabinet meetings." Secondly, "he is trying to wheedle his way back into the affections of traditionally minded family folk in the Christian right," thinking "their eyes will mist up over the romance" of his relationship. Meanwhile, by "refusing to answer" the question of how they met "she leaves our minds boggling" (3/30).

*New York Sun*'s **Sager** blogs, "we'll all have to wait for the full interview. But I suspect this may just be part II of the saga (that is, the saga of Judy causing problems for Rudy) that will have many more parts to come (3/30).

### Get Ready, Get Ready, 'Cause Here I Come

In an email to supporters, Giuliani nat'l finance chair **Roy Bailey** writes, "I'm honored to help elect a friend and proven leader with the optimistic vision to overcome our nation's challenges. I know he's the right person for the job, and I am glad you do too. We must work together to ensure he is fully prepared for victory."

On 3/31, the FEC "will close the books on the first quarter of fundraising." Giuliani "will continue to work hard to earn our party's nomination, but we must be ready" for the Dems "and that means asking for your continued early support to grow a strong, national team. Will you act today to help Rudy build on our momentum?" (3/29).

### Back In The November of '79

Speaking in Oklahoma City, OK, 3/29 Giuliani said Iran "is probably more dangerous than Iraq." Giuliani: "Iran has to realize that we're not going to allow them to get nuclear weapons." On how ex-Pres. *Ronald Reagan* was positively viewed by Iranians in '79: "That's something all of should look back on and figure out exactly why that happened because that's the way we have to stand up to them."

Giuliani said Oklahoma City is "very, very dear to my heart because of what we shared in common," referring to the '95 Oklahoma City bombing and 9/11. "There's a special bond between New York City and Oklahoma" (**McNutt**, *Tulsa World*, 3/30). Giuliani was also "apparently unaware of the extent" of the tornado that touched down shortly before his visit (AP/CBNNews.com, 3/29).

### Here's All This

According to court records from an '06 testimony, Giuliani "told a grand jury that his former chief investigator remembered having briefed him on some aspects" of ex-NYPD Commis. **Bernard Kerik's** corrupt business relationship before Kerik's appointment as Commis. Giuliani "said he had no memory of the briefing" but "he did not dispute that it had taken place." Rather, Giuliani "indicated that he must have simply forgotten that he had been briefed on one or more occasion" during Kerik's background investigation.

▶ This "amounts to a significantly new version of what information was probably before him" before Kerik's appointment. A statement from Giuliani's consulting firm, on the grand jury appearance: "He testified fully and cooperatively. ... Mayor Giuliani has admitted it was a mistake to recommend Bernie Kerik for D.H.S and has assumed responsibility for it" (**Rashbaum**, *New York Times*, 3/30). A spokesperson for Giuliani "declined to explain why Giuliani appointed Kerik police commissioner despite having information about Kerik's relationship with Interstate Industrial" (AP, 3/30).

In other news, Giuliani's WH "aspirations are inescapably tied" to 9/11 "for better and for worse." NYC firefighters and their families are "renewing their attacks on him for his performance before and after the terrorist attack." One 9/11 FDNY victim's mother: "When he runs on 9/11, I want the American people to know he was part of the problem" (**McShane**, *AP/Salt Lake Tribune*, 3/30).

Meanwhile, *Florida Times-Union*'s **Towery** writes, in order to stay in the polls, Giuliani should "make the race all about competence and terror," and must "find a way to separate in American consciousness the Iraq war from the wider war against terrorism," benefitting from the perception that "another 9/11 is not just likely, but inevitable" (3/30).

### The Great Salt Lake

Giuliani will be in Salt Lake City, UT, today for a fundraiser at the home of ex-Salt Lake City councilmember **Steve Harmsen**. However, Harmsen has also given money to Sen. **John McCain** (R-

AZ) and ex-MA Gov. **Mitt Romney** (R). Giuliani hopes to raise \$200-250K before heading to FL. (**Canham**, *Salt Lake Tribune*, 3/30). Ex-UT GOP cand **Thomas Wright** "said Giuliani should be appealing" to UTans. Wright: "You get what you get with Rudy. He's not a flip flopper" (**Roche**, *Deseret Morning News*, 3/30).

### Hail Jupiter, And Give Me Victory!

Giuliani will attend a 3/31 fundraiser at the Jupiter, FL, home of state Rep. **Carl Domino**, and another at the Delray Beach, FL, home of **Abdol** and **Cathy Moabery** (**Crowley**, *Palm Beach Post*, 3/30).

### By George!

Rep. **George Radanovich** (R-CA) has endorsed Giuliani, his camp announced 3/29.

Radanovich: "We need a proven leader with an optimistic vision who can unite our party and our country" (release, 3/29).

### I'll Have Manhattan Straight Up

Conservative think-tank, the Manhattan Inst, is "schooling" Giuliani on "issues ranging from tort reform to homeland security." New School Univ's **Andrew White**: "[The Manhattan Institute] is in sync with a lot of the neo-conservatives of the Bush administration, without the religious perspective. ... The public persona Giuliani projects is the persona of the Manhattan Institute. They offer an overly simplistic view of how neighborhoods and cities run" (**Douglas**, *McClatchy*, 3/30).

### Generation Next

**Steve Forbes** -- who endorsed Giuliani 3/28 -- writes in the *Wall Street Journal*, Giuliani "is the real fiscal conservative" in the '08 race, and "that's why I'm endorsing him." Giuliani "can unite" the GOP and "restore our traditional claim as the party of fiscal conservatism. ... That's the kind of leadership that will inspire the next generation of the Reagan Revolution" (3/30).

### On The Radio

*Atlanta Journal-Constitution's* **Baxter/Galloway** blog that Giuliani has put up radio ads in Atlanta, GA, in an effort "to build a crowd for the mid-April debut of his campaign" in GA. Full script:

GIULIANI: "Hi, this is Rudy Giuliani. I'm running for President and I approve this message. I would like to invite you to visit my new website, JoinRudy2008.com. My campaign is about leadership and optimism. We need strong leadership to stay on offense in the war against terrorists. We need supply-side policies and reduced government spending...fiscal discipline to keep the economy growing. I need your support in this campaign. Please go to JoinRudy2008.com to sign up to contribute or volunteer" (3/30).

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## 3 HAGEL: No Apologizes Here

**Chuck Hagel** urged Pres. **Bush** to "look closely at conditions in Iraq" if Bush decides to veto legislation that calls for U.S. troops to withdrawal. Hagel: "I am always hopeful the president will take a good look at realities on the ground." He also defended his vote with Dems calling for the withdrawal of troops, saying it was Congress' "constitutional role to voice its opinion." (**Thompson**, *Omaha World-Herald*, 3/30).

### Going Out On A Limbaugh, Here

Columnist **David Limbaugh** labels Hagel a "RINO -- Republican in Name Only." He noted Hagel "has been dogging" Bush "for months, if not years, over Iraq, and now is actually doing the antiwar Democrats' bidding on it" (*Washington Times*, 3/30).

### In Case You Have A Birthday Coming Up ...

The "Draft Hagel Store" has been launched with Hagel '08 buttons and stickers available. [Click here](#) to check it out (Draft Hagel Blog, 3/29).

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## 4 MCCAIN: Fruit Of The Loom

*Chicago Tribune's James* blogs, only **John McCain** knows "how serious he was in his own mind" regarding an '01 switch to the Dem party. *The Hill's* 3/29 article reignited conversation on the previously speculated topic, but "some political stories are like fruit. They don't often ripen until the moment is right and the moment is apparently right now for this one" (3/29).

### In The Neighborhood

McCain held a reception in McLean, VA, 3/29 p.m. with 100+ people (*Hotline* sources, 3/30).

### Luke, Vote For McCain

IA state Rep. **Steve Lukan** endorsed McCain in a letter to the *Dyattsville Commercial*, saying, "with the challenges that lie ahead, John McCain is exactly the kind of leader our country needs" (3/30).

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## 5 ROMNEY: Name Dropper

**Mitt Romney** "dropped some names of potential running mates" while in Bluffton, SC, 3/29, but he added that speculation is premature. "Among those Romney mentioned" for VP were SC Gov. **Mark Sanford** (R), ex-Speaker **Newt Gingrich** (R), SC Sen. **Jim DeMint** (R) and ex-FL Gov. **Jeb Bush** (R).

A member of the crowd asked Romney about his potential VP picks, to which Romney responded to a "round of applause": "There's some wonderful people right here in this state, as you know, Governor Sanford being one of them." More Romney, on Bush: "I love him. If his name weren't Bush, he'd be running for president, I'm convinced."

Later while talking with reporters, Romney said the names he mentioned were part of a VP list that anyone winning the GOP ticket would consider. Romney: "When I'm in South Carolina, I'm not going to fail to mention some of the ones that are closest" (**Davenport**, AP, 3/30).

Sanford spokesperson **Joel Sawyer**: "It's flattering, but it's nothing the governor has given any thought or consideration to." DeMint's office had no comment (**Hoover**, *Greenville News*, 3/30).

Speaking at Sun City Hilton Head Island to a crowd of 400, Romney "pushed a conservative message that included governmental fiscal responsibility, securing the border with Mexico and rights of states to enact pro-life legislation." He got his first "spontaneous applause during his hour-long talk" when he brought up immigration. "Overall, Romney's campaign message seemed to resonate with the Sun City crowd" (**Faber**, *Hilton Head Island Packet*, 3/30).

### A Note Of Caution From His Attorney '...

Romney atty **Ben Ginsberg** send a memo to his Nat'l Finance Chairs and Cmte on the upcoming FEC deadline. In the note, Ginsburg warns "there's sure to be a lot of articles appearing, and it's important to know whether reporters are measuring apples to apples." More excerpts from the memo:

- Romney's "totals will be indicative of our extraordinary success in building an organization and stirring excitement among grassroots activists."
- "Some campaigns' totals will include monies raised for the general election" that will "artificially inflate totals, but it is meaningless in gauging current strength since not one penny of a campaign's general election funds can be used in the primary." Romney's campaign has only raised primary funds, unlike the campaigns of Sens. **John McCain** (R-AZ), **Hillary Clinton** (D-NY), **Barack Obama** (D-IL) and ex-NYC Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** (R).
- "Third, reporters should be telling readers if candidates are planning on taking federal matching funds for the primary. Governor Romney has decided against using the primary matching funds,



## ▶ WHITE HOUSE 2008 -- THE DEMOCRATS

### 7 BIDEN: Putting Down Roots

**Joe Biden** announced his IA team. **Bill Romjue** will serve as state dir. The Steering Cmte includes:

- Polk Co Treas. **Mary Maloney**
- Scott Co Supervisor **Roxanna Moritz**
- Dubuque Co Aud **Denise Dolan**
- Ex-state Sen. **Tony Bisignano**
- Ex-IA Dem Party exec. dir. **Judy McCoy Davis**
- Ex-cong. nominee **David O'Brien**
- Dubuque Dem activist **Teri Goodmann**
- Dubuque Dem activist **John Goodmann**
- Waterloo Dem activist **Gary Kroeger**
- Waterloo Dem activist **Steve Schmidt**

Romjue touted "several years of experience" in IA campaigns and "familiarity in several of the other early nominating states" (AP, 3/30).

Romjue managed **Dina Titus'** NV GOV campaign in '06. A 9/11/06 *Las Vegas Review-Journal* profile of Romjue noted: His "resume dates back" to the '76 campaign of Pres. **Carter**. He's worked for Dems "such as **Gary Hart, Dick Gephardt, Bob Kerrey** and **John Edwards**." His "home between campaigns is outside Hartsburg, Mo." (*Hotline* searching, 3/30).

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### 8 CLINTON : Courting The Bearded Men With Bottomless Bank Accounts Vote

"What may have been one of the worst-kept secrets" in NJ politics is out: NJ Gov. **Jon Corzine** (D) will "throw his support" to **Hillary Clinton**. Corzine will formally endorse HRC at a joint appearance 4/2 in Elizabeth. Several "prominent" NJ Dems are expected to attend, including Rep. **Rob Andrews**, Sen. **Bob Menendez** and Assemb **Joseph Cryan**. The "rally at city hall in Elizabeth will be followed by a Corzine-hosted afternoon fundraiser" for HRC.

HRC's camp "was coy when asked about the endorsement," confirming only that HRC "is going to be in New Jersey on Monday" (**Howlett**, *Newark Star-Ledger*, 3/30).

#### Precocious Daughter Seals The Deal

Rep. **Jim McGovern** (D-MA) said 3/29 he chose to endorse HRC "largely because of her potential to make history." He said his support "crystallized" when he heard his 5-year-old daughter "excitedly discussing" HRC's candidacy "with her kindergarten classmates." McGovern: "This is a big moment. These little girls that are learning about presidents are learning about only men who would be president. Now, all of a sudden, the glass ceiling is broken."

While McGovern "voted against the Iraq war and is one of its fiercest critics," he said he isn't bothered by HRC's vote. McGovern: "There's more to this race than Iraq. There's nobody that hates this war more than I do, and my hope is that we can end it before the next president takes office. But if we don't, I know she'll end it as president of the United States" (**Klein**, *Boston Globe*, 3/30).

#### Where All Good Clintonites Go: The Clinton Afterlife

*New York Times'* **Healy** writes, "the first Bill-to-Hill crossover of the presidential season involved the career shift" of **Bill Clinton** comm dir. **Jay Carson**. Carson "crossed over last month," just as Clinton's role in HRC's camp "expanded." Clinton "has hosted or taken part in about 12 fundraisers for

his wife" since late Feb, "and has also helped lead online appeals to donors and made calls to some A-list fundraisers." Carson "is now pulling roughly two-thirds of his salary from" HRC's camp, "and the remaining third" from Clinton, "while dispensing with his former duties" at the Clinton Foundation.

"No one event triggered the shift; rather," according to one HRC adviser, the camp and the Clinton foundation "reoriented" Carson out of "an 'abundance of caution' to avoid co-mingling the apolitical foundation and the very political presidential campaign" ("The Caucus," 3/29).

### For Bob Woodruff

HRC, along with ABC News' **Bob Woodruff's** wife **Lee Woodruff**, called 3/29 "for improved care for troops with traumatic brain injuries." L. Woodruff "pressed" for troops to receive "treatment equal to what her husband received" after he was injured on assignment in Iraq. HRC, who charged that the WH has ignored "the invisible scars of sacrifice" that come with brain injuries, introduced legislation that would "increase benefits for wounded troops" (**Sisk**, *New York Daily News*, 3/30).

### She Is, By Trade, An Entirely Different Person

"Somewhere along the Clintons' 'bridge to the 21st century' ... they parted ways on trade." Though one of Clinton's "enduring legacies" is NAFTA, HRC "wonders" why it is "continuing to drive hundreds of thousands, even millions, of people from Mexico into our country. We just can't keep doing what we did in the 20th century."

During a Bloomberg interview, HRC "was careful to describe NAFTA as having been negotiated by the administration of President **George H.W. Bush** 'and then pushed through Congress in the Clinton administration.'"

She says "a little timeout" is needed before new global trade deals are made. "Comments like that align her with union members and anti-globalization activists." And to "help allay suspicions that she's been hijacked by free-traders from her husband's team," HRC hired AFL-CIO Policy Dir **Thea Lee** and ex-Gephardt aide **Michael Wessel** to join ex-Treas. Sec **Robert Rubin** and Dep Sec **Roger Altman** (**Jensen/Drajem**, Bloomberg, 3/30).

### Candidate-Teacher Conference

"Local educators will be carefully listening" today when HRC meets with members of NEA-NH, "a group whose endorsement is highly sought." Teachers will listen for her answers to No Child Left Behind, which as a senator HRC "pushed the federal government to fully fund."

Social studies teacher **Kevin Fleming**: "I want to know, does she understand education is not only about education, it's about what goes on in the home? As much as we'll talk about No Child Left Behind, we also know it comes down to other issues like a decent wage, affordable housing and support for parents" (**LaMontagne**, *Portsmouth Herald*, 3/30).

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### DODD: He's Bringing Everything But The Kitchen Table

**Chris Dodd** will tour eastern IA on 3/31 and 4/1, with scheduled stops in Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Maquoketa, and Davenport.

While in Iowa City on 3/31, Dodd will attend the Latinos in Action community potluck, the Johnson Co. Off-Year Caucus Luncheon, and a kitchen table meeting at the home of **Rob** and **Chanel Meredith**. Also on 3/31, Dodd will attend the Linn Co. Hall of Fame cocktail hour and dinner in Cedar Rapids.

While in Dubuque on 4/1, Dodd will attend Palm Sunday mass with IA House Speaker **Pat Murphy** (D), a kitchen table meeting with Finley Hospital nurses, and a brunch with Dubuque Co. activists. Dodd will also attend a kitchen table meeting at the Maquoketa home of **Bob Osterhaus**, a "Coffee with Chris" event with Jackson Co. residents in Maquoketa, and another "Coffee with Chris" event with Quad Cities activists in Davenport (release, 3/29).

### Try Me, Try Me, And Your Love Will Always Be True

*Seattle Post-Intelligencer's* **Connelly** writes, Dodd is "wagering his 2008 hopes on a premise: Americans will NOT want an untried president given the nation's current predicament."

Dodd: "I've been involved in every major defense and foreign policy debate for the past quarter century. Under normal circumstances, 26 years in the Senate would immediately disqualify me from the presidency. But we've experienced six years of on-the-job training with George Bush. The man resists learning. People are going to want a president who can do things, not spend years getting to know Washington, D.C."

Dodd also believes that the recent passage of Iraq spending bills with '08 troop withdrawal deadlines "marks the beginning of the end" for the admin.'s war policy. Dodd: "What happened in the House and Senate, while the president may veto it, marks the death knell for this policy" (3/30).

### Third Time's A Charm

**Jennifer Tuttle**, **Antwaun Griffin**, and **Mat Pierson** will serve in Dodd's political dept., his camp announced 3/29.

Tuttle, who managed now-Rep. **Dave Loebsack's** (D-IA) '06 campaign and served as a program manager for the Sierra Club in RI, will head the camp's IA desk in DC. Griffin, ex-manager/special assis. to Rep. **Bobby Scott** (D-VA) and '06 VA Dem regional campaign dir., will head the SC desk. Pierson, who served as dep. field dir. for Rep. **Debbie Stabenow's** (D-MI) '06 re-election, will move from the Dodd camp's operations dept. to the NH pol. desk (release, 3/29).

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## 10 EDWARDS: Who Fundraises In WV Right Before The 1stQ Deadline?

**John Edwards** made a 4-hour stop in WV 3/29, where he meet with labor leaders in Charleston and raised money for his campaign. Edwards' wife, **Elizabeth**, did not accompany him but everyone asked about her. Edwards "said he planned to call his wife and tell her of prayers offered on her behalf" in WV.

In Charleston, Edwards also attended a campaign fundraiser hosted by **June Sprouse**, whose late husband **James** was a state Supreme Court justice" as well as the '68 WV GOV nominee. The fundraiser, held at the Charleston Marriott, "was open to the public. There was no minimum donation to enter and no word on the amount raised" (**Searls**, *Charleston Gazette*, 3/30)

### Do Volunteers Normally Announce These Visits?

Edwards' will make a stop in Macon, GA, 4/14. GA Dem volunteer **Amy Morton** said "Edwards' visit is planned to be a fundraiser and details" are still being finalized. Morton: "We're working with other folks to organize a time and place. We're very excited Sen. Edwards is coming to Middle Georgia" (*Macon Telegraph*, 3/30).

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## 11 GORE: It's My Way Or Norway

Peace Prize nominee **Al Gore** "had a chance to impress the head of the secretive" Nobel cmte 3/29 as he presented his "slide show" on climate change at a conference in Oslo, Norway. Peace Prize cmte chair **Ole Danbolt Mjoes**: "I really have been wanting to see that show for a long time." Mjoes, "seated at the back of the room," said he did not plan to meet with Gore and was attending "as a private person." Gore, in town to promote his new book, "has been a frequent visitor to this wealthy Nordic nation," and planned 3/29's trip "well ahead" of his Nobel nod being announced (**Mellgren**, AP, 3/29).

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## 12 OBAMA: Dean Metrics

*Newsday's Thrush* estimates **Barack Obama's** fundraising, based on the fact that his Web site claims he's received 98K donations. In the 1stQ of '03, **Howard Dean** "averaged about \$180 per donation," considered "a rock-bottom per-donor haul." If Obama "only netted that much per head, he's got \$18 million. If he averaged more -- and he is believed to have scored heavily with big donors -- he could easily be north of \$25 million ("Spin Cycle" blog, 3/29).

Obama's Web site set a goal of 75K people making 100K donations. As of 9:45 am, 75K people had made 99K donations (*Hotline* checking).

### It'll Be Gigante

A Spanish-language edition of Obama's "The Audacity of Hope" -- "La Audacia de la Esperanza" -- will be released in Jun. Vintage Espanol's **Russell Perreault**: "It will be our biggest book of the year in Spanish" (AP, 3/29).

### The Obama Tribune

*Chicago Tribune* continues its "occasional series" of articles profiling Obama, today focusing on the start of his "interest in political activism" at Occidental College, and then his move to Chicago.

"Somewhere along the line Barry, the name of the boy from Waikiki, gave way to Barack, the name he inherited from his Kenyan father." And near the end of his time at Occidental, he "got caught up in protests against apartheid in South Africa." He said he left Occidental because he "had begun to weary of the parties and fretted about a lackadaisical approach to his studies" (**Possley**, *Chicago Tribune*, 3/30).

He moved to Chicago in '85, amid "the racially charged fighting" between Mayor **Harold Washington** and white ethnic aldermen. But Obama "brought a decidedly practical view" to the Far South Side community he was organizing. **Loretta Herron**: "They're not our enemies, he used to tell us. ... Whoever can help you reach your goal, that's who you work with." Now, Obama's "penchant for pragmatism could prove one of his greatest political strengths, or liabilities." Still, he rejects the idea that his "eagerness to plow common ground" is a sign "that he lacks firm principles." Obama: "There are a set of principles that I care about. And there are people I'm fighting for in this campaign" (**Secter/McCormick**, *Chicago Tribune*, 3/30).

ABC's **Tapper** profiled **Keith Kakugawa**, subject of a *Wall Street Journal* piece last week (see 3/23 *Hotline*). Kakugawa: "What was said was 'Senator Obama would like to help you. What can we help you with immediately.' 'Money.' That was the actual quote. Then it gets misconstrued to I asked for money or I would say this or that" ("GMA," 3/30).

### Aloha Support

Graduates of Honolulu's Punahou School class of '79 "plan to gather this weekend to rally support" for Obama. The events are part of 5K "community kickoff" meetings planned nationwide. Obama spokesperson **Bill Burton**: "This Saturday, thousands of people will come together to take organizing into their own hands and take the next step in changing this country" (**Charlton**, AP/*Honolulu Advertiser*, 3/30).

### News That Isn't New

Rev. **Jesse Jackson** has confirmed that Obama "has my vote," but said Obama hasn't asked him to campaign for him and that he isn't part of his inner circle. Jackson: "I just have an appreciation of him." Meanwhile, Rev. **Al Sharpton** "denies persistent rumors" that he'll endorse HRC. Sharpton: "I am unequivocally not endorsing Hillary or anyone else. ... I want to hear all of them." HRC, Obama and other Dems will address Sharpton's National Action Network Convo in NYC 4/18-21. A political observer says: "Al is furious that Jesse Jackson got on the Obama train before he could" ("Page Six," *New York Post*, 3/30).

### Wow, This Is So Subtle

In an interview, **George Clooney** says he'd "love to throw himself into campaigning for his friend" Obama, who he compares to **JFK**. "But Clooney is too shrewd a political observer to discount the negative effect celebrity can have," especially in red states. So he's "playing it close to the vest, waiting to see if he can play a part without becom[ing] a distracting sideshow." Clooney: "I told [Obama] that I would do anything for him, including staying completely away from him." Asked about Clooney

recently, Obama "broke into a smile, gestured expressively and simply said: 'He's a good friend.'"

Clooney is "friends with the **Clintons**" and admires ex-VP **Gore**. But Obama "clearly, dazzled him." Clooney: "I've never been around anyone who can literally take someone's breath away" (**Daunt**, *Los Angeles Times*, 3/30).

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## 13 RICHARDSON: And The Grammy For "Best Spoken Word" Goes To....

**Bill Richardson** said at a campaign stop 3/29 in El Paso, TX, that he wasn't a "rock star," but that he's the best candidate for president. During a half-hour Q&A before about 60 people, Richardson "talked in broad terms about what he'd do as president, all the while gravitating toward border issues." Richardson was in El Paso to attend a fundraiser, take part in the Q&A session, and "receive an award at the Sembrador del Bien Awards Dinner" (**Meritz**, *El Paso Times*, 3/30).

### Senate Finally Puts In Minimal Effort

"After twice having rejected" Richardson's call for a special session, a "reluctant Senate" passed 3 bills 3/29. Richardson announced on the final day of the recently concluded 60-day session that he was calling lawmakers back to consider 7 bills -- 3 ethics bills, 2 crime bills, "a local-roads bill" and a bill "providing protections for domestic partners."

The NM House "pulled an all-nighter" and passed 6 of the 7 bills. Senators "originally argued that the none of the bills on the call for the special session was an emergency." But, because the House was still in session, senators were required to come back every 4th day. After coming back twice and voting to adjourn, the Senate "relented" 3/29 and passed the highway bill and 2 ethics bills.

It is "unclear whether their action will placate Richardson," who earlier on 3/29 "had threatened to call another special session." NM Senate Maj. Leader **Michael Sanchez** (D) "said they were in contact with" Richardson throughout the day, but he didn't know if he "would be satisfied by the Senate's action" (**Rubel**, *Las Cruces Sun-News*, 3/30).

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## 14 THE FIELD: The Final Stretch

*New York Times'* **Nagourney** and **Zeleny** write, "Forget campaigning." Last week, ex-NYC Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** (R) held a WH fundraiser "every day of the week." Sen. **John McCain** (R-AZ) raised money "at three events" on 3/28 and one on 3/29, "racking up 27 this month alone." This "hurricane of money" shows the importance of what has become "the first contest" of the '08 WH race: the 3/31 1stQ fundraising deadline.

The 1stQ results "are a matter of some concern" for McCain and Sen. **Hillary Clinton** (D-NY). They have been "struggling to present themselves as their parties' frontrunners" and have sought to "create the impression that they were locking up" their donor bases.

McCain, "in what could be a reflection of genuine anxiety or a kind of feint that campaigns typically do" leading up to the reporting deadline, has begun saying he had "a late start on fund-raising, even though he was one of the first candidates" to open an exploratory cmte (3/30). But just during this week, he's traveled to NY, NJ, TX and FL to raise money.

On 3/30, HRC "will be raising money" in Boston, and on 3/31 she is holding a "major fundraiser" in Miami with "hip-hop star" **Timbaland** (**Zuckman**, *Chicago Tribune*, 3/30).

Giuliani and ex-MA Gov. **Mitt Romney** (R) will be in FL on 3/31 attending fundraisers (**Crowley**, *Palm Beach Post*, 3/30). Romney has also "put pressure on potential donors" by e-mailing them and "urging them to act" and donate to his campaign (*Chicago Tribune*, 3/30).

While other candidates scheduled events "down to the wire," Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) planned to

spend 3/31 in IA (*New York Times*, 3/30). On 3/28, Obama sent out "a last e-mail appeal." In it, he released the number of individuals that have contributed to his campaign: 74,089. That's "far more" than the roughly 5,600 donors that ex-NC Sen. **John Edwards** (D) or MA Sen. **John Kerry** (D) showed in '03 (**Dinan**, *Washington Times*, 3/30).

### You Say "Risky Scheme" Like It's A Bad Thing

*Washington Post's Dionne* writes the '08 WH frontrunners "are being too careful for their own good." McCain has abandoned "the edgy, maverick personality that captured imaginations, if not victory," in '00, and has "lost the lead" to Giuliani. But Giuliani "has played down what makes him different" from most GOPers -- his "moderate-to-liberal" views on social issues -- and "there's evidence his bubble is bursting," with support perhaps shifting to ex-TN Sen. Fred Thompson (R). Romney's "sharp shifts rightward on abortion and gay rights have so far done him little good among conservatives and have hurt his credibility with everyone else."

"So far," Edwards is the Dem who has "taken risks," by endorsing tax increases and expensive, "bold" initiatives. And "continuing interest" in Edwards and ex-VP **Al Gore** (D) suggest HRC and Obama "may have more to worry about than they realize." HRC "faces sniping for seeming so carefully calculated and calibrated." Obama "has offered the clearest expression of the country's desire for a new departure" of any candidate in either party, but he "needs to join Edwards" in "standing up for policies, not just themes."

Voters "want to shake things up" in '08 and will likely "reward candidates who take chances," especially in the GOP. Because Giuliani, McCain and Romney "are so unlike" Pres. **Bush**, "they are well positioned to offer something different," but each "seems intent on kowtowing to orthodoxy and running a campaign better suited to the decade's beginning than to its end" (3/30).

### Fred Vs. Obama, That's So Retro

*Time's Kristol* writes each party "yearns to nominate a second coming of its beau ideal" for WH '08 -- **Ronald Reagan** for the GOPers and **Robert Kennedy** for the Dems. Each leading GOPer "presents himself as Reagan's heir," but F. Thompson, as an actor/pol, is "in a way, the most manifestly Reaganite of all." For the Dems, Kennedy embodies "the wistful might-have-been-but-wasn't-quite-to-be narrative" that has defined the modern party and its leaders, "cut down" before they had the chance "fully to lead." That's why Obama's defeat of HRC "would be the victory Bobby Kennedy was denied by an assassin's bullet;" of a young pol "running before his time" but "uniquely suited to the time."

Kennedy vs. Reagan is "the grand matchup we were denied" -- perhaps when Obama and Thompson debate, with "the hopes and dreams of both parties riding on their shoulders, we'll come close" (*Time.com*, 3/29).

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## 15 BLOOMBERG: Want To Procrastinate? No Problem...

*Ballot Access News* ed. **Richard Winger** said a decision by next spring would give **Mike Bloomberg** enough time to meet the nation's first ballot deadline, which is in TX in May. Winger: "I would say that he could afford to do nothing until April 2008." He "noted, however, that the threshold is higher for independents or third-party candidates to get their names on the ballot." He said state laws require indies or 3rd-party candidates to collect a minimum 700K valid signatures to get on the ballot in all 50 states and DC, while Dems and GOPers need 25K and 20K, respectively. Winger: "That's an extreme difference. But the advantage of being an independent is that you can sit around and do nothing for quite a long time."

"Bloomberg has publicly denied that he is going to run for president, but even those who have worked closely with him say there is a strong chance he'll run as a third-party candidate" if the GOP/Dem nominees "leave an opening." Earlier this month, ex-Bloomberg adviser **Ester Fuchs** said Bloomberg is 80% likely to run if the nominees hail from the "extreme wings" of their parties. If Bloomberg runs "he could end up finding his match in Unity08. Unity08 pres./CEO **Doug Bailey** "praised" Bloomberg and said he is "the kind of person" that the group hoped would seek its

nomination.

But Loyola (L.A.) law prof. **Richard Hasen** noted: "The parties are not afraid to litigate election law issues. ... I'm not sure who Bloomberg would benefit. It remains to be seen who would be fighting to keep him off the ballot." Bloomberg spokesperson **Stuart Loeser**: "It's an interesting Social Studies lesson, but from our perspective it's only academic, since Mayor Bloomberg is not running for president" (**Gardiner**, *New York Sun*, 3/30).

### Rich Man, Poor Man; Actually, Two Very Rich Men

New York *Daily News*' **Rush/Molloy** report: Should Bloomberg run, "he will have a major ally in fellow billionaire **Rupert Murdoch**. A source: "Murdoch said, 'Bloomberg would be my choice.' He said Bloomberg would be the most efficient President. That he attracts good people. Bloomberg has the bug. I expect him to run as an independent. If the polls show he has even a 5% chance of winning, he'll run. He's the type of guy who will spend a billion dollars of his own money."

The source also reports Murdoch said: "Giuliani is a one-man show. He doesn't attract good people. But I don't think any of them can beat Giuliani for the Republican nomination." More: "I don't think Hillary is electable. Soccer moms don't get her" (3/30).

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## 16 DEBATES: Let The Fox Hunt Begin!

The CBC Inst announced an agreement 3/29 to sponsor two debates with FNC this fall, "in a move that could ignite another round of criticism by liberal activists" (**Johnson**, *Variety's* "Wilshire and Washington" blog, 3/29). A Dem debate is scheduled for 9/23 in Detroit. The date and location of the GOP debate is TBD.

CBC Inst Chair **Bennie Thompson** (D-MS): "The CBC Institute is committed to presenting the presidential candidates to the broadest audience possible. Collaborating with Fox News provides an opportunity to take this presidential election to millions of households" (AP, 3/30).

The announcement comes "just weeks after protests forced the cancellation" of a NV Dem debate co-sponsored by Fox News. Ex-Sen. **John Edwards** (D-NC) and NM Gov. **Bill Richardson** said they would not participate in the NV event, citing comments by Fox News exec. **Roger Ailes** "comparing" Sen. **Barack Obama's** (D-IL) name to that of Osama bin Laden. "Influential activists" at MoveOn.Org and MyDD.com "pressured the party to back out of the debate, citing their belief that the network is biased" against Dems.

"Colorofchange.org, a coalition of black online activists, plans to launch an Internet petition" against the Fox-CBC partnership. Coalition head **James Rucker**: "The CBC Institute's decision is shamefully out of step with most black voters and we will continue to push on the CBC Institute to drop this deal."

The CBC is "an old debate partner" for Fox, since they co-hosted two Dem debates in '03. Fox News political exec. producer **Marty Ryan** said those debates "were among the most important and interesting of that cycle, and we expect these to be even better" (AP, 3/30). CBC Consultant **Candice Tolliver**, on the '03 debates: "It went exceptionally well. The debate was not impacted or hindered in any way by partisan leanings" (**Trowbridge**, *Detroit News*, 3/30).

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## 17 PRIMARY CALENDAR: Game Theory

"Two diametrically opposed schools of thought are emerging" among WH '08ers over the impact of "Super-Duper Tuesday." One holds that the early states -- IA, NH, SC, and NV -- will "now matter more than ever" because it will be "difficult ... to recover from weak finishes in those states" and competing in so many states on 2/5 "will be financially impossible, making early momentum essential." The other school says the 2/5 primaries "greatly diminish the historic weight" of the early states, "giving

well-financed candidates the ability to compete" even if they lose in the early states.

"Perhaps" no one "sees as much advantage" in 2/5 as Ex-NYC Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** (R), whose team "believes it can sustain a handful of losses" in the early states and win by finishing strong on 2/5, with CA and Giuliani's NY and NJ "power base." In contrast, Sen. **John McCain's** (R-AZ) camp believes the calendar "makes the early states more important than ever." Ex-MA Gov. **Mitt Romney** (R) spokesperson **Kevin Madden**: "[The primary contest] used to be a game of checkers relying on early state momentum. Now we have a game of three-dimensional chess, with so many dynamics at play and still a lot of unknowns." Romney's camp "believes it needs some strong early finishes to be seen as viable" but is also hiring and building grassroots networks in other states including AL, CA, FL, MI.

On the Dem side, Sen. **Hillary Clinton's** (D) "fundraising juggernaut is positioning her to compete" in the 2/5 states. In contrast, ex-Sen. **John Edwards** (D-NC) "is already pledging to focus exclusively" on IA, NV, NH, and SC. Edwards finance dir. **Fred Baron**: "I subscribe to the theory that any candidate that wins three or four of the initial states will have such a tailwind that it will be difficult if not impossible to stop that candidate." Meanwhile Sen. **Barack Obama's** (D-IL) camp "says the new calendar has not been a major consideration so far" (**Gilgoff**, USNews.com, 3/29).

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## 18 IOWA (1/14 caucuses): Everyone's Invited!

The WH '08 race approaches "warp drive" 3/31, with six contenders set to "storm the state over five days." Starting 3/31, Sen. **Barack Obama** (D-IL) headlines two days of events in W. IA, including a Des Moines event headlined by his wife, Michelle. Also 3/31, Sen. **Chris Dodd** (D-CT) is launching a series of "kitchen table" meetings in E. IA. Sen. **Joe Biden** (D-DE) plans to campaign in IA 4/2 and 4/3, as does Sen. **Hillary Clinton** (D-NY).

Ex-NYC Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** (R) also plans to make stops in IA 4/3, which would mark his "debut" in the state. Ex-Sen. **John Edwards** (D-NC) plans to headline events with his wife, Elizabeth, on 4/3 and 4/4, marking his first IA trip since his wife's cancer announcement (**Beaumont**, *Des Moines Register*, 3/30). Ex-WI Gov. **Tommy Thompson** (R) also has a scheduled event in Davenport 3/31 (**Geyer**, *Quad-City Times*, 3/30).

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## 19 NEVADA (1/19 Dem caucus; 1/19 GOP caucus?): Dems Nab Another Hawkeye

State Dems have hired IA strategist **Travis Brock** as a new exec. dir. Brock was most recently ex-IA Gov. **Tom Vilsack's** nat'l field dir. He also ran IA's coordinated Dem camp in '06 as well as statewide operations for **John Kerry** and **Al Gore**, and served as regional political dir. for the DNC. NV Dem Chair **Tom Collins**: "Travis is the right person to lead our state party as we prepare for the Jan. 19 caucuses. The state Democratic Party is building an experienced and talented operation that will help us turn Nevada 'blue'" (*Reno Gazette-Journal*, 3/29).

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## 20 SOUTH CAROLINA (1/29 Dem primary; 2/2 GOP primary): Social Issues Still Crowd-Pleasers

Charleston *Post and Courier's* **Behre** writes, recent SC campaign stops by ex-Gov. **Mitt Romney** (R-MA) and Sen. **Sam Brownback** (R-KS) show "social and religious issues still matter a lot" to SC GOPers. Romney talked about abortion, "the value of families and his concern about stem-cell research" at a 3/29 breakfast in Bluffton with his wife, **Ann**. Brownback, on his first visit to Charleston 3/29,

stopped at a Baptist church to discuss the work he's done in support of Israel (3/30).  
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## 21 ARIZONA (2/5 primary?): Take A Hint

State Dems released a delegate selection plan 3/29 that specifies a 2/5 primary, even though Gov. **Janet Napolitano** "hasn't invoked her authority" to set the date earlier than 2/26. Dem Party spokesperson **Alice McKeon** said party officials chose to plan for 2/5 to avoid possible filing deadline problems if Napolitano ultimately chooses a date earlier than 2/26. Napolitano spokesperson **Jeanine L'Ecuyer** said she doesn't know when Napolitano will decide (**Davenport**, AP, 3/29).  
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## 22 OREGON (2/5 primary?): A F-Oregon Conclusion?

A bill to join the Super Tuesday primary won approval from the state House Rules Cmte 3/28. House Maj. Leader **Dave Hunt** (D) said the 2/5 date "likely will win approval in the full House": "It has a lot of merit, because it makes sure that Oregon issues will be prominent" (**Cain**, AP, 3/29).

GOP consultant/Sen. **Gordon Smith** ex-aide **Dan Levey** writes in the *Oregonian*: "The political and financial benefits of moving our primary would far outweigh the \$2.8 million it is projected to cost state taxpayers. ...Joining our primary with" CA's "would result in campaign stops" in OR "that otherwise wouldn't occur. And those visits would require the candidates, their staffs and the national media to become familiar with some of those issues. Moving our primary would also increase the clout of our state's elected officials" (3/29).  
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## 23 UNITY08: Get Your Tickets Here, Folks

Unity08 released its draft rules on how it will nominate a ticket. "The proposal requires someone who wants" the nomination "to submit paper petitions signed by 500 registered voters, from each of 5 states. In addition, the candidate must also receive the on-line endorsement of 2,500 registered voters in each of 10 states. This dual requirement translates into a grand total of 2,500 written signatures," plus 25K e-messages of support" (**Winger**, *Ballot Access News*, 3/29).

"Convention 'delegates' will vote to select the candidate. Those delegates must be registered voters and sign up online" (**Kraushaar**, *Politico*, 3/30). "Among the key subjects addressed in the draft rules of Unity08:"

- "The People drafting their own candidates. The Unity08 delegates will be able to encourage a prospective candidate to run -- before that prospect decides to run or expresses any sort of interest in being president -- by signing up delegates on that prospective candidate's behalf and recruiting him or her into the process."
- "Requiring a bipartisan Unity Ticket. Each candidate for president must have named a candidate for vice president before the balloting starts. In other words, the convention delegate will be voting for a ticket, just as November voters do, not a single candidate who will choose a running mate later. And the ticket must represent a bipartisan team" or an indie "running with a Unity Team representing members of both major parties."
- "Assurance of candidates who are serious about public service: Any prospective candidate will be required to demonstrate a threshold of support among Unity08 delegates and hard copy petitions with signatures from five separate states."

- "Narrowing the field. The draft rules envision rounds of delegate voting in May 2008 to limit the field of candidates to no more than five before the convention balloting begins in June 2008. Before June balloting begins, remaining candidates would have to declare their willingness to accept the nomination and name their vice-presidential running mate. Once June balloting starts, each ballot will eliminate one of the remaining contending tickets until one of them achieves at least 50% of the delegates voting" (release, 3/29).

### Do You Like What You See, Mister?

Unity08 pres./CEO **Doug Bailey** said the party has already talked to between 60-70 candidates or their staffs. "He also praised" NYC Mayor **Mike Bloomberg** (R) and said he is "the kind of person" that the group hoped would seek its nomination.

"Winger said that 39 states allow a new party, like Unity08, to qualify for the ballot before it names a candidate." He said if Unity08 successfully establishes itself, which is still a question mark, "they'll relieve the ballot access burden for whoever their presidential candidate is and make their nomination extremely attractive." But Loyola (L.A.) law prof. **Richard Hasen** noted: "The parties are not afraid to litigate election law issues" to keep others off the ballot (**Gardiner**, *New York Sun*, 3/30).

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## 24 2008 SCHEDULES: Edwards Likes To Party; Brownback Grows As A Person

Check here daily to see where the WH '08 hopefuls are going to be today, tomorrow and in the future. "NPE"= "No Public Events"

	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	4/3
BIDEN	NPE	Kiawah Island And Sumter, SC	NPE	NPE	NPE
CLINTON	Concord, NH And Boston, MA	Orlando, Palm Beach, Miami, FL	Chappaqua, NY	NPE	NPE
DODD	IA	IA	IA	NPE	Laconia, NH: Meet And Greet
EDWARDS	One Corps National House Party	Raleigh, NC: Concert And Basketball	NPE	Durham, NH: UNH Town Hall	CedarRapids IA: Town Hall
KUCINICH	Olympia; Aberdeen, WA	San Fransisco, CA	Seattle, WA: Labor Rally	Eugene, OR: All Day Events	NPE
OBAMA	Tallahassee Jacksonville FL	IA: Four City Tour	Sioux City, IA And Chicago, IL	Manchester And Keene, NH	Portsmouth, Rochester, Concord, NH
RICHARDSON	Dallas, TX: Fundraises	NPE	NPE	NPE	Manchester, Henniker, Hanover, NH

And the GOP field:

	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	4/3
BROWNBACK	Palm Beach, FL:Club For Growth	Palm Beach, FL And Atlanta, GA	Atlanta, GA	Atlanta, GA	NPE
GINGRICH	Palm Beach, FL And Atlanta, GA	DC: Address Federation GOP Women	NPE	NPE	NPE
GIULIANI	UT: Fundraises	Palm Beach, FL:Club For Growth	NPE	Hampton Falls, NH	Portsmouth, NH And Iowa
HAGEL	DC	NPE	NPE	NPE	NPE
HUCKABEE	DC: "Your Morning On CN8"	DC: Gridiron Club Dinner	NPE	Little Rock AR: GOP Dinner	NPE
HUNTER	DC	NPE	NPE	NPE	NPE
MCCAIN	NPE	NPE	NPE	NPE	NPE
ROMNEY	Palm Beach, FL:Club For Growth	DC: Gridiron Club Dinner	NPE	NPE	NPE
TANCREDO	NPE	NPE	NPE	NPE	Newton, MA: Fundraising Reception
THOMPSON	NPE	NPE	NPE	NPE	NPE

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## ► NATIONAL BRIEFING

# 25 U.S. ATTORNEYS: Sampson & Alberto

Ex-Gonzales CoS **Kyle Sampson** testified before the Senate Jud Cmte on 3/29. Here is a sampling of today's headlines:

- *Baltimore Sun*: "Gonzales put at center of firings."
- *Bloomberg*: "Ex-Aide Says Gonzales Statement on Firings Was Wrong."
- *Boston Globe*: "Ex-aide contradicts Gonzales on firings: Says AG involved in talks since 2005."
- *Chicago Tribune*: "Former aide contradicts Gonzales on role in firings."
- *Christian Science Monitor*: "Firing of US attorneys: Was it too political?"
- *CongressDailyPM*: "Ex-Aide Disputes Gonzales Over Role in Attorney Firings" (3/29).
- *Deseret Morning News*: "Sampson points finger at ex-boss."

- *Examiner*: "Justice aide tells Judiciary Committee Gonzales signed off on attorney firings."
- *Kansas City Star*: "Ex-aide's testimony wounds Gonzales."
- *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*: "Gonzales in loop early, says ex-aide."
- *New York Times*: "Ex-Aide Rejects Gonzales Stand Over Dismissals."
- Time.com: "Gonzales' Fall Guy Fires Back."
- *USA Today*: "Aide contradicts Gonzales in probe."
- *Wall Street Journal*: "Gonzales's Stance Suffers Another Blow."
- *Washington Post*: "Ex-Aide Contradicts Gonzales on Firings."

## Uh-Oh

AG **Alberto Gonzales** "falsely asserted in public statements that he was not involved in discussions about" the firing of eight U.S. attys, Sampson told the Senate Jud Cmte on 3/29 (**Johnson**, *USA Today*, 3/30).

Sampson testified that "he and Gonzales spoke at least five times over two years" about plans to dismiss the U.S. attys, while Gonzales and then-WH Counsel **Harriet Miers** "signed off on the final decision." Sampson: "I don't think the attorney general's statement that he was not involved in any discussions about U.S. attorney removals was accurate. ... The attorney general was aware of this process from the beginning in early 2005" (**Schmidt/Newton-Small**, Bloomberg, 3/30).

More Sampson: "The decision-makers in this case were the attorney general and the counsel to the president [Miers]" (**Gilbert**, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, 3/30).

According to Sampson, Gonzales also attended a meeting on the issue on 11/27/06, ten days before seven of the U.S. attys were fired. Sampson: "He approved both the list, and going forward" (**Schmitt/Serrano**, *Los Angeles Times*, 3/30).

ABC's **Gibson**: "By the time Kyle Sampson's testimony was over, the attorney general's hold on his job might have become even more tempestuous" ("World News," 3/29).

CBS' **Schieffer**: "Republicans at the Capitol are telling me ... that they believe, in the end, the attorney general is going to have to go" ("Evening News," 3/29).

NBC's **P. Williams**: "The attorney general gets his own turn before Congress in about two weeks. A session that will almost certainly determine if he stays or if he goes" ("Nightly News," 3/29).

## Soooo, What Else Was Said?

Sampson testified that ousted NM U.S. atty **David Iglesias** "was not added" to the U.S. atty dismissal list "until just before" the 11/7/06 elections, after **Karl Rove** "complained that Iglesias had not been aggressive enough in pursuing cases of voter fraud." Previously, Rove "had not been tied so directly" to the firings.

Sampson said that Iglesias "should not have been fired." Sampson: "Looking back on all of this, I wish we could do it over again. In hindsight, I wish the department hadn't gone down this road at all" (**Eggen/Kane**, *Washington Post*, 3/30).

In his testimony, Sampson also told the cmte that "he tried to get" Chicago-based U.S. atty **Patrick Fitzgerald** fired, but immediately realized it was a bad idea. According to Sampson, he proposed putting Fitzgerald's name on a dismissal list in an '06 meeting with Miers and dep. WH Counsel **William Kelley**. Sampson: "I said Patrick Fitzgerald could be added to this list. I immediately regretted it and I withdrew it at the time, and I regret it now."

At the time, Fitzgerald was investigating the leak of ex-CIA operative **Valerie Plame's** identity, and the previous Oct., he had indicted ex-Cheney CoS **Scooter Libby (Zajac)**, *Chicago Tribune*, 3/30).

*Newsweek's Isikoff*: "Probably most spectacularly was his testimony that he had recommended that Patrick Fitzgerald be fired last year to Harriet Miers. Didn't really explain how or why he made that recommendation, but it was pretty startling, given the context of what Fitzgerald was doing" ("Hardball," MSNBC, 3/29).

## You Had A Bad Day, You're Taking One Down

*Time's Calabresi* writes, Sampson's testimony "made for an even worse day" for the Bush admin. The WH's "hope" had been that Sampson "would catch all the spears hurled by angry" senators in their investigation. "But in the process of all that spear-catching, Sampson managed to wound the two biggest targets" of Dems' interest as well: Gonzales and Rove.

For Dems, "raising the suspicion of political foul play is an end in itself." That is why Sampson's testimony "that he once suggested Fitzgerald be put on the list" of U.S. attys to be fired "had Democrats so giddy. The suggestion didn't go anywhere, but the case Fitzgerald was pursuing was so political that the very fact" that his name "was ever briefly considered inevitably ups the suspicion cast upon the entire set of firings. And, in the process, once again puts the target" on Rove (Time.com, 3/29).

### Can I Get A Witness?

GW's **Turley**: "Today makes a great case for calling in the White House witnesses. You know, the fact is that Sampson kept on saying, I just don't know what occurred in the White House, you're going to have to ask them. It's clear that there were a lot of meetings involving this at the White House" ("Countdown," MSNBC, 3/29).

Sen. **Chuck Schumer** (D-NY): "I understand they don't want a public trial. I even understand maybe not to do it under oath. There are other criminal laws that would cover even if he didn't swear an oath. But it's indefensible to say there would be no transcript. ... If you say no transcript, no oath, not in public, you know what any good lawyer will tell you? That they probably have something to hide" ("LKL," CNN, 3/29).

### Shattered Glass

The "all-day testimony" from Sampson "gave new ammunition" to Dems and some GOPers who have said that Gonzales "lied about his own role in the firings" (**Savage**, *Boston Globe*, 3/30).

Sen. **Chuck Schumer** (D-NY): "The credibility of the attorney general on this issue has been, I'd have to say, shattered, after what happened in that hearing room" (Bloomberg, 3/30).

Sen. **Sheldon Whitehouse** (D-RI): "I think we certainly have a sense that the administration is not to be trusted. Gonzales is in a very deep hole with me, and at this point, I think he should resign. But I want to have him have the chance to come and see if he can dig his way out of it before the committee. ... I'm not sure he's going to last a couple of weeks, so I think he should get here as soon as possible" ("Hardball," MSNBC, 3/29).

MSNBC's **Shuster**: "Even administration supporters said today that testimony by Kyle Sampson was devastating" ("Hardball," 3/29).

Sen. **Jeff Sessions** (R-AL): "There's some inconsistencies in comments that have been made. ... There will be hearings and we will get facts and, in the end, I think the truth will come out" (**Hurt**, *Examiner*, 3/30).

### How's It Playing?

- Baltimore *Sun* editorializes, Sampson's testimony "underscored the importance of congressional efforts to get to the bottom of this sorry saga." The WH "should move swiftly to make" Rove, Miers, and any other WH aides involved "available" for cong. testimony, "along with" Gonzales, "as soon as possible. Damage control is now a lost cause; the focus should be on getting out the truth" (3/30).
- *Dallas Morning News* editorializes, in his testimony, Sampson "delivered the thousandth cut to his former boss." Given that Gonzales' word "has been contradicted by both an official document and by his former top aide, and considering the cavalcade of changing stories marched in succession out of" the DoJ in recent weeks, "it is impossible to see how" Gonzales "can continue to credibly lead" the DoJ (3/30).
- *Denver Post* editorializes, "among the more telling details to emerge from" Sampson's testimony was "his unabashed linking of political loyalty with prosecutorial performance." That is "legitimate if it means focusing prosecutorial resources on, say, drug crimes. But it's wholly inappropriate if it translates into pressuring" U.S. attys "to focus investigations for partisan reasons, which is one of the allegations in the burgeoning scandal" (3/30).
- *USA Today* editorializes, Sampson's assertion that the distinction between removing a U.S. atty "for performance-related or political reasons was 'artificial' ... couldn't be more off-base." Sampson's testimony, "along with the other examples of political interference, leaves Gonzales with a lot to explain." Gonzales is not scheduled to testify until 4/17, but "given the cloud over his office and the bipartisan clamor for his resignation, that seems like a long way off" (3/30).

- *Washington Post* editorializes, Sampson's testimony "shifted the focus of the storm over" the U.S. atty firings "squarely back to" Gonzales. Gonzales "now finds himself squarely in the cross hairs - - and he has only himself to blame. The shifting excuses for the firings and his less-than-candid statements about what he knew and when he knew it have infuriated" Dems and kept GOPers "at a distance." If he "intends to remain in office -- a resolution we don't favor" -- "Gonzales needs to pick up the phone. Questions need to be answered. He's waited long enough" (3/30).
- Newark *Star-Ledger's* **Farmer** writes, Sampson tried "to take the heat off his old boss" in his testimony, "but succeeded only in fortifying the case that Gonzales didn't tell the truth about his involvement." Sampson "tried to fall on his sword, but it was a lame attempt. He missed the blade" (3/30).
- *Boston Herald's* **Woodlief** writes, "Bush ought to give the boot" to Gonzales "right now." Like ex-Defense Sec. **Donald Rumsfeld**, Gonzales "just doesn't get it" -- "on torture and on other twisting of the Constitution," on "letting" Rove "stick his nose into the hiring and firing" of U.S. attys, "on being so out of touch with his own department," and on his own "trouble with the truth" (3/30).

### I'm Sitting There In A Tepid Pool Of My Own Filth

The WH, meanwhile, "suggested" that Gonzales "should offer a more detailed explanation" of the firings, after Sampson contradicted his "earlier statements about his role in the dismissals."

Gonzales is scheduled to testify about the dismissals on 4/17, but the WH suggested 3/29 that "it would encourage him to clarify his statements before then." WH dep. press sec. **Dana Perino**: "Three weeks is a long time" (**Perez/Fields**, *Wall Street Journal*, 3/30).

Pres. **Bush**, also, "isn't rushing to the rescue" of Gonzales. Asked about Gonzales during a 3/29 closed-door meeting with House GOPers, Bush "did not defend his longtime friend," according to one official at the meeting. Instead, "Bush tepidly repeated his public statement: The attorney general would have to go up to Capitol Hill and fix his problem" (**Kellman**, AP, 3/30).

CNN's **Henry**: "The president under siege on two fronts, with the full Senate defying him on Iraq policy while a Senate committee hears explosive testimony in this U.S. attorney flap" ("Situation Room," 3/29).

### The Only Living Boy In Washington

NBC's **Russert**: "I spent yesterday trying to find a Republican senator on the Judiciary Committee who will be willing to defend the attorney general Sunday on 'Meet the Press.' It took all day. We finally found Sen. Hatch" ("Today," 3/30).

Sen. **Orrin Hatch** (R-UT), asked he can still stand behind Gonzales after hearing Sampson's testimony: "Yes, I can. He's an honest man. ... There was absolutely no evidence at all that the Justice Department was trying to interfere with ongoing intervention in their cases. ... It was badly mishandled, there's no question about that. But Gonzales has always been an very honest, straightforward, straight-shooting person. I don't think ... he should be removed because of this flap" ("American Morning," CNN, 3/30).

Sen. **Arlen Specter** (R-PA), on Gonzales: "I'm not going to run him out of town on a rail based on newspaper stories or television or radio interviews. I want to see him eyeball to eyeball. I want him under oath and hear what he has to say" ("LKL," CNN, 3/29).

### Appreciate Ya, Bush Admin.

GOPers say that the "flap" over the U.S. attys "is muddling their message and damaging" Bush. "Instead of trumpeting their criticism" that Dems "are meddling in Iraq strategy and raising taxes, GOP lawmakers find themselves fielding questions" about Gonzales. And "they put a heft share of the blame on" the WH for "flubbing its response to the firings."

Sen. **John Thune** (R): "It's a distraction -- there's no question about that. It steps on our message for sure. If they had gotten out and started leaning forward on it right away it might have been helpful, because it would have stopped some of the momentum" (**Davis**, AP, 3/30).

CNN's **Bash**, on GOPers reax to Gonzales: "They're simply fed up. They say that, at this point, the attorney general has a very high bar to get over in order to explain himself. They're not pushing him over just yet. But they're certainly not getting out there to support him, not even close" ("AC 360,"

3/29).

### Should I Stay Or Should I Go?

This week's *National Journal* Political Insiders' Poll surveyed 57 cong. Dems and 63 cong. GOPers (*National Journal*, 3/31 issue).

#### Would You Like To See Gonzales Resign?

	Dem	GOP
Yes	93%	41%
No	7	49
Other	--	10

### It's Never Nice To Have Watergate Comparisons...

McClatchy's **Galloway** writes, not since the demise of ex-Pres. **Nixon** "have we had so clear a spectacle of arrogant politicians bumbling into fatal mistakes and poorly planned and executed cover-ups." It is "not so much about what was done but what was said by Gonzales and others in an attempt to hide the real political reasons for firing the prosecutors." And "all of this is a token of much more still to come" as Bush and his closest aides "endure the death of a thousand cuts in their final 21 months in power" (3/30).

Duke prof. **Erwin Chemerinsky** writes, the "parallels" between the U.S. attys controversy and the "early stages of the Watergate investigation are striking. Both involved allegations of a serious abuse of power and even the possibility of obstruction of justice." Congress "must follow the path of the Watergate investigation and hold public hearings to learn the truth." If Bush "asserts executive privilege, the courts must follow the precedent from Watergate and order executive branch officials to comply with subpoenas" (*Louisville Courier-Journal*, 3/30).

### Congress Can Have Mercy

MT U.S. atty/acting assoc. AG **William Mercer** said 3/29 "that he would testify before Congress if asked about his role" in the firings. He said so during questions from Sen. **Jon Tester** (D) at another unrelated hearing (**Straub**, *Billings Gazette*, 3/30).

### Waxman Off, Waxman On

The House Oversight and Gov't Reform Cmte "sought more info" 3/29 about a presentation given by a WH aide to GSA pol appointees "that discussed targeting 20" Dem. cong. candidates. Now, in a follow-up letter to Rove, Cmte Chair **Henry Waxman** (D-CA) asks about the 1/26 video conference by Rove aide **Scott Jennings**. Jennings' "28-page presentation included 2006 election results and listed the names of" vulnerable Dem and GOP candidates.

At a 3/29 hearing, Waxman "said" the presentation "allegedly made by" GSA Chief **Lurita Alexis Doan** "may have violated the Hatch Act," which restricts fed agencies from pol activities. The "focus" of the hearing was the PowerPoint presentation, and Doan "denied the allegations at the hearing." Doan "said at least 10 times" at the hearing "that she does not recall asking employees to help the GOP or does not recall details about the presentation" (**Higham/O'Harrow**, *Washington Post*, 3/30).

Waxman's "follow-up" letter to Rove asked whether he had a role in the presentation and included a list of questions with a 4/13 deadline "to comply." There's "no word" on whether Waxman will try to subpoena Rove or Jennings, "but after Doan's horrific performance on Wednesday, it could happen" (**Bresnahan**, *Politico.com*, 3/29).

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## 26 IRAQ: Just Step Off, George!

The Senate issued "a stinging challenge" to Pres. **Bush** on 3/29, approving a spending measure that provides more than \$97.5B for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, but orders U.S. troop withdrawals to begin within 120 days and sets a non-binding goal of removing most U.S. troops by 3/31/08 (**Hulse/Zeleny**, *New York Times*, 3/30).

Sens. **Chuck Hagel** (R-NE) and **Gordon Smith** (R-OR) joined 48 Dems and Sen. **Bernie Sanders**

(I-VT) in supporting the measure. Sen. **Joe Lieberman** (I-CT) voted with the GOP, and Sens. **Mike Enzi** (R-WY) and **Tim Johnson** (D-SD) did not vote (mult., 3/30).

Dems, "preparing for a veto fight, immediately sought to paint" Bush "as obstinate in the face of broad public sentiment against the war" (*New York Times*, 3/30). Senate Maj. Leader **Harry Reid** said that it was Bush who would "pay the price if a veto fight slowed down funding for the military." Reid: "If the president vetoes this bill, it is an asterisk in history. He sets the record of undermining the troops more than any president we've ever had" (**Baker/Murray**, *Washington Post*, 3/30).

### I'm Hatin' It

Sen. **Orrin Hatch** (R-UT), on the bill's passage: "Already our troops are being hurt by this stupid maneuver. The Democrats in the House and very few Republicans who voted for it actually knew the president was going to veto this bill. So they're going through a frivolous exercise here at the expense of the troops and sending the wrong message to the troops and to the other side."

Hatch, asked if Smith/Hagel's votes signal the beginning of more erosion from the GOP over this issue: "There are always people who don't know where they're going to be. But, look, we have to support our troops. They have to have the monies to do the things that have to do. We can't just walk out of there and say everything is going to be hunky dory. We know that's not going to be the case" ("American Morning," CNN, 3/30).

Ex-Speaker **Newt Gingrich**, on the Iraq bill: "Don't you find it mildly amazing that, in the middle of the Iranian hostage crisis, with the Iranians sending every possible signal of the contempt they have for the United States and Great Britain, that the Democrats in Congress would want to send a signal of weakness? ... I think that the United States Congress, the Democrats in Congress, have started us down a path of weakness, which is temporarily popular, with all sorts of elite news media noise behind it."

More Gingrich: "The president should indicate that he will call the Congress promptly back into special session, if they try to go home for Easter break without having passed a supplemental bill. There's zero excuse at a time of war for members of Congress to leave Washington without having passed the money for our men and women in uniform. I think the president can make that stick" ("Hannity & Colmes," FNC, 3/29).

### Come Together, Right Now

Reid "promised that negotiators would quickly begin to reconcile" the new Senate bill with a version passed by the House last week, and have a bill "ready to be approved and sent to" Bush "soon after the House returns from its spring break" on 4/16.

Although both the House and Senate have now called for military exits from Iraq, "they must resolve significant differences between their approaches." The Senate bill, which says that U.S. troops "should not be policing a civil war," directs Bush to begin withdrawing troops within 120 days of the bill becoming law, "with the goal of redeploying, by March 31, 2008, all United States combat forces." The House bill, meanwhile, ties its push for withdrawal to the ability of the Iraqi gov't to meet certain benchmarks, but is "more definitive about a pullout, calling for most troops to be removed" by 9/1/08 (*New York Times*, 3/30).

"There were already signals of the potential complications that lay ahead." Rep. **Keith Ellison** (D-MN) said 3/29 that he would oppose any bill that did not retain the House's firm timelines. Ellison: "The timelines and the deadlines are the only thing that got me to support it. And even then, that was a stretch" (**Levey**, *Los Angeles Times*, 3/30).

CNN's **Koppel**: "The challenge now for appointed lawmakers in the House and Senate, to bridge their differences on a date for withdrawal before the bill is sent to the president's desk. A bigger challenge, how to proceed if Mr. Bush makes good on a threat to veto it" ("Lou Dobbs Tonight," 3/29).

### United We Stand

Bush, meanwhile, "rallied" his GOP troops on 3/29, calling the entire House GOP conference to the WH to "urge lawmakers to stand strong" against the push to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq.

Bush, surrounded by House GOPers on the WH North Portico: "We stand united in saying loud and clear that when we've got a troop in harm's way, we expect that troop to be fully funded. And we got commanders making tough decisions on the ground, we expect there to be no strings on our commanders. We expect the Congress to be wise about how they spend the people's money" (**Curl**,

*Washington Times*, 3/30).

Bush described the meeting as "friends talking amongst friends, all aiming to put a strategy together of how we can work together to secure this nation and keep it prosperous." Bush: "We stand united" (**Sammon**, *The Examiner*, 3/30).

Bush "spent much" of the meeting pressing the issue of "pork-barrel spending, unrelated to the war, in the bill." At one point, Bush asked House Min. Leader **John Boehner** (R-OH) "if he could rally his troops to sustain a veto on the spending issue alone," even if Dems "stripped out language on troop withdrawals. When Boehner turned to his colleagues to ask if they would stay with Bush, they gave him a standing ovation" (*Washington Post*, 3/30).

The "pep rally" came "just minutes" before Senate Dems ignored Bush's veto threat and passed the spending bill requiring Bush to begin withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq within 120 days. Bush: "Yesterday, I gave a speech, making it clear that I'll veto a bill that restricts our commanders on the ground in Iraq, a bill that doesn't fund our troops, a bill that's got too much spending on it. I made that clear to the members" (*Washington Times*, 3/30).

### Jujitsu, Anyone?

The "dueling events on opposite ends of Pennsylvania Avenue left the executive and legislative branches hurtling toward a high-stakes collision, with neither side showing signs of backing down."

Both sides, in fact, "appear to be relishing the confrontation to some extent, gambling that they can outmaneuver the other, galvanize the most passionate forces within their parties, win over public opinion and force an eventual resolution on their terms" (*Washington Post*, 3/30).

*Newsweek's Wolfe*, on the WH: "They think that this is a sort of moment for political jujitsu, that they've got the Democrats exactly where they want them. In the words of one senior White House official I spoke to today, the Democrats now have to choose between a veto from the president and vetoing their own antiwar base. And in some cases, that's true, because the glass-half-empty view is that they're facing unprecedented opposition, and this is a huge political problem for both sides, actually, but especially the president" ("Countdown," MSNBC, 3/29).

### Aww, Isn't That Sweet?

*Houston Chronicle's Mason* writes, "increasingly, Bush exacerbates perceptions that he is out of touch by behaving as if he is still in control." And "by all appearances, he is unreconciled to the new political dynamic" in DC that came with a new Dem-controlled Congress.

However, Bush's "present course doesn't match his earlier rhetoric." Just after the '06 midterm elections, Bush "sounded much more accommodating." Bush, at an 11/8/06 presser: "I believe we will be able to work through differences. I reassured the House and Senate leaders that I intend to work with the new Congress in a bipartisan way to address issues confronting this country" (3/30).

### Going Up?

*National Journal's Cook* writes, "some signs indicate" that "opposition to the war may have peaked."

When Pew Research Center pollsters asked 3/21-3/25 whether the U.S. had made a mistake in using military force in Iraq, 43% of respondents said it was the right decision and 49% said it was the wrong decision. "What is notable is that 'wrong decision' leads by only 6 points -- down from 14 points" in Feb. '07. Asked how the U.S. military effort is going in Iraq, 10% -- "the highest level" since Jun. '07 -- said "very well." Another 30% said "fairly well," the highest since late Oct. '07. And just 24% -- the lowest number since early Sep. '07 -- chose the most pessimistic choice, "not at all well."

"This is not to suggest some dramatic turnaround in public opinion on the war." However, the newest survey results "suggest that opposition to the war is no longer growing, support for it is no longer in freefall, and public opinion may have steadied" (3/31 issue).

### No Straight A's

This week's *National Journal* Political Insiders' Poll surveyed 57 Dem MoC and 63 GOP MoC (*National Journal*, 3/31 issue).

What Grade Would You Give Each Of These Cong. Leaders?

Dem GOP

N. Pelosi      B+   D+  
H. Reid        B    D+  
J. Boehner    C-   B  
M. McConnell C    B

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## 27 BLOGOMETER: Round Two

While NV Dem Chair **Tom Collins** and Sen. **Harry Reid** (D-NV) said netroots pressure had nothing to do with their decision to nix a Fox News-sponsored WH '08 debate, anyone following the story would have suspected otherwise. Now, despite earlywarnings, the Cong. Black Caucus has gone ahead and partnered with Fox, and the netroots campaign to quash that is already underway. If the netroots manage to notch another victory onto their belts, who could be next? It's not like they don't have anysuspects.

### GOP FIELD: Back To Basics

**The Corner's Larry Kudlow** hopes "the big three Republican presidential candidates - Messrs. **Giuliani**, **McCain**, and **Romney** follow suit with Pres. **Bush's** 3/29 call for: 1) No to the pork barrel laden Iraq funding bill; 2) No to Congress' attempt to micromanage the war and help the enemy with specific withdrawal timetables; and 3) No to the implied tax increase coming out of the Democratic Congress' budget making process. Kudlow adds: " It's good to see him restoring conservative principles on the war, on taxes, and on overspending."

### GIULIANI: Not Running For Mayor Of NYC

Doubts about **Rudy Giuliani's** fealty to low taxes drove in depth exchanges between **AmSpec Blog** and **The Corner** bloggers. Contributions include:

- **The Corner's Ramesh Ponnuru**: "Giuliani even got involved in a Democratic primary race to oppose an assemblywoman who had voted to end the commuter tax. Nor was this the only time Democrats got to the mayor's right on taxes."
- **The Corner's John Podhoretz**: "The issue was a little more complicated than that ... In short, the Giuliani opposition to the commuter-tax repeal tells you nothing about his view of taxation generally. As mayor, he did what he could to cut some of the most onerous taxes in the nation that had been imposed specifically by the City Council and previous mayors."
- **The Corner's Jonah Goldberg** on federalism and taxes: "Still, I think if Giuliani is going to win over social conservatives he's going to have to master this sort of argument more than others. He needs to explain why what's good for New York isn't necessarily good for Montana or Georgia and how he understands and respects that."
- **Ramesh responds**: "Sure, support for higher local taxes doesn't necessarily mean support for higher federal taxes. But Giuliani was resisting a federal tax reform because he wanted the federal tax code to continue to subsidize high-tax states."
- **AmSpec Blog's Philip Klein**: "Furthermore, Giuliani did cut taxes as mayor, which was no easy task in New York City, so the fact that he would now be open to the idea of a flat tax, or at least flatter tax, while a reversal, is not as totally out of left field as if he had a record of supporting and imposing higher taxes."

Also at **AmSpec Blog**, Klein notes that a new YouTube showing Giuliani endorsing **Mario Cuomo** clips the middle portion of a press conference out to skip Rudy's worry "about rising property taxes in and around New York City."

Some Cornerites and AmSpecers worry all this cat fighting makes them look bad.

### GIULIANI II: Thanks But One Giuliani In The WH Is Enough

In case you were wondering, tentative and committed Rudy-blogger-supporters are not thrilled about reports that Mrs. Giuliani "would sit in on Cabinet meetings" if Rudy were elected. **Ankle Biting PunditsBull Dog Pundit** blogs: "No offense to Mrs. Giuliani, but nobody is electing her. I can certainly

understand a man wanting his wife's opinion on certain things, but to have her sit on policy meetings for which she is completely unqualified is out of bounds."

### **MCCAIN: Loyalty Was Never His Strong Suit**

**Townhall's Dean Barnett** argues *The Hill's* claims that **John McCain** felt out Dems about a party switch in '01 have "essentially buried John McCain's campaign for the Republican nomination." More Barnett: "this incident illustrates a perfect storm of McCain's shortcomings in a way that none of his other bi-partisan adventures do. The vanity, the immature pique of anger, the utter indifference and disloyalty to the people who voted for him and the party that supported him - they're all on naked display."

**Power Line's John Hinderaker** counters that any damage on the GOP loyalty front has already been done: "Will these reports hurt McCain with the Republican party's base? Probably not much. The base already doesn't consider him a very loyal Republican; that's the price you pay if you want the media to praise you as a "maverick." But the marginal impact of this story is no doubt small."

### **ROMNEY: Button Pusher**

**The Corner's Ramesh Ponnuru** reports "that the dozen or so attendees to whom I spoke after Mitt Romney's speech" to the Club for Growth's "winter" conference "were impressed." More Ponnuru: "Romney hit every one of the club's buttons. He came out against most trade barriers, for reductions in marginal tax rates, against the "death tax," for cuts in corporate tax rates to make our rates comparable to those of other countries, for federal tort reform, and for scaling back Sarbanes-Oxley. He repeated his call for federal spending to shrink by one percent in real terms every year."

In less positive Romney blogging, there are rumblings that pro-Romney forces on the web are not playing well with others.

### **THOMPSON: As Good A Christian As Reagan**

**RedState's Erick Erickson** rises to defend James Dobson against the "bashing" he took for suggesting Fred Thompson was not a Christian. Erickson blogs: "[Y]ou people who are so outraged by James Dobson need to suck it up and get over it. ... the reason some of you are so frustrated with Dobson today, is because Dobson is a Christian first, a conservative second, and a partisan third."

More Erickson: "[T]he key difference between a nominal Christian and a Christ following Christian ... is that the former shows his colors by the inactive pursuit of his faith and the latter shows his colors by the active pursuit of his faith. Fred Thompson, I think Dobson is suggesting, falls into the former category. ... if that is the case it'd probably put Fred on par with **Ronald Reagan**."

And **K-Lo** is still making sure Cornerites are getting their daily dose of Thompson "commentary."

### **DEM FIELD: Casey At The Bat**

**TPM Cafe's Greg Sargent** and **Eric Kleefeld** completed "a comprehensive comparison" of all of Sens. Barack Obama (D-IL) and Hillary Clinton (D-NY) Iraq related votes, and it turns out "the two differed on only one." Sargent and Kleefeld stress: "We are not posting this to suggest that their earlier difference at the start of the war -- their most important difference -- should in any way be overshadowed by these similarities."

The only vote Obama and Clinton differed on: "The confirmation of General George Casey to be Chief of Staff for the Army, held just this past February. Hillary voted against confirmation, while Obama voted to confirm."

### **CLINTON: Carville And Clinton Sittin' In A Tree...**

Linking to *CNN* transcripts of **James Carville** talking about "a couple of less- than-impressive performances at a health care forum out in Las Vegas" by **Barack ObamaMyDD**'s **Matt Stoller** wants to know why Carville is still "identified as a CNN Political Analyst" given his close ties to Team Clinton. Stoller blogs: "This is crazy. It's just crazy. When CNN commentator **Bay Buchanan** took over the Tancredo campaign, she resigned from the network. ... Carville isn't getting money from Clinton, but there are other ways of compensation in politics and everyone knows that."

### **IRAQ: Blue Dogs And Netroots Living Together ... Mass Hysteria!**

A proposal by Reps. **Dennis Cardoza** (D-CA) and **Mike Ross** (D-AR) to parcel out supplemental Iraq funding in three month chunks so that Pres. **Bush** has "to keep coming back for more" is receiving

a warm netroots welcome despite the members status as Blue Dogs. A strong critic of almost everything Blue Dog, **MyDD's Chris Bowers** finds himself "slowly being won over to this strategy" and details its "advantages" including:

- This could keep the caucus unified during a long fight, while slowly picking off an increasingly divided Republican caucus, as we gradually build toward a veto-proof majority.
- It allows the timelines to stay in the bill, which in my opinion is non-negotiable.
- It allows the entire bill, which was an excruciating task to pass through both branches of Congress, intact.
- As both popular and congressional opinion continues to swing to our side, it leaves our options open down the road to eventually just say "you get these deadlines, or none"

The man **Matt Stoller** has "outsourced [his] policy-oriented opinions on Iraq to," **Matthew Yglesias**, is also on board: "So I'd say congress should pass a "clean" supplemental that Bush'll feel compelled to sign, but one designed to last a lot less than a full year. Three months, as proposed by Reps. Cardoza and Ross, seems like a good choice to me. That way in three months time, with public opinion even more against Bush and against the war, he needs to come back and ask for more money. ... The point is to try to generate as many votes on this as possible. Either at some point we'll start seeing significant GOP defections (which is the best hope for ending the war while Bush is still president) or else at a minimum GOP incumbents will need to keep casting votes for perpetual war and set themselves up for defeat in 2008."

Even heavy critics of the Dems current supplemental sees possibility in the Blue Dog plan. **Talk Left's Big Tent Democrat** writes: "The source of the idea intrigues more than the idea itself. I prefer a different approach, but it is a good sign when conservative Dems are preparing fighting tactics, as opposed to rollover tactics." BTD later outlines his concerns: "But the intention of not funding past a date certain must accompany such a proposal. And that intention must be followed up on in determined fashion when the regular appropriations process for the Iraq Debacle begins again in June."

### IRAQ II: Baghdad Or Bust

Asking readers, "What if you had the choice to send someone to tell you that story firsthand? Would you send someone like, say, Dan Rather?" **RedState's** Directors are raising money to send two of their own to Iraq. RedState already has Pentagon approval and is looking to raise \$7.5K for the trip. At deadline they had just over \$7K.

### BLOGGERS VS. MSM: 'Dancing With The Devil'

The netroots are gearing up for round two against Fox News after the CBC announced it would partnering with the news organization to host a Dem WH '08 debate. **DailyKos'** founder **Markos Moulitsas** says, "Here we go again," and adds: "The CBC's decision is breath-taking in its stupidity, and the organization will now face the well-deserved scorn of its own constituents as well as outside observers. Candidates will be forced to choose between grassroots activists (of all colors) and an out-of-touch, entrenched inside-the-Beltway organization." Kos urges readers to sign **Color of Change's** petition against the event.

Under the header "Dancing with the Devil," **Color of Change's** petition argues: "Fox News has consistently attacked Black people, Black leaders, and Black cultural institutions. Despite this, the Congressional Black Caucus Institute has announced that it will partner with Fox to co-host presidential debates. The Congressional Black Caucus is letting us down at a time when Black Americans need strong and strategic leaders more than ever."

**Jack and Jill Politic's Jill Tubman** notes: "In 2002, the CBC Foundation was given an undisclosed amount from Fox News and parent company News Corp. Between 2003-2005, they gave the CBC somewhere between \$47,500 to \$98,998 with numbers for 2006 still unavailable. Don't believe me. Get the facts here and take a look at CBCF's donor list. Are our leaders purchased so cheaply?"

### BLOGGERS VS. MSM II: First They Came For Fox ...

While not acknowledging *The Politico's* 3/29 front page story on the GOP's upcoming '08 "Meltdown," the netroots are elevating their campaign to paint the fledging paper as a cog in the right wing noise machine. A **Media Matters** report showing The Drudge Report has linked to Politico items

"on at least 45 separate occasions" since Politico launched 1/23/07 is just the latest salvo in an ongoing campaign.

Kos quips "Drudge and the Politico, sitting in a tree..." while Atrios labels the paper "Drudgico" and asks, "Why don't they just merge operations."

Also at Media Matters, **Eric Boehlert** attacks *Politico* for "hit pieces" on WH '08ers **Bill Richardson** and **Barack Obama**. Boehlert explains: "The reporting simply reinforced the notion that Politico plays loose with the facts when dealing with Democratic candidates. I can't find similar examples of The Politico manufacturing phony controversies about Republican candidates. And honestly, I don't want it to. I just want Politico to practice sound journalism."

### PROSECUTOR PURGE: The Best Scandals Always Come Back To Hookers

Blogging on ex-AG CoS **Kyle Sampson's** 3/29 testimony focussed mostly on trying to build a case the WH obstructed justice when it fired San Diego USA **Carol Lam**. "Big things" coming out of the hearing include:

- TPM's Paul Kiel on two items from Sen. **Diane Feinstein's** (D-CA) questioning: "The first was a glowing letter about Lam that Feinstein presented from the Director of Field Operations for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency. ... The second was the revelation that after the FBI bureau chief in San Diego complained to the press about Lam's firing, Sampson called FBI headquarters to complain.
- TPM's Josh Marshall: "Attention all chumps who think that Carol Lam was canned for not following administration immigration enforcement policy. Sampson has just confirmed that for all their deep concern about her border enforcement policy, no one from the DOJ ever raised the issue with Lam. Ever."
- More Marshall: "Sen. Kennedy (D-MA) makes a very good point. The prosecutor firings and replacements just happen to be in all the key 2008 swing states, and not in any states that are safe for either party -- with the exception of California, where the Lam -Cunningham investigation is. Why do you think that would be?"
- Firedoglake's Christy Hardin Smith: "Karl Rove may have been involved in the decision to briefly float Patrick Fitzgerald as a great candidate to fire. Sampson's not much help there, though."
- More Smith: "Chuck Schumer seems to have certain suspicions about what **Monica Goodling** did. In particular, it seems that he may have well-grounded suspicions that she was administering loyalty oaths to Assistant USAs, a career position.
- The Washington Monthly's Kevin Drum: "[H]ere's the single most remarkable thing about Sampson's testimony ... And after all this time to prepare and finally get it right, what did Sampson say? Nothing. Almost literally, nothing. He still didn't have any plausible, documented reasons for firing the USA-8.

In non-hearing but related news, Marshall alerts readers that Lam defender and San Diego FBI chief **Dan Dzwilewski** has "just announced he's resigning from the Bureau."

The Huffington Post's Joseph Palermo makes the case that Sampson's testimony makes it "clear that top officials of the Justice Department obstructed justice." Palermo argues: "First, Ms. Lam, a Republican, secured a conviction against former California Representative, **Randy "Duke" Cunningham** ... Then Ms. Lam caught the trail of two well-connected associates of Cunningham's, **Brent Wilkes** and his old high-school buddy, **Kyle "Dusty" Foggo**. ... As soon as U.S. Attorney Lam began to secure search warrants against Wilkes and Foggo, Gonzales had her fired. ... Attorney General Gonzales said he had no role in discussing the firings of the eight U.S. attorneys, but today his former chief of staff, Kyle Sampson, told the Senate that Gonzales had signed off on them. ... It has been alleged that Wilkes' company provided high-priced prostitutes to satisfy the carnal pleasures of Cunningham and his well-connected defense and CIA-contractor pals on the taxpayer's dime. The boys at Justice might have fired Lam, not only to protect their colleagues' kickbacks, but to block the exposure of a full-throttle sex scandal."

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Top Ten Things This Administration Is Too Incompetent To Pull**

Off

**Townhall's Dean Barnett** sketches out one clever way Pres. **Bush** could deal with Dems on Iraq: But what about this: What if the president surprises everyone and signs the bill into law but says the usurpation of the president's Commander in Chief duties are unconstitutional and he has no intention of following the orders of 535 congressional General wannabes. ... If Bush takes such a course, then the Congress can do one or two things: It can bring the law to the Supreme Court for a ruling on its constitutionality, a case that it will surely lose. Or it can just skip that step and go right to impeachment.

### LEST WE FORGET: And You Thought Reagan Ended The Cold War

**The Plank's** Isaac Choitner is tracking coverage of Indian's cricket team current losing streak including this Bombay op-ed:

A lot has been said about what has gone wrong with the Indian cricket and what needs to be done to fix it. But the key to solving the problem lies perhaps in the 1982 flick *Rocky III*. The players, selectors, and all cricket administrators should sit together and watch this film. [If the team cannot win] they should make way for players who are hungry--they are practicing hard somewhere on the maidans of India with the track *Eye of the Tiger* in the background.

Choitner adds: "Yes, yes, *Rocky II* was better. Still, all the cynics out there might choose to remember that *Rocky IV* concluded with *The Italian Stallion* peacefully ending the cold war."

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## ► CAMPAIGNS OF '07

### 28 KENTUCKY GOVERNOR: Endorsement Season In Full Swing

State Sen./Ex-Gov. **Julian Carroll** (D) endorsed '03 candidate/businessman **Bruce Lunsford** (D) 3/29, "undercutting the argument" of other Dems that his support for Gov. **Ernie Fletcher** (R) in '03 makes him "unelectable." Carroll said Lunsford and running mate/AG **Greg Stumbo** (D) will provide "essential leadership" for KY, and that Lunsford is the only candidate who can afford to take on the GOP in the general. Carroll: "A victory for Lunsford-Stumbo is a must if we are to win in November" (**Gerth**, *Louisville Courier-Journal*, 3/30). Carroll said he hadn't discussed his decision with Lunsford (**Glasser**, *Frankfort State Journal*, 3/30). Lunsford: "As a lifelong Democrat, I take pride in knowing that one of our party's great leaders believes that I will get the job done for Kentucky" (release, 3/29).

Meanwhile, 38 of the 61 Dem state reps. endorsed '03 candidate/state House Speaker **Jody Richards** (D). They include Maj Leader **Rocky Adkins**, Maj Caucus Chair **Charlie Hoffman**, Maj Whip **Rob Wilkey** and Budget Cmte Chair **Harry Moberly** (*Lexington Herald-Leader*, 3/30). "Both sides have been active" on endorsements since the end of the legislative session. Ex-Rep. **Anne Northup** (R) announced the support of three state reps 3/29 (**Biesk**, AP, 3/29).

#### Northern Aggression

Northup "retraced" Fletcher's steps as she campaigned and raised money in Northern KY 3/29. "Fletcher played to bigger crowds and apparently raised more money." In her speech, she discussed her background in Congress and the state legislature, raising six children, and other topics "before hammering her common theme: Fletcher can't win re-election because of his lack of leadership." Northup: "Legislators will tell you they did not see Ernie Fletcher but once or twice during the entire session" (**Crowley**, *Cincinnati Enquirer*, 3/30).

Meanwhile, the KY cong. delegation has invited all three candidates for a "Unity Rally" on 5/26. The invitation came from Sen. **Mitch McConnell's** (R) office. From the invite: "Some in the media have questioned if a competitive spring primary spells doom for the GOP in the fall election. We call such speculation ridiculous (**Brammer**, *Lexington Herald-Leader* blog, 3/29).

To Your Health!

'87 candidate/'96 SEN candidate/ex-LG **Steve Beshear** (D) unveiled 3/29 a plan to expand health care coverage, starting with 81K uninsured children. He said his plan would cost between \$28M and \$57M a year, and be paid for by the expected \$500M in revenues from expanded gambling (*Lexington Herald-Leader*, 3/30). He said he ultimately hopes to have universal health care, but added: "We have got to get the cost of health-care delivery under control." Meanwhile, businessman/Fletcher '03 finance chair **Billy Harper** (R) said he'd focus on wellness programs instead of expanding state-funded programs (**Gerth**, *Louisville Courier-Journal*, 3/30).

### Runoff Rehash

Fletcher said 3/29 that he's "considering options" to help counties pay the expense of a likely runoff primary election. The legislature adjourned "without dealing with the runoff issue." Sec/State **Trey Grayson** (R) suggested to Fletcher that he perhaps add the issue to the agenda of a special session (**Loftus**, *Louisville Courier-Journal*, 3/30). KY has not held a runoff in its current form. Grayson said they typically have "abysmal" turnout, and the eventual winner could get fewer votes in the runoff than in the original primary (**Biesk**, AP, 3/30).

Primary: 5/22; Primary Runoff: 6/26  
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## 29 LOUISIANA GOVERNOR: I Force, I Lead, I Unite

Ex-Sen. **John Breaux** (D) "is laying the groundwork" for his camp, "even as he insists he is not a candidate." Breaux said in Lake Charles 3/29 that he's hired a treas, is interviewing managers and is "looking at bumper sticker designs." Breaux: "I can be a force. I can be a leader. I can be a uniter" (**Millhollon**, *Baton Rouge Advocate*, 3/30). He also said he's eager to see the ruling from AG **Charles Foti** (D) about whether he meets the eligibility requirements, but said he'll be "guided," but not bound, by his ruling. Breaux: "I am planning to be a candidate for governor. But I also want to do the very bets that I can do to get a clear opinion as to what the legal issues would be" (**Simpson**, AP, 3/29).

GOPers question Breaux's eligibility, saying he "moved his citizenship to Maryland." In '95, Breaux "signed up for homestead exemption for his" MD Eastern Shore home and "checked a box to register there." But Breaux says he's never voted in MD. The LA constitution requires candidates to be registered in the state at qualification and to be citizens of the U.S. and LA. "The word 'citizen' is not defined" (**Hill**, *Gannett/Lafayette Daily Advertiser*, 3/30). Breaux: "I am a citizen of Louisiana. ... My family came to Louisiana in the 1700s. We have been here ever since, and we will all be buried here as well" (**Anderson**, *New Orleans Times-Picature*, 3/30).

### Love Ya Bobby, Stay In DC!

During the presser, he "signaled a theme of his campaign by saying he has maturity, experience and a proven record of uniting" Dems and GOPers.

Breaux also complimented '03 candidate/Rep. **Bobby Jindal** (R-01: "He's very smart, and he did a very good job. ... If he stays in Congress, he would build up seniority and become very effective. I would like to see him stay in Congress." More: "When I went to Congress for the first time, I was not ready to be governor. I did not have the experience to run a state. ... You don't have that after you serve only a few months in Congress" (**Hill**, *Gannett/Lafayette Daily Advertiser*).

Filing Deadline: 9/6; General: 10/20; Runoff: 11/17  
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## 30 PHILADELPHIA MAYOR: Fattah Won't Give In; Story At 11

Rep. **Chaka Fattah** (D-02) "still won't release his income tax returns," even though WCAU-TV has waived a confidentiality requirement in its contract with anchor **Renee Chenault-Fattah**. Fattah's camp said his wife "still wants to keep her salary private." Fattah spokesperson **Solomon Jones**: "Fattah

stands by his wife's wishes today, tomorrow and forever." Chenault-Fattah said revealing her pay would undercut bargaining power with any future employer.

Businessman/ex-Dep Mayor **Tom Knox** (D): "What's he got to hide? He could release edited tax returns." Fattah: "If the choice is between making my wife happy or Tom Knox happy, he's going to be disappointed, as he will be on May 15" (**Maykuth**, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 3/30). In '06, Fattah said his wife "should have no problem" with her anchor job during his camp. But the "drawn-out saga" over his tax returns "proved that Chenault-Fattah does sometimes become part of a campaign story," and media experts "have questioned" whether she should remain a news anchor (**Lucey**, *Philly Daily News*, 3/30).

### Oh, To Be Single Again

'99 candidate/state Rep. **Dwight Evans** (D) released his tax info 3/29. Evans, unmarried, "had the simplest returns" of any candidate, listing only income of \$86K from his legislative salary and \$311 in interest from a bank account (**Davies**, *Philly Daily News*, 3/30).

### Katz Is In ... The Pundit Business

'91 candidate/'99/'03 nominee **Sam Katz** (R) is "back again," as a blogger for *Philadelphia* magazine. Asked for his thoughts on the race, he said Knox's claim that Rep. **Bob Brady** (D-01) isn't smart enough to be mayor "has the makings of a significantly fratricidal event." Katz: "It's one thing to challenge [Brady] on the issue of disclosure, another thing to call him a moron." Katz, on ex-City Councilor **Michael Nutter**'s (D) ads attacking Mayor **John Street** (D): "It's a very strategically interesting move. Whether it's politically smart I don't know." On Fattah: "It's surprising that Fattah has allowed his strong lead to be frittered away. I've seen evidence that fundraising hasn't come easily for him" (**Joseph**, *Philly Daily News*, 3/30).

Primary: 5/15

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## 31 MAYORAL ROUNDUP: Embattled Incumbent Edition

### MEMPHIS: Oh The Intrigue!

*Memphis Flyer*'s **Baker** reports that there are two new private polls that "not only" show Mayor **Willie Herenton** "in significant decline with the electorate," but also that City Councilor **Carol Chumney**'s "high-profile challenges" to the mayor have "elevated her to first place." Ex-MLGW CEO/ex-Memphis NAACP pres/atty **Herman Morris** "lags behind," with ex-Shelby Co. Commis. **John Willingham** "further back still. Morris friend **John Ryder**: "This will obviously buoy Carol, but it won't hold up over the long haul."

Others think that Shelby Co. Mayor **A C Wharton**, who said he wouldn't challenge Herenton, "will rethink that position" (3/28). Chumney: "Everywhere I go people have told me they're supporting me, so I think we've got an excellent chance of [winning] if everybody will get out and vote." Morris: "It shows that she's worked for a year to get where she is. ... We've only been in it about three weeks" (WMC-TV online, 3/29).

Filing Deadline: 7/19; General: 10/4; Runoff: 11/8

### SAN FRANCISCO: Back In The Game?

*San Francisco Chronicle*'s **Neivus** writes that Mayor **Gavin Newsom** came to an ed board meeting 3/27 "like a man on a mission." He was "the picture of a gung-ho incumbent, working his butt off to get re-elected. Which is just what you'd expect. But there was just one question: Do you believe him?" Newsom: "There was a six-month period there where I was just cruising. I was engaged, but I kind of lost a little bit of my edge."

Newsom called the publicity after admitting an affair with his ex-manager's wife and alcoholism "a giant wake-up call." Newsom: "It was healthy in reminding me what I have at stake and the gift that I have been given. ... I've got to prove myself now -- to my friends as well as my critics." Newsom still doesn't have an opponent. "But is there more to his political future?" Newsom: "I can always go back to delivering wine again" (3/28).

Meanwhile, KPIX-TV reports that "left-wing bloggers are abuzz about the notion" of actor **Danny Glover** running. He's a San Francisco native, and "has garnered attention in more recent times as an activist for causes ranging from civil rights to death penalty opposition." Glover's publicist **Michelle Vega**: "We don't have any comment at this time" (3/28).

Filing Deadline: 8/28; General: 11/6

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## ► SENATE 2008

### 32 NEW HAMPSHIRE: Shaheens Are Still Being Cagey

Sen. **John Sununu** (R) trails '02 nominee/ex-Gov. **Jeanne Shaheen** (D) by 10 pts in a recent poll, even though she hasn't said she's running (see [3/29's Hotline](#)). ARG pollster **Dick Bennett**: "At this point in time he should be doing much better. ... At the moment he should have those voters (indies) behind him. Traditionally incumbents do and he doesn't." DSCC spokesperson **Matthew Miller**: "For an incumbent senator to be trailing anyone 18 months before an election shows he's starting the race in a bad place."

"Miller wouldn't say if polls" like ARG's will prompt Dems to urge Shaheen to enter the race. She currently is dir. of the Inst of Politics at Harvard's JFK School. Miller: "We never discuss our recruiting, but I think the polls show she would be a strong challenger."

Shaheen's husband, **Bill**, who will co-chair Sen. **Hillary Clinton's** (D-NY) NH operation, played down the poll while confirming "she's happy where she is" but hasn't closed the door on a possible run. B. Shaheen: "How (voters) feel at the time of the election is what really counts. I think John Sununu is going to have to defend his record not over what he's done the last month but what he's done the last five years, and 99 percent of it has been in lockstep with President **Bush**" (**Krauss**, *Foster's Daily Democrat*, 3/30).

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### 33 LOUISIANA: But J. Peterman Doesn't Know She's Really Elaine Benes

Politics1.com's **Gunzburger** reports: "It looks like" '02 nominee/'03 AG nominee/ex-Elections Commis. **Suzie Terrell** (R) -- "is readying for a rematch" against Sen. **Mary Landrieu** (D). That's based "on a combination of her revamping her [website](#), plus a tip from a LA GOP activist that she's making calls about it to see if she has support" (3/30).

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### 34 TEXAS: They're Not Perennials.... Yet

"Some losing candidates don't give up or even take a break. Instead of licking their wounds for a while and then considering future races, they run perpetual campaigns. ..." But don't "confuse them with perennial candidates." These folks "harbor at least some realistic hope of future political success."

"Among the local examples" are '06 GOV nominee/ex-Rep. **Chris Bell** (D), ex-Rep. **Shelley Sekula-Gibbs** (D) and '06 SEN nominee **Barbara Ann Radnofsky** (D). Radnofsky "is touring the state promoting her new book, 'Stepping Forward'. She's mulling over political options. Possibilities include" a challenge to Sen. **John Cornyn** (R) or Rep. **John Culberson** (R-07). She's also considering running for AG in '10 and has formed the "Believe U.S." PAC. Radnofsky: "I want to help candidates who have the courage to run. Texas has been ignored too long on the national scene. We have a one-party system, and it's not healthy."

"Radnofsky also sends out frequent e-mails, an inexpensive way to keep a name in play" (**Mack**, *Houston Chronicle*, 3/30).  
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## ▶ GOVERNOR 2008

# 35 MISSOURI: To Put It Bluntly, He Is Improving

An American Viewpoint (R) poll; conducted 3/12-14; surveyed 800 adults; margin of error +/- 3.5% (release, 3/23).

<b>Blunt As Gov.</b>	Now	1/07
Approve	53%	46%
Disapprove	41	44

<b>Dir. Of MO</b>	
Right dir.	51%
Wrong track	42

### Water Under The Bridge? Not Yet.

Blunt CoS **Ed Martin** held a presser 3/28 to "deliver excerpts from a statement he would have cited under oath had he testified" before the MO Public Service Commis. about Ameren, the utility co. he has accused AG **Jay Nixon's** (D) camp of "coercing" into making thousands of dollars in contributions to the GOV race. In the statement, Martin alleges Ameren general counsel **Steve Sullivan** told Martin he received a call from Nixon asking for contributions -- while Nixon was a criminal prosecutor in a lawsuit regarding the '05 Taum Sauk dam disaster. Martin said he was "shocked." Martin: "After all, we all know that the prosecutor in a case cannot ask the target of the investigation for money." While there was "no recorded evidence" of the conversation between Martin and Sullivan, Martin said the fact that he was willing to go under oath was telling. But Sullivan told the PSC earlier this month that he "had never been personally asked or even approached" by Nixon's camp for contributions.

In a response, Nixon's office called it "both sad and disconcerting" that Blunt "continues to politicize." Nixon: "By interfering in the rate case as we near the conclusion, the governor is once again putting his political ambitions ahead of doing what is right" for MO (**Rosenbaum**, *Columbia Daily Tribune* blog, 3/29).

*Columbia Daily Tribune* editorializes if the "protracted fighting" between Blunt and Nixon's camps "can be put aside -- which seems impossible at the moment -- the important goal here is to get a fair settlement with Ameren and let the utility complete restoration efforts" at Taum Sauk. "Nixon's talk about criminality drags out the matter too much" (3/28).

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## ▶ IN THE STATES

# 36 THE FLY-BY: Let's Just Start Calling This The Gibbons-Corzine-Weiner Round-Up

### ARIZONA: Bush High And Dry In The Desert

A Behavior Research Center Rocky Mountain Poll; conducted 3/10-21; surveyed 600 adults; margin of error +/- 6.3% (release, 3/27). Party ID breakdown: 36%D, 42%R, 26%I.

<b>Napolitano As Gov.</b>	Now	1/07	1/06
Excel/good	63%	61%	57%
Fair/poor	30	33	34

<b>Bush As Pres.</b>	Now	1/07	1/06
Excel/good	32%	34%	40%
Fair/poor	63	62	57

**Stage Leg. Approval**  
 Now 1/07 1/06  
 Excel/good 28% 35% 30%  
 Fair/poor 51 46 51

**Kyl As Sen.**  
 Now 1/07 1/06  
 Excel/good 46% 48% 42%  
 Fair/poor 37 40 34

**CALIFORNIA: All's Golden On The Left Coast**

A Public Policy Institute of CA poll; conducted 3/13-20; surveyed 2,000 adults; margin of error +/- 2% (release, 3/28). Party ID breakdown: 43%D, 31%R, 26%I.

**Schwarzenegger As Gov.**  
 Approve 51%  
 Disapprove 38

**State Leg. Approval**  
 Approval 41%  
 Disapprove 42

**Bush As Pres.**  
 Approve 28%  
 Disapprove 74

**Feinstein As Sen.**  
 Approve 54%  
 Disapprove 27

**Boxer As Sen.**  
 Approve 50%  
 Disapprove 31

**Pelosi As Speaker**  
 Approve 52%  
 Disapprove 27

**Do You Thing The Term Limits For The State Leg. Are A \_\_\_\_ ?**  
 Good thing 62%  
 Bad thing 12  
 No diff. 21

**Does The Redistricting Process Need To Undergo \_\_\_\_ ?**  
 Major changes 37%  
 Minor changes 27  
 Fine as is 21

**Your Rep. Approval**  
 Approve 55%  
 Disapprove 24

**How Do You Feel About Immigrants?**  
 Benefit 60%  
 Burden 33

**Should Illegal Immigrants Be Allowed To Apply For Work Permits?**  
 Yes 64%  
 No 32

**Do You Favor Providing Health Care To Illegal Immigrants?**  
 Favor 43%  
 Oppose 53

**Would You Favor Legislation Allowing Illegal Immigrants To Get A Driver's License?**  
 Favor 43%  
 Oppose 54

**NEVADA: Love Those Gibbons**

Gov. **Jim Gibbons'** (R) wife **Dawn Gibbons** "was hired as a consultant" to Sierra Nevada Corp. at the same time that J. Gibbons, who was a member of Congress at the time, "helped the company get funding for a no-bid federal contract." D. Gibbons received "about \$35,000 in consulting fees in 2004 from Sierra Nevada" while J. Gibbons "sought funding that year" for a \$4M contract to "develop a helicopter radar-landing system" (**Wilke**, *Wall Street Journal*, 3/30).

**NEW JERSEY: Hmmm, Christie Sure Is Playing Nice... Maybe TOO Nice?**

Gov. **Jon Corzine** (D) "refused to say" whether he and former girlfriend/union leader **Carla Katz** "exchanged e-mails during recent state worker contract talks" (**Hester**, *AP/Newsday*, 3/28). Attys **Bruce Afran** and **Carl Mayer** "asked federal authorities" to investigate "Corzine's failure to initially disclose" a \$470K gift to Katz. The attys "alleged Corzine violated federal law by failing to disclose the gift on U.S. Senate disclosure forms" (*AP/Philadelphia Inquirer*, 3/30). Mayer: "It's a slam dunk that an investigation should be opened" (**Howlett**, *Newark Star-Ledger*, 3/30). But U.S. Atty **Chris Christie** said: "I don't see anything in this situation which necessitates us opening an investigation" (*AP*, 3/29).

**NEW YORK: Weiner's Getting Ready**

*New York Observer's* **Paybarah** writes that Rep. **Anthony Weiner** (D) sent out a letter this week to

his donor list for the '09 NYC Mayoral Race. The letter said "Weiner for Mayor" in white letters with two stripes of orange and blue, "a lingering homage to his preferred baseball team." Also, "the headline on the third page...says: 'Weiner is #1.' And below that: 'Anthony Weiner in driver's seat for '09.'" (4/2).

### PENNSYLVANIA: Dems Like Specter More Than Casey!

A Quinnipiac Univ. poll; conducted 3/19-25; surveyed 1,187 RVs; margin of error +/- 2.8% (release, 3/28). Party ID breakdown:

#### Rendell As Gov.

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Approve	57%	74%	38%	58%
Disapprove	33	19	50	34

#### State Leg. Approval

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Approve	39%	44%	38%	35%
Disapprove	41	34	42	50

#### Specter As Sen.

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Approve	59%	65%	53%	59%
Disapprove	29	24	36	30

#### Casey As Sen.

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Approve	46%	64%	31%	42%
Disapprove	18	9	25	25

### SOUTH CAROLINA: The Post-Sanford Future

*Roll Call's* **Murray** writes that SC Dems and GOPers are looking to GOP Gov. **Mark Sanford's** '10 "exit as the debut for perhaps a dozen or more political up-and-comers." One Dem operative said state Rep. **Leon Stavrinakis** (D) is on the top of the list for the GOV race. Dem state Reps. **Todd Rutherford, Paul Agnew** and **James Smith** are also "said to be mulling" bids.

"Many consider" AG **Henry McMaster** (R) "as Sanford's likely GOP successor." One GOP operative: "Henry McMaster is supporting **John McCain**. If John McCain wins, Henry is talked about as the leading candidate for governor in 2010."

Other GOP potential candidates include ex-state Speaker **David Wilkins**, Reps. **Gresham Barrett** and **Joe Wilson**, state Sen. **Jim Ritchie**, Treas. **Thomas Ravenel** and state Rep. **Nikki Randhawa Haley** (3/27).

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## ► **Hotline EXTRAS!**

# 37 HOTLINE NEWS: Between "Blades Of Glory" And The Games In Atlanta, Can This Weekend Ever Be Matched?

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## ► POLL UPDATE

# 38 FOX NEWS/OPINION DYNAMICS: Will The Real Reagan Please Stand Up

Conducted 3/27-28; surveyed 900 RVs; margin of error +/- 3% (release, 3/29/). Party ID breakdown: 43%D, 35%R, 16%I.

### WH '08 Primary Matchups

(GOPers)	Now	2/28	1/31
R. Giuliani	36%	39%	34%
J. McCain	20	19	22
F. Thompson	9	na	na
N. Gingrich	6	7	15
M. Romney	6	6	3
M. Huckabee	3	4	--
T. Thompson	2	--	--
J. Gilmore	1	--	--
D. Hunter	1	2	2
S. Brownback	1	2	1
C. Hagel	--	1	--
Other/undec	15	21	22

### WH '08 Primary Matchups

(Dems)	Now	2/28	1/31
H. Clinton	36%	34%	43%
B. Obama	18	23	15
A. Gore	14	14	11
J. Edwards	13	12	12
B. Richardson	2	1	2
D. Kucinich	2	1	--
J. Biden	1	1	4
C. Dodd	--	--	--
Undec/other	15	13	12

	1st	2nd
R. Giuliani	36%	56%
J. McCain	20	38
F. Thompson	9	17
N. Gingrich	6	19
M. Romney	6	13
M. Huckabee	3	4
T. Thompson	2	5
J. Gilmore	1	4
D. Hunter	1	1
S. Brownback	1	4
C. Hagel	--	1
Other/undec	13	35

	1st	2nd
H. Clinton	36%	60%
B. Obama	18	42
A. Gore	14	30
J. Edwards	13	28
B. Richardson	2	6
D. Kucinich	2	3
J. Biden	1	5
C. Dodd	--	1
Undec/other	13	24

	GOP	Ind
R. Giuliani	50%	23%
J. McCain	37	44
Undec/other	14	33

	Dem	Ind
H. Clinton	52%	29%
B. Obama	32	43
Undec/other	16	29

### WH '08 General Matchup

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
H. Clinton	42%	73%	9%	35%
R. Giuliani	40	14	73	39
M. Bloomberg	6	4	6	11
Undec	12	9	12	15

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
R. Giuliani	45%	16%	84%	43%
H. Clinton	44	74	9	39
Undec	11	10	7	18

R. Giuliani	43%	20%	76%	39%
B. Obama	43	68	13	42

J. McCain	47%	17%	81%	52%
H. Clinton	43	75	10	33

Undec	14	12	11	19	Undec	9	7	9	15
H. Clinton	51%	83%	18%	38%					
F. Thompson	34	7	69	37					
Undec	5	10	13	25					

**Bush As Pres.**

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind	2/8	2/14	1/31	1/17	12/6	11/5	10/25	10/6
Approve	33%	6%	70%	30%	34%	35%	38%	35%	38%	38%	40%	40%
Disapprove	61	91	24	60	57	56	54	56	54	54	53	56

**Which Party Do You Think Will Win Congress Approval**

<b>WH '08?</b>	All	Dem	GOP	Ind	2/7							
Dem Party	67%	90%	44%	60%		Approve	30%	38%	28%	22%	32%	
GOP Party	22	6	45	22		Disapprove	54	46	58	58	49	
Don't know	11	5	11	18								

<b>Fav/Unfav</b>	All	Dem	GOP	Ind	1/07
Dem Party	51%/37%	85%/ 9%	17%/70%	37%/36%	51%/35%
GOP Party	42 /49	11 /85	86 /11	38 /36	39 /49
G. Bush	38 /59	10 /87	75 /23	34 /59	38 /58
N. Pelosi	37 /31	56 /11	15 /57	32 /29	33 /24
D. Cheney	34 /55	16 /55	65 /26	23 /63	37 /53
F. Thomspson	23 /10	14 /15	34 / 7	21 / 6	--na--
A. Gonzales	22 /35	11 /47	36 /22	19 /35	--na--
K. Rove	18 /37	12 /47	29 /23	14 /42	--na--
MoveOn.org	12 /16	17 / 9	6 /28	12 / 9	--na--
S. Berger	12 /20	15 /13	11 /29	10 /17	--na--

**What Would Your Reaction Be If \_\_\_ Becomes Pres.?**

	Enthu- siastic	Pleased	Neutral	Dis- pleased	Scared
H. Clinton	16%	24%	16%	14%	26%
B. Obama	14	25	28	13	11
R. Giuliani	13	28	30	16	8
J. McCain	8	24	37	16	9

**Which GOP WH '08er Is Most Like Ronald Reagan?**  
(Open-ended)

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
R. Giuliani	14%	16%	18%	5%
J. McCain	10	9	12	9
T. Thompson	6	2	10	6
N. Gingrich	5	5	6	5
M. Romney	2	1	4	2
S. Brownback	1	1	--	--
M. Huckabee	1	--	1	--
D. Hunter	--	--	1	--
J. Gilmore	--	--	--	--
T. Thompson	--	--	--	--
C. Hagel	--	1	--	--
Undec/other	60	55	46	61

**Can A TV Network That Is Hosting A WH '08 Debate Influence That Debate?**

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Yes	65%	58%	71%	69%
No	28	34	22	27

**Should Alberto Gonzales Resign?**

**Would It Be A Good Idea For HRC To Appoint Bill Clinton "Ambassador To The World"?**

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Good idea	45%	69%	17%	46%
Bad idea	47	21	80	42

**Is John Edwards Doing The Right Thing Continuing His WH '08 Run?**

Right thing	59%	66%	52%	57%
Wrong thing	27	23	34	25

**Does Edwards' Decision To Stay In The Race Make You More Likely To Vote For Him?**

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
More likely	10%	10%	9%	10%
Less likely	10	8	12	10
No diff.	78	80	77	79

**Should The Dem Party Allow Grass-roots Organizations Like MoveOn Take It Over?**

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Yes	16%	17%	14%	14%

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Yes	44%	62%	26%	38%
No	28	15	43	35

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**Is It A Good Idea To Leave Iraq By 9/08?**

**Who Do You Trust To Decide When To Leave Iraq?**

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Congress	18%	30%	7%	15%
Commanders	69	52	88	69

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Good idea	44%	62%	24%	40%
Bad idea	45	26	67	50

From the release: "Americans think the next person to move into the" WH will be a Dem, "and while many voters would be enthusiastic or pleased if any one of the current front-runners were to win, one candidate scares more people than the others": Sen. **Hillary Clinton (D-NY)**.

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# 39 PEW RESEARCH CENTER: Mommy Party No Longer?

A Princeton Survey Research Assoc poll; conducted 3/21-25; surveyed 1,503; margin of error +/- 3% (release, 3/26). Party ID breakdown: 36%D, 25%R, 33%I.

**WH '08 Primary Matchups**

<i>(Dems)</i>	1st	2nd
H. Clinton	24%	39%
B. Obama	23	38
J. Edwards	16	28
A. Gore	10	24
B. Richardson	3	6
J. Biden	2	5
C. Dodd	1	2
D. Kucinich	--	2
Undec/other	21	57

**WH '08 Primary Matchups**

<i>(GOPers)</i>	1st	2nd
R. Giuliani	28%	43%
J. McCain	25	40
N. Gingrich	5	11
M. Romney	5	9
T. Thompson	2	4
M. Huckabee	1	3
D. Hunter	1	3
S. Brownback	1	2
J. Gilmore	2	2
Undec/other	28	79

**Cong. Dems Approval**

	Now	2/07	1/07
Approve	37%	41%	39%
Disapprove	42	36	34

**Bush As Pres.**

	Now	2/07	1/07
Approve	33%	33%	33%
Disapprove	58	56	59

**Pelosi As Speaker**

Approve	48%
Disapprove	22

**Reid As Sen. Maj. Leader**

Approve	32%
Disapprove	22

**Will Cong. Dems Be Successful In Passing Their Agenda?**

	Now	1/07
Successful	54%	57%
Unsuccessful	32	25

**In Dealing With Congress, Should Bush \_\_\_\_ ?**

Work with Dems more	43%
Challenge Dems more	18
Is handling OK	27

**Which Party \_\_\_\_ ?**

	Dem Party	GOP Party
Is concerned about my needs	55%	26%
Brings needed changes	52	26
Runs the gov't well	47	31
Governs ethically	43	25
Is influenced by lobbyists	30	40

**Are Cong. Dems Keeping Promises?**

Yes	40%
No	38

**Which Party Has Better Leaders?**

	Now	9/06	4/06	2/06
Dem Party	44%	34%	40%	37%
GOP Party	29	38	38	41

**Which Party Has Stronger Leaders?**

	Now	9/06	4/06
Dem Party	41%	30%	26%
GOP Party	36	43	53

From the release: As the Dem Cong. approaches the 100-day mark, the public gives Dems "mixed reviews for delivering on their campaign promises, and for their policies and proposals."

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## 40 KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION: Hillarycare Redux?

Conducted 3/8-13 by Princeton Survey Research Assoc; surveyed 1,233 adults; margin of error +/- 3% (release, 3/29). Party ID breakdown: 48%D, 35%R, 16%I.

### What Is The Most Important Problem For The Gov't To Address?

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Iraq war	44%	50%	43%	43%
Health care	29	31	28	29
Economic issues	13	20	10	10
Immigration	9	4	12	11
Education	8	8	8	8
Terrorism	8	4	14	8
Corruption	7	9	6	7
National debt	5	3	6	7
Energy	4	5	4	4
Taxes	4	3	6	5
Social Security	4	3	6	4

### How Would A WH '08er's Health Care Views Influence Your Vote?

Only vote for one that shares my views	14%
Look at it and other issues	69
Not a factor	10

### Which Health Care Issue Do You Want To Hear The WH '08 Candidates Talk About?

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Expanding health coverage	32%	38%	22%	32%
Reducing costs	31	28	38	31
Medicare	12	15	10	11
Quality of care	7	6	11	6
Reducing gov't spending	7	6	11	6

### Which WH '08 Candidate Best Represents Your Views On Health Care?

(Open-ended)	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
H. Clinton	14%	27%	7%	9%
B. Obama	5	8	3	4
R. Giuliani	3	1	7	4
J. McCain	2	1	4	2
M. Romney	1	--	2	1
B. Richardson	1	--	--	1
Generic Dem	2	4	--	1
Generic GOP	1	--	3	1
Other/undec	69	75	56	75

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## 41 PUBLIC OPINION STRATEGIES (R) : The Game Of Chicken Continues

Conducted 3/25-27 for the RNC; surveyed 800 RVs; margin of error +/- 3.5% (release, 3/29). Party ID breakdown: 42%D, 39%R, 19%I.

### Favor Congress Fully Funding Military Operations In Iraq?

Favor	56%
Oppose	38

### Favor Dems Attaching Spending For Special Non-Defense Projects To A Defense Bill?

Favor	30%
Oppose	64

### Favor Dems Imposing Troop Reduction Below Levels Military Commanders Requested?

Favor	41%
Oppose	54

### If Bush Vetoes The Dem Spending Bill, Then \_\_\_\_ ?

He should be blamed for not funding the troops	40%
Cong. Dems should be blamed for not funding the troops because they attached conditions and	

## ▶ PEOPLE

### 42 BUSH: So Long, Farewell...

"Several impending depatures" from the WH "could further complicate life for the hard-pressed" admin. Strategic initiatives head **Peter Wehner** and pol. dir. **Sara Taylor** "are expected to be heading" for the "exits soon." Longtime Karl Rove aide **Barry Jackson** "also is thought to be leaving soon." A WH spokesperson "confirmed Wehner's imminent departure, but declined to comment on the others" (**McKinnon**, WSJ.com's "Washington Wire", 3/30).

Over the past several years, "Wehner has sent a blizzard of e-mails" around the WH and the rest of DC, "offering strategy and policy ideas to President **Bush** and making the case for those policies to outsiders. The president calls them 'Wehner-grams,' and their author has been so prolific that they now fill 24 binders." WH CoS **Josh Bolten** called the changes the "natural ebb and flow (of WH staff) ... We must have one of the best records of continuity this late into an administration. ... (But) it's particularly hard to ask folks to stick out a full eight years, so I guess it's not surprising that some of the people who started at or near the start would be going, now that we're at the Year Six mark" (**Baker**, *Washington Post*, 3/30).

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### 43 BUSH/CLINTON: Star Techs

Ex-Pres. **Bush** and ex-Pres. **Clinton** spoke together at the wireless industry's annual show in Orlando 3/29. Bush talked about his Blackberry. Bush: "I'm what you might call a black belt wireless e-mailer." He "said that when he and **Barbara** attend Houston Astros games and sit behind home plate," he e-mails friends. Bush: "I e-mail back and tell them, 'Okay, I'm going to wave to you after the next strike.' And so it's a fun thing and I wave." More Bush: "Wait until you get to be 83, you'll do the same kind of stuff."

Meanwhile, Clinton talked about blogs. Clinton: "Any of us can set up a blog. You have Republican blogs and Democratic blogs. ... An interesting thing that they can do because they don't have to put out a newspaper or even put together a whole evening news show, these blog sites simply deal with one or at most two subjects a day." More Clinton: "So they can do research and get the facts and they don't have to bad-mouth people. Sometimes they do, but they don't have to. They can try to figure out what's going on."

Bush "criticized current media coverage, particularly of his son, saying": "I've never seen it quite as harsh, as mean as it is right now for the president and a lot of other people in public life." But Clinton said he has "a lot of sympathy with people in the press these days." He said "the ground is moving under their feet" (**Ho**, Cox blog, 3/29). Bush and Clinton "closed the convention, which drew 40,000 people from 100 countries" (**Ho**, *Austin American-Statesman*, 3/30).

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### 44 GORE: Moon Over My Sammy

**David Russell** is adapting and will direct "Sammy's Hill" for Columbia Pictures and Red Wagon. The project, "based on **Kristin Gore**'s inside-the-Beltway novel," centers on a young woman "who tries to balance" a job on the Hill "while searching for the right guy." Russell "is working closely" with **Kristin Gore** and others on the screenplay. Producer **Doug Wick**: "It will do for Washington, D.C.,

what 'Talladega Nights' did for race car driving." He added: "We are going for a bold, subversive comedy, and David O. Russell is one of the most original voices working in comedy."

Russell's credits include "I (Heart) Huckabees" and "Spanking the Monkey" (**Siegel**, *Hollywood Reporter*, 3/30).

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## 45 PERINO: Oh, Henry!

**Dana Perino's** dog, **Henry**, is "one smart vizsla." When the WH spokesperson says, "Tell us what you really think about **John Kerry**," Henry "fetches one of her flip-flops." When Perino asks if "anybody thinks that **Bill Clinton** should be in jail," Henry "barks." This "reveals the partisan side" of Perino, 34.

Her "favorite office wall poster": "a black-and-white portrait of a cowboy-hatted" VP **Cheney**, "viewed from behind, with a horse." Another "favorite photo": "the 8-month-old twin grandchildren" of her husband, **Peter McMahon**, an int'l businessman from England whom she met in '97. Says Perino: "I'm a grandmother now."

Meanwhile, Perino "counts among her words of encouragement this week a phone call" from DCCC Chair **Rahm Emanuel**, a friend of **Tony Snow**, "to tell me I'd do fine" (**Silva**, *ChicagoTribune.com*, 3/30).

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## 46 HOEVEN: Just Another Fan Of The Chokecherry

In a "special" ceremony 3/29, a dozen 7th-graders "gathered around" ND Gov. **John Hoeven** (R) as he signed a bill designating the "**chokecherry**" the ND state fruit. When the students were 6th graders, teacher **Nancy Selby** "had them write to Hoeven about the issue." Selby "said she never imagined the project would go so far." The students went through "a rigorous research process" to support the chokecherry, "including learning about its history and uses." The students also "testified on behalf of the bill" two times. The bill passed the House 92-1 and the Senate 42-2.

Hoeven: "They did their homework. They got the job done." School Supt **Warren Larson**: "Kids, what you have done is huge. No one can take this moment away from you again." Student **Lexis Enget**: "They were willing to listen to the chokecherry kids" (**Bristol**, *Minot Daily News*, 3/30).

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## 47 WESTMORELAND: Pro-Player

The late Rep. **Charlie Norwood** (R-GA), whose CD encompassed Augusta, "had begun a tradition whereby on the eve of the Masters Tournament he would stand before Congress and honor a golfer of great acclaim." So said Rep. **Lynn Westmoreland** (R-GA) this week: "I rise today to carry on [that] tradition." More Westmoreland: "This year, that tribute belongs to **Gary Player**, a world-renowned golfer whose accomplishments extend far beyond the links. In April, Mr. Player will tee up at the Augsuta National for the Masters tournament for the 50th consecutive year, a remarkable achievement of longevity in any career" (**McCaslin**, *Washington Times*, 3/30).

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**SIEGELMAN: Maybe It's His Fault Sanjaya Is Still Singing?**

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Ex-Gov. **Don Siegelman** (D) "is asking his friends to write good things about him to the judge who presided over his federal corruption trial. Siegelman was in the process of sending about 100 e-mails" 3/29 to those he describes as "close family friends and people who have been strong supporters." The e-mail said he wants them to show U.S. Dist. Judge **Mark Fuller** how "I have made a positive impact on your life or the life of someone you know or how I made a positive difference for the people of Alabama."

In an interview, Siegelman stressed his goal is to offset the "negative accusations" made about him at his trial. Siegelman: "As we approach sentencing, it's important for the judge to see who the real Don Siegelman is." Fuller "has not yet set a sentencing date because he is weighing a request" for a new trial. "If the verdict stands, Siegelman expects the judge to then set a sentencing date sometime in April or early May." Siegelman "said he plans to appeal any sentence" (**Kizzire**, *Montgomery Advertiser*, 3/30).  
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# 49 LUNSFORD: Jessica's Dad Mulls Bid

"After his 9-year-old daughter's slaying two years ago," truck driver **Mark Lunsford** (R) "became a highly visible national advocate for tougher child protection laws." Now Lunsford might run for the FL state House. He told the *Citrus County Chronicle*: "I've got an appointment with someone who will help me decide. That's a big step. It's a big responsibility" (AP, 3/3).

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# 50 BEERS: Still Trying To Arm Teachers

Failed NV GOV hopeful/state Sen. **Bob Beers** (R) told a Senate panel 3/29 that letting public school teachers carry concealed weapons would remove NV schools from terrorist lists of "easy targets." He cited the Russian school taken over by pro-Chechen militants in '04 as an example. But Las Vegas Police spokesperson **Bob Roshak** said: "We really don't feel that schools are the place for handguns to be" (**Whaley**, *Las Vegas Review Journal*, 3/30).

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# 51 PRESS PASS: White Ties, Blowin' Through My Mind

The "annual white-tie dinner" of the 65-member Gridiron Club "is one of the hardest tickets to score all year." But the 3/31 event "will be slightly different from years past." It will be held at the Renaissance Washington Hotel instead of the Hilton, where it's been for 60 years. With Congress starting recess, "some no-shows are to be expected." And Pres. **Bush** will be hosting the pres. of Brazil at Camp David. Meanwhile, the club will induct 5 new members: CBS's **Bob Schieffer**, NPR's **Mara Liasson**, AP's **David Espo**; *Wall Street Journal*'s **Jackie Calmes** and the *Denver Post*'s **John Aloysius Farrell**. About 50 reporters "will perform elaborate skits in fancy costumes" before a crowd of 650. Also participating: VP **Cheney**, DCCC Chair **Rahm Emanuel**, and ex-MA Gov. **Mitt Romney** (R) (**Dufour/Gavin**, *Examiner*'s "Yeas and Nays," 3/30).

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# 52 NEWS BAZAAR: You Wheelie Got Me Now

The TN House approved a bill that would ban motorcyclists from "popping wheelies." State Rep. **Vince Dean** (R) "said when a rider jerks a motorcycle's front tire into the air, the headlight no longer is pointed forward" (**Sher**, *Chattanooga Times Free Press*, 3/30).

## Attention Convention Delegates!

MN state Rep. **Patti Fritz** (D) "has introduced a bill designating the Tilt-A-Whirl the official amusement ride" in MN. Fritz: "I represent children too" (AP, 3/30).

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## ► MEDIA MONITOR

### This Morning

"Today" led with the fired U.S. attys story. "Early Show" and "GMA" led with captured British soldiers.

### This Weekend

Sunday

- **Meet the Press** hosts Sens. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-NY).
- **Face the Nation** hosts Sens. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Arlen Specter (R-PA).
- **This Week** hosts WH Counselor Dan Bartlett and Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL). The roundtable consists of *Newsweek's* Zakaria, ABC's Raddatz and George Will.
- **Fox News Sunday** hosts Senate Min. Leader Mitch McConnell, Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE) and FCC Chair Kevin Martin.
- **Late Edition** hosts Sen. Kit Bond (R-MO), *Washington Post's* Ignatius, Rev. Al Sharpton, and a roundtable with CNN's Crowley, CNN's Greenfield, and CNN's Johns.

Other Weekend Shows

- **Washington Week** features NPR's Seabrook on the Congress/WH debate on Iraq, ABC's Raddatz on Iraq, NBC's P. Williams on the fired U.S. attys, and *Time's* Tumulty on WH '08 fundraising (PBS, FRI, 8 p.m.).
- The Giulianis on **20/20** (ABC, FRI, 10 p.m.).
- **Real Time** features ex-Sec/State Madeleine Albright and Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX) (HBO, FRI, 11 p.m.).
- **Political Capital** features SEC Chair Christopher Cox (Bloomberg, repeats throughout weekend).
- **This Week at War** features ex-U.N. Amb. John Bolton (CNN, SAT, 7 p.m.).
- **In Depth** features the *Nation's* Cockburn (C-SPAN2, SUN, noon).
- **Book TV** features Mike Farrell (C-SPAN2, SAT, 7 p.m.).
- **Newsmakers** features Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO). *Los Angeles Times's* Levey and the *Hill's* Tiron join the questioning (C-SPAN, SUN, 10 a.m.).
- **Q&A** features author Ishmael Beah (C-SPAN, SUN 8 p.m.).
- **Road to the White House** features Duncan Hunter in NH and Sam Brownback in IA (C-SPAN, SUN, 6:30 p.m.).
- The **Chris Matthews Show** features *Time's* Klein, NBC's Mitchell, *Atlantic's* Sullivan, and Bloomberg's Zacharia on the Congress/WH debate on Iraq and the fired U.S. attys (NBC, check local listings).

### Historian At Heart

**Ron Brownstein** is the nat'l affairs columnist for the

### TV SOUNDBITE

"It took all day. We finally found Sen. Hatch." -- *Tim Russert, on*

*Los Angeles Times*. He writes a weekly column on politics and policy as well as regular pieces for the newspaper's Sunday Current section. Previously he served as the *Times'* nat'l pol. corr. He has been with the paper since Jan. '90, except for seven months in '98 when he was at *U.S. News*.

***trying to find a GOPer on the Jud Cmtte who would defend Gonzales on "Meet," "Today," 3/30.***

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His book "The Second Civil War: How Extreme Partisanship Has Paralyzed Washington and Polarized America" will be published this fall. But today he's our Friday Feature:

**Where's your hometown? What was it like growing up there?**

Bayside, Queens. Lots of asphalt. Good pizza. Barefoot girl sitting on the hood of a Dodge, drinking warm beer in the soft summer rain. (In my dreams.)

**What was your first job?**

Staff writer for Ralph Nader. He had a simple theory: If you worked your staff all the time, you wouldn't have to pay them anything because they would never have time to spend money anyway. But he offered the very useful advice that the only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.

**What's your most embarrassing on-the-job moment? (Or as embarrassing as you'd like to reveal?)**

I covered my first major political meeting (a rules fight at the DNC between Walter Mondale and Gary Hart) with a giant bandage on my nose, courtesy of my cat, freaked by a neighboring dog.

**If you could interview any deceased person, who would it be and why?**

Jackson Pollock because I'd like to know what he saw when he looked at his canvasses (the cosmos? consciousness? a lot of squiggly lines?). And I'd also like to ask him how he knew when he was done.

**If you could have any other job besides the one you have now, what would it be?**

If they had not just hired such a good one, doing color commentary on the radio for the Red Sox.

**If you could cover any past political story, which one would it be and why?**

The long slide to Civil War in the decade after the Compromise of 1850: the Kansas-Nebraska Act, Dred Scott, bleeding Kansas: it was all the most consequential failure of political leadership in our history. Close second for most compelling story: the McKinley/Bryan presidential race in 1896, which established the modern terms of debate between the parties.

**It's 2027 -- where are you and what are you doing?**

Writing history, taking my wife to baseball games, looking out the window at an ocean TBD.

**What's your favorite political book and why**

It's hard to argue against Caro (either "The Power Broker" or "Master of the Senate" would do), but by a hair, David Potter's, "The Impending Crisis," because it's a magisterial account of my favorite story in American history -- the failure of pre-Civil War politics.

**What is your biggest weakness (and not your job interview biggest weakness)?**

My father was an electrician and I can't change a light bulb.

**What's your favorite comfort food?**

Red wine counts as comfort food, doesn't it?

**What reality TV show could you win?**

Probably none, but my best chance would be one created by Joss Whedon or Peter Gammons.

**If you could go to any live concert tonight, which one would it be?**

Is it too much to ask for Lucinda Williams to open for Springsteen?

**And finally, we're ending this feature with a question posed by the last interviewee. This is from *Chicago Tribune's* Jill Zuckman: If you could ask any of the presidential candidates a question and be guaranteed an honest answer, what would you ask and who would you put the question to?**

John McCain: how do you believe history will rank George W. Bush's presidency?

**Now you can pose your own question -- any question -- to the next interviewee. Be as nice, or as mean, as you wish.**

Which politician who is not elected president will have their reputation and future prospects enhanced most by the 2008 election?

**Shades Of Brown**

NBC's **Campbell Brown** appeared on the "Tonight Show" last night.

Asked about her first name: "Everybody thinks I made it up for TV, but I didn't. It's my mom's maiden name. I'm named after all the women in my family."

On how she got interested in the business: "I grew up in Louisiana ... sort of backwoods in a really small town. ... I loved politics. Louisiana is sort of famous for its politics. ... And I knew I wanted to travel the world."

On filling in for **Brian Williams** on the "Nightly News": "I've filled in for Brian a fair amount now, so I am comfortable. ... But the first few times I was a nervous wreck, because not only are you filling in for Brian ... but you are representing **Tom Brokaw** and those who came before. You know, those are big shoes to fill."

On interviewing Gov. **Arnold Schwarzenegger** (R): "He's hard not to like. He's so optimistic about life. ... He believes that anything is possible and see how he's gotten as far as has. But he definitely plays by his own rules. In all of California, smoking is pretty much banned everywhere. ... We're doing the interview in a museum in Sacramento ... and the minute the interview is done, he lights up a big cigar. ... He doesn't care."

Asked if **Bill Clinton** will play a big role in Sen. **Hillary Clinton's** (D-NY) WH '08 campaign: "I can't imagine them not using him. I mean, he's an extraordinary campaigner. ... The danger -- and the campaign is very much aware of this -- is sort of putting them on stage together because [Bill] Clinton is one of those people who sucks up all the oxygen in the room."

More: "The thing I think that's interesting is the extent to which we're paying very close attention to the marriages of the candidate in a way that I don't think we ever have before."

Asked if ex-Sen. **John Edwards** (D-NC) will stay in the race despite **Elizabeth Edwards'** illness: "I think as long as he can ... and hopefully that means the entire campaign" (NBC, 3/29).

## Laugh Track

**Jay Leno:** "Did you watch 'American Idol' last night? Sanjaya is still on. How is this happening? No matter how horrible he does, he gets voted back. He's like the George Bush of 'American Idol.' ... And Simon [Cowell] is not pleased. You can tell. He looks at Sanjaya the way Hillary looks at Bill. 'Why are you still here?' ... Did you see Karl Rove at the correspondents' dinner last night? ... That's like the Republican version of Spring Break. Their wet t-shirt is old guys in tuxedos sweating profusely. ... Earlier today in Florida, a boat full of 100 Haitians washed to shore. In their luggage? 200 Cubans" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 3/29).

**David Letterman:** "I love the springtime in New York City. ... Today it's sunny and 61 -- just like Katie Couric. ... Are you excited about the circus being in New York City? ... The circus will be a little bit different this year. Several of the clowns are on loan from the Justice Department" ("Late Show," CBS, 3/29).

**Jon Stewart:** "You know those correspondents' dinners that they have in Washington? The media gets a chance for one night to put aside its cozy relationship with the government for one that is instead nauseatingly sycophantic. You'll recall from last year they don't like it much when the entertainment ... pisses on them. Anyway, they had another dinner last night and this time the entertainment was much more to their liking [on screen: Karl Rove rapping]. ... Let's say Jeffrey Dahmer came to your bar mitzvah, and turned out that he was a great dancer. He's still Jeffrey Dahmer. ... I wonder if I could do something like that. ... Chuck, can you give me a beat? [music starts]. From the West Wing to the Crawford Ranch, Karl Rove has destroyed the executive branch. He has no scruples and I don't mean maybe. He said John McCain had a secret black baby. F--- that guy. ... Senator John McCain's [web] site breaks new ground by letting visitors compete in a March Madness bracket. The idea being they'll be able to collect thousands of new email addresses. I'm sure that will work out great. By the way, that NCAA pool has a winner. Congratulations to fake-email@myballs.com. ... A hacker recently altered John McCain's MySpace page, leaving a note ostensibly from the senator saying that he now supports gay marriage, 'particularly marriage between passionate females.' The McCain camp actually responded immediately, saying, 'This unfortunate prank does not represent the senator's position. Everyone knows it's much hotter when the girls aren't married, but instead are each cheating on their boyfriends to quench the kind of intense sexual thirst that only another woman understands.' ... Day 7 of the Iranian hostage situation. ... Hey, Iran. What are you doing? Do you know how hard we are working over here to keep President Bombs A Lot from throwing down on you guys? ... It's not even about sending troops."

It's just about pressing buttons" ("Daily Show," Comedy Central, 3/29).

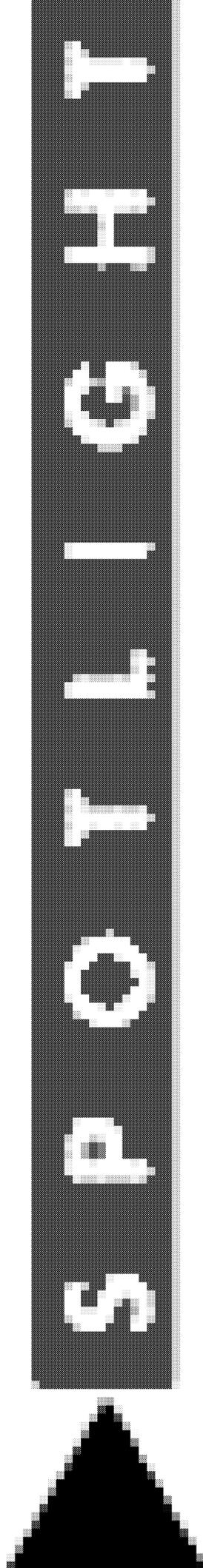
**Stephen Colbert:** "Great news, America. The surge is working. I expect apologies from the approximately 200 million Americans who are unhappy with the war. Fact is that Baghdad is in great shape. Like Michigan Representative Tim Walberg said last week, 'In many places it's as safe and cared for as Detroit.' That's the way you represent the people of Michigan. Those tourist dollars must be pouring in" ("Colbert Report," Comedy Central, 3/29).

**Jimmy Kimmel,** on the Radio and TV Corr. Dinner: "We're still at war, right? ... Bush is joking, Rove is rapping, Condoleezza Rice is in a thong singing the 'Milkshake' song" ("Jimmy Kimmel Live," ABC, 3/29).

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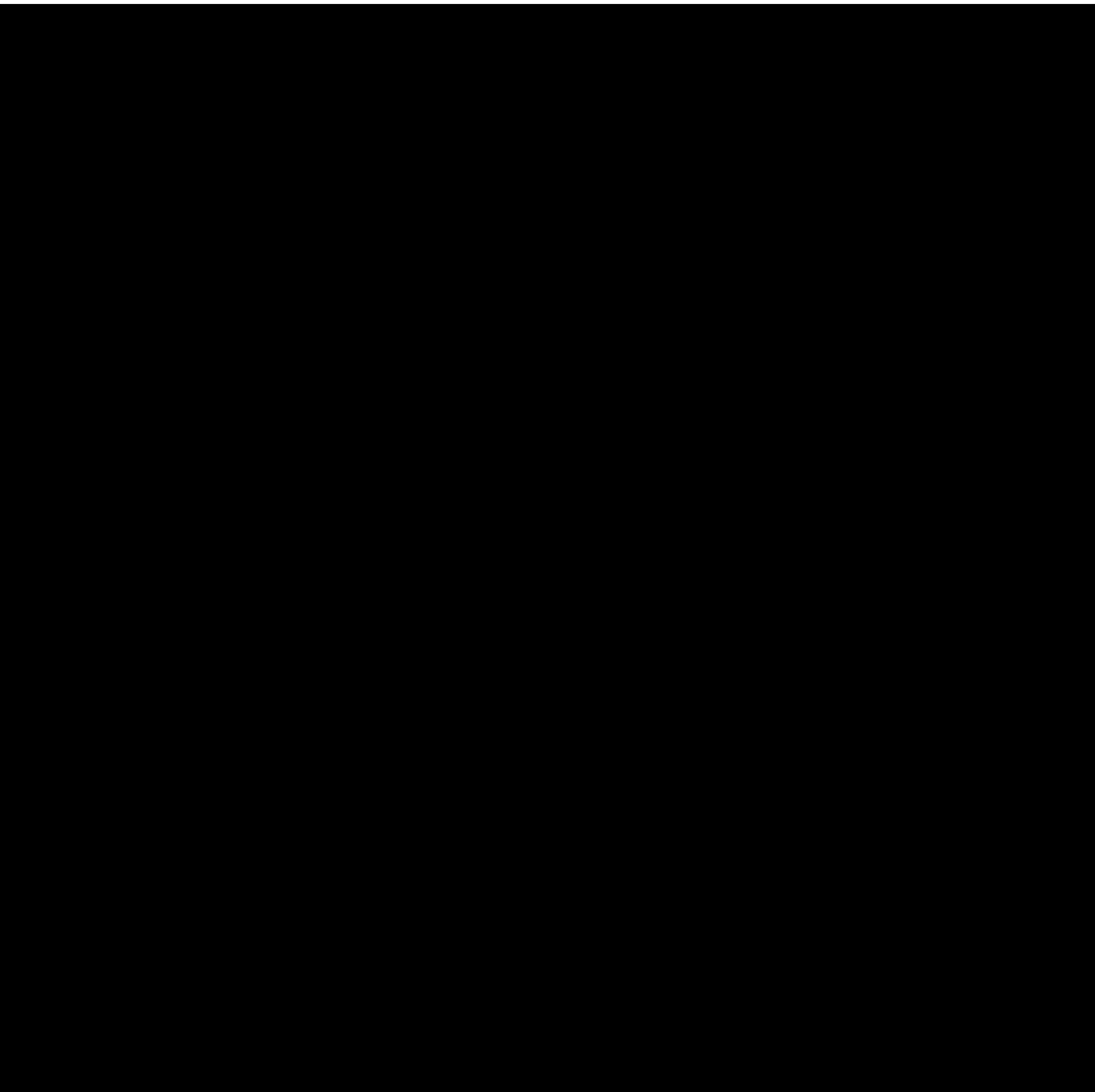
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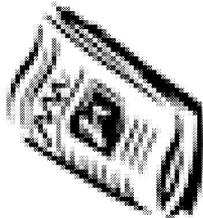


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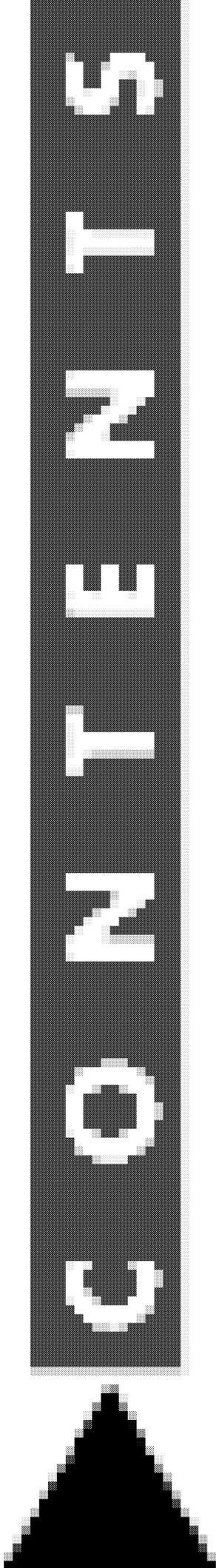
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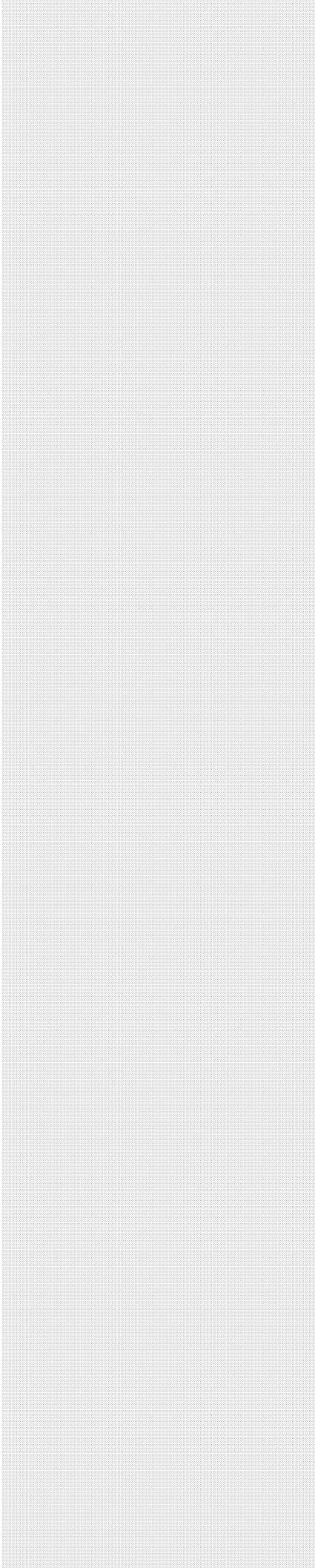
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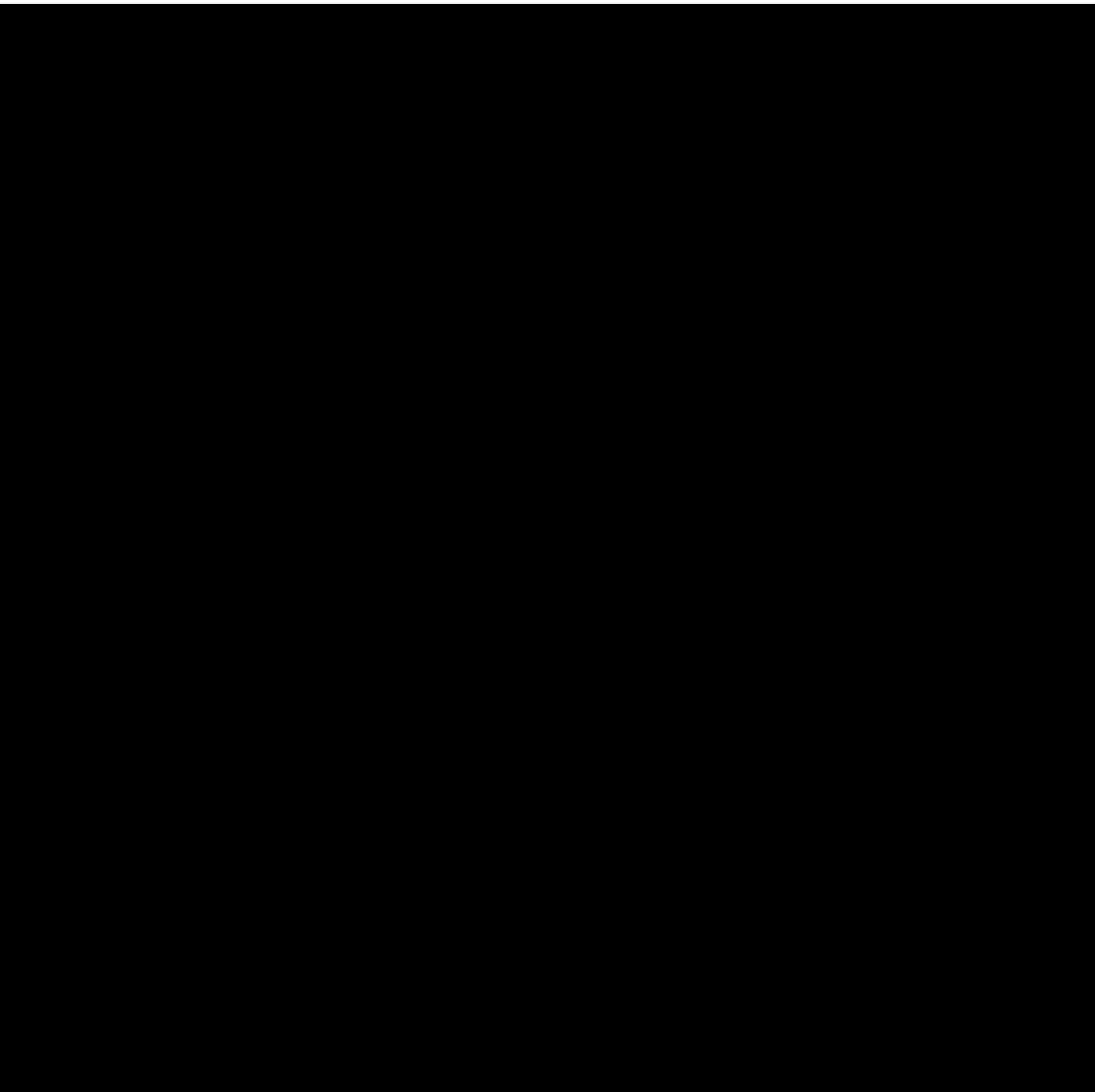


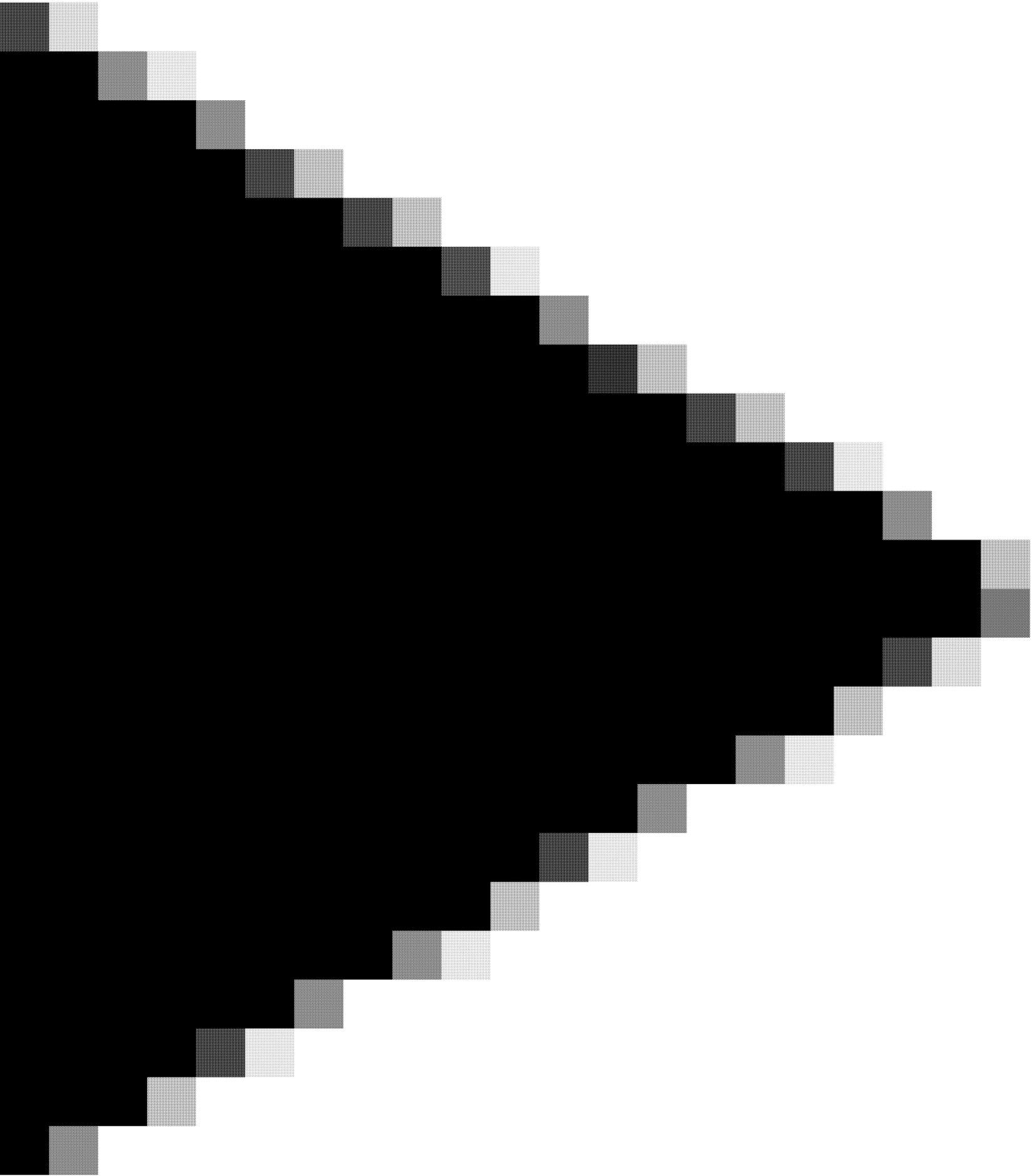


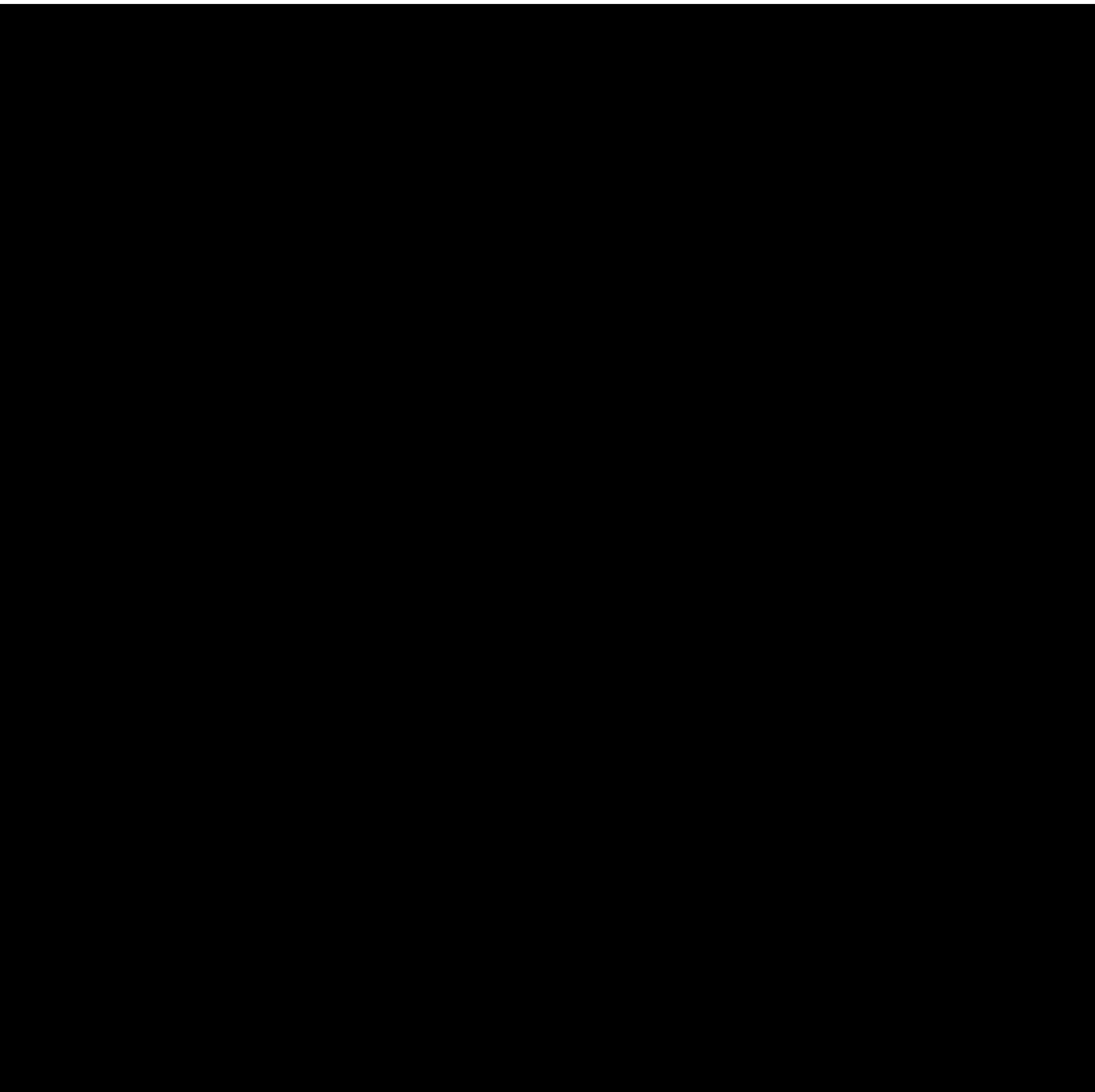




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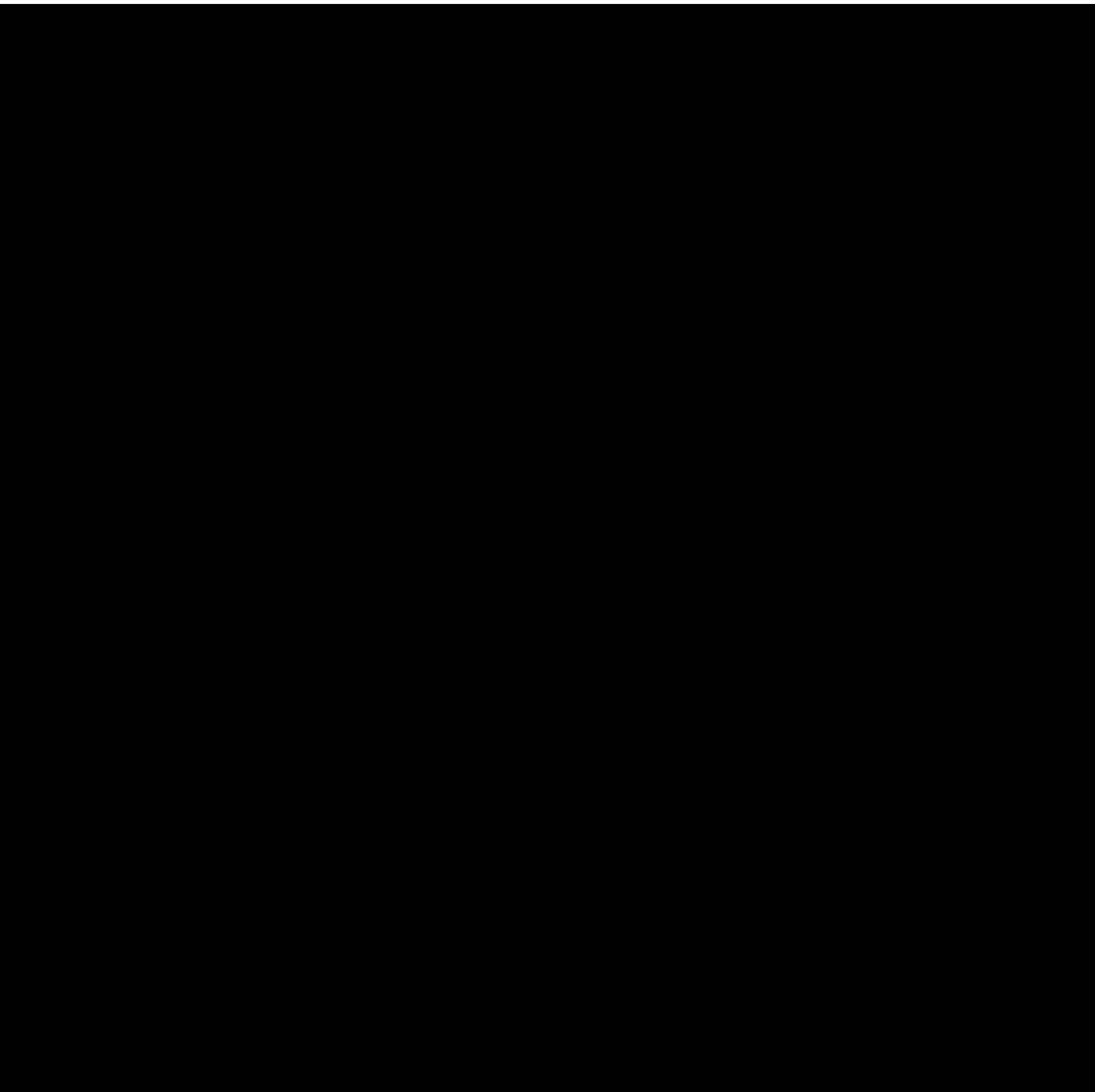






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## Green Tea Leaves

There will be surprises when WH '08ers start leaking **1stQ totals** next week. No one likes to be an April Fool, so here's our guide to reading through the pre-4/15 spin:

-- First, don't let them get away with releasing a single "raised" number before 4/15. The only number that really matters is how much they raised for the primaries.

-- **Romney** could beat **McCain**. Obama may wind up within \$5M of Hillary. Maybe, maybe not. We do know that each camp overestimates their rivals' strengths. The numbers, we hear, are very close. Our reporting suggests most candidates (esp. the GOPers) won't meet media expectations.

-- Also, check out the **burn rates**. Spending 50% or more is too much. Who's overspent on direct-mail solicitations? How much did those Straight Talk Express buses cost McCain? How much did those early ads cost Romney? What cut did his consultants get? Which big-name consultants are having their salaries deferred to give their campaign a higher CoH total? Who's polling? Who's polling *a lot*?

-- Wait for the 2ndQ; it's more important than the 1st. And the 3rdQ CoH total is, of course, the most important number of them all.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I've never been around anyone who can literally take someone's breath away."

-- **George Clooney** on Barack Obama, literally,  
*Los Angeles Times*, 3/30

### TOP NEWS

#### ■By The Numbers

So far, Obama has 83K donors... and HRC has 250K. But who's giving how much? (#14)

#### ■Strong Mommies

Dems have "stronger" leaders than GOP, 41%-36% (in 4/06, GOP led 2-1). Also: Dems have "better" leaders, 44% to 29%. (#39)

#### ■Not That McGovern ...

But still ... Rep. Jim McGovern is HRC's 2nd big anti-war nod this week. (#8)

#### ■Hate/Love

In unison: Dem bloggers dislike the CBC/Fox debates but really like the Blue Dogs' supplemental proposal. (#27)

#### ■Late April Bloomberg

As Unity '08 sets ballot access rules, we're reminded that Mayor Mike can wait 'til about 4/08. (#23)

#### ■Iowa Convergence

IA's the destination of choice for WH '08ers this weekend and early next week. Rudy's there 4/3. (#18)

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### HOYA DO YOU LIKE THEM APPLES?

The last year Georgetown was in the Final Four was also the first year a Bush was president. Then-VP Bush became "Acting President" in '85 when Reagan underwent colon surgery.

## ▶ WHITE HOUSE 2008 -- THE REPUBLICANS

### 1 THE FIELD: I've Got The Tax Plan

*Wall Street Journal's* **Strassel** writes, the GOP '08 frontrunners have "started showing some leg on an issue that has the potential to galvanize the race" for the "disenchanted" party base: tax cuts and other "pro-growth" econ policies. There's a "wide-open opportunity for a bold GOP candidate to capture imaginations with a sweeping economic plan, rooted in tax reform, but extending to an overhaul of everything from entitlements to trade." Ex-Gov. **Mitt Romney** (R-MA) is "the guy with the momentum," having unveiled a "broad-strokes" tax agenda and set "a marker for the field." His econ team "is largely made up of the Bush tax-cut brain trust," attracted by Romney's gov. record.

Conservatives still "distrust" Sen. **John McCain's** (R-AZ) econ credentials. McCain and his team are all about being "tough on spending, big on balanced budgets," but "what's missing is a serious tax-cutter." McCain was one of three GOPers to oppose the '03 **Bush** tax cuts, though now he's calling for their extension.

Ex-NYC Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** (R) is the "dark horse" thanks to his mayoral record, but he "will need something to convince conservatives he's pro-growth genuine."

"Pushing and prodding" the frontrunners with more tax talk are Sen. **Sam Brownback** (R-KS), who "has been impressing some conservatives with his alternative flat-tax proposals," and ex-Speaker **Newt Gingrich** (R) (3/30).

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### 2 GIULIANI: Loveseat In The Oval Office?

**Rudy Giuliani's** comment that "he hopes" wife, **Judith** will "sit in on some Cabinet meetings" has "raised the prospect" of whether J. Giuliani "would try to follow the first-lady model" of Sen. **Hillary Clinton** (D-NY). Giuliani "tried to downplay his comments" from the ABC interview with **Barbara Walters** on **Marc Bernier's** conservative radio show 3/29, insisting "they were taken out of context." Giuliani: "Judith is not a political person, as she pointed out in the interview, and Judith is a person who does not have overriding interest, in many, many of the policy areas" (**Haberman**, *New York Post*, 3/30). More Giuliani, in Oklahoma City 3/29: "What I said was, my wife is a registered nurse with a deep interest in health issues." He added that "while she can be very helpful" she "is not interested in crafting policy herself" (**Katz**, *New York Daily News*, 3/30).

New York *Daily News's* **Ridley** writes, Giuliani "clumsily targets two different types of women" in this interview. First "there are the feminists who, he believes, will applaud his proud declaration that his wife ... would be welcome to sit in on cabinet meetings." Secondly, "he is trying to wheedle his way

back into the affections of traditionally minded family folk in the Christian right," thinking "their eyes will mist up over the romance" of his relationship. Meanwhile, by "refusing to answer" the question of how they met "she leaves our minds boggling" (3/30).

*New York Sun's Sager* blogs, "we'll all have to wait for the full interview. But I suspect this may just be part II of the saga (that is, the saga of Judy causing problems for Rudy) that will have many more parts to come (3/30).

### Get Ready, Get Ready, 'Cause Here I Come

In an email to supporters, Giuliani nat'l finance chair **Roy Bailey** writes, "I'm honored to help elect a friend and proven leader with the optimistic vision to overcome our nation's challenges. I know he's the right person for the job, and I am glad you do too. We must work together to ensure he is fully prepared for victory."

On 3/31, the FEC "will close the books on the first quarter of fundraising." Giuliani "will continue to work hard to earn our party's nomination, but we must be ready" for the Dems "and that means asking for your continued early support to grow a strong, national team. Will you act today to help Rudy build on our momentum?" (3/29).

### Back In The November of '79

Speaking in Oklahoma City, OK, 3/29 Giuliani said Iran "is probably more dangerous than Iraq." Giuliani: "Iran has to realize that we're not going to allow them to get nuclear weapons." On how ex-Pres. *Ronald Reagan* was positively viewed by Iranians in '79: "That's something all of should look back on and figure out exactly why that happened because that's the way we have to stand up to them."

Giuliani said Oklahoma City is "very, very dear to my heart because of what we shared in common," referring to the '95 Oklahoma City bombing and 9/11. "There's a special bond between New York City and Oklahoma" (**McNutt**, *Tulsa World*, 3/30). Giuliani was also "apparently unaware of the extent" of the tornado that touched down shortly before his visit (AP/CBNNews.com, 3/29).

### Here's All This

According to court records from an '06 testimony, Giuliani "told a grand jury that his former chief investigator remembered having briefed him on some aspects" of ex-NYPD Commis. **Bernard Kerik's** corrupt business relationship before Kerik's appointment as Commis. Giuliani "said he had no memory of the briefing" but "he did not dispute that it had taken place." Rather, Giuliani "indicated that he must have simply forgotten that he had been briefed on one or more occasion" during Kerik's background investigation.

This "amounts to a significantly new version of what information was probably before him" before Kerik's appointment. A statement from Giuliani's consulting firm, on the grand jury appearance: "He testified fully and cooperatively. ... Mayor Giuliani has admitted it was a mistake to recommend Bernie Kerik for D.H.S and has assumed responsibility for it" (**Rashbaum**, *New York Times*, 3/30). A spokesperson for Giuliani "declined to explain why Giuliani appointed Kerik police commissioner despite having information about Kerik's relationship with Interstate Industrial" (AP, 3/30).

In other news, Giuliani's WH "aspirations are inescapably tied" to 9/11 "for better and for worse." NYC firefighters and their families are "renewing their attacks on him for his performance before and after the terrorist attack." One 9/11 FDNY victim's mother: "When he runs on 9/11, I want the American people to know he was part of the problem" (**McShane**, AP/*Salt Lake Tribune*, 3/30).

Meanwhile, *Florida Times-Union's Tower* writes, in order to stay in the polls, Giuliani should "make the race all about competence and terror," and must "find a way to separate in American consciousness the Iraq war from the wider war against terrorism," benefitting from the perception that "another 9/11 is not just likely, but inevitable" (3/30).

### The Great Salt Lake

Giuliani will be in Salt Lake City, UT, today for a fundraiser at the home of ex-Salt Lake City councilmember **Steve Harmsen**. However, Harmsen has also given money to Sen. **John McCain** (R-AZ) and ex-MA Gov. **Mitt Romney** (R). Giuliani hopes to raise \$200-250K before heading to FL. (**Canham**, *Salt Lake Tribune*, 3/30). Ex-UT GOP cand **Thomas Wright** "said Giuliani should be appealing" to UTans. Wright: "You get what you get with Rudy. He's not a flip flopper" (**Roche**, *Deseret Morning News*, 3/30).

## Hail Jupiter, And Give Me Victory!

Giuliani will attend a 3/31 fundraiser at the Jupiter, FL, home of state Rep. **Carl Domino**, and another at the Delray Beach, FL, home of **Abdol** and **Cathy Moabery (Crowley)**, *Palm Beach Post*, 3/30).

## By George!

Rep. **George Radanovich** (R-CA) has endorsed Giuliani, his camp announced 3/29.

Radanovich: "We need a proven leader with an optimistic vision who can unite our party and our country" (release, 3/29).

## I'll Have Manhattan Straight Up

Conservative think-tank, the Manhattan Inst, is "schooling" Giuliani on "issues ranging from tort reform to homeland security." New School Univ's **Andrew White**: "[The Manhattan Institute] is in sync with a lot of the neo-conservatives of the Bush administration, without the religious perspective. ... The public persona Giuliani projects is the persona of the Manhattan Institute. They offer an overly simplistic view of how neighborhoods and cities run" (**Douglas**, *McClatchy*, 3/30).

## Generation Next

**Steve Forbes** -- who endorsed Giuliani 3/28 -- writes in the *Wall Street Journal*, Giuliani "is the real fiscal conservative" in the '08 race, and "that's why I'm endorsing him." Giuliani "can unite" the GOP and "restore our traditional claim as the party of fiscal conservatism. ... That's the kind of leadership that will inspire the next generation of the Reagan Revolution" (3/30).

## On The Radio

*Atlanta Journal-Constitution's* **Baxter/Galloway** blog that Giuliani has put up radio ads in Atlanta, GA, in an effort "to build a crowd for the mid-April debut of his campaign" in GA. Full script:

GIULIANI: "Hi, this is Rudy Giuliani. I'm running for President and I approve this message. I would like to invite you to visit my new website, JoinRudy2008.com. My campaign is about leadership and optimism. We need strong leadership to stay on offense in the war against terrorists. We need supply-side policies and reduced government spending...fiscal discipline to keep the economy growing. I need your support in this campaign. Please go to JoinRudy2008.com to sign up to contribute or volunteer" (3/30).

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# 3 HAGEL: No Apologizes Here

**Chuck Hagel** urged Pres. **Bush** to "look closely at conditions in Iraq" if Bush decides to veto legislation that calls for U.S. troops to withdrawal. Hagel: "I am always hopeful the president will take a good look at realities on the ground." He also defended his vote with Dems calling for the withdrawal of troops, saying it was Congress' "constitutional role to voice its opinion." (**Thompson**, *Omaha World-Herald*, 3/30).

## Going Out On A Limbaugh, Here

Columnist **David Limbaugh** labels Hagel a "RINO -- Republican in Name Only." He noted Hagel "has been dogging" Bush "for months, if not years, over Iraq, and now is actually doing the antiwar Democrats' bidding on it" (*Washington Times*, 3/30).

## In Case You Have A Birthday Coming Up ...

The "Draft Hagel Store" has been launched with Hagel '08 buttons and stickers available. [Click here](#) to check it out (Draft Hagel Blog, 3/29).

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## MCCAIN: Fruit Of The Loom

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*Chicago Tribune's James* blogs, only **John McCain** knows "how serious he was in his own mind" regarding an '01 switch to the Dem party. *The Hill's* 3/29 article reignited conversation on the previously speculated topic, but "some political stories are like fruit. They don't often ripen until the moment is right and the moment is apparently right now for this one" (3/29).

## In The Neighborhood

McCain held a reception in McLean, VA, 3/29 p.m. with 100+ people (*Hotline* sources, 3/30).

## Luke, Vote For McCain

IA state Rep. **Steve Lukan** endorsed McCain in a letter to the *Dyattsville Commercial*, saying, "with the challenges that lie ahead, John McCain is exactly the kind of leader our country needs" (3/30). ([Back to Contents](#))

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## ROMNEY: Name Dropper

**Mitt Romney** "dropped some names of potential running mates" while in Bluffton, SC, 3/29, but he added that speculation is premature. "Among those Romney mentioned" for VP were SC Gov. **Mark Sanford** (R), ex-Speaker **Newt Gingrich** (R), SC Sen. **Jim DeMint** (R) and ex-FL Gov. **Jeb Bush** (R).

A member of the crowd asked Romney about his potential VP picks, to which Romney responded to a "round of applause": "There's some wonderful people right here in this state, as you know, Governor Sanford being one of them." More Romney, on Bush: "I love him. If his name weren't Bush, he'd be running for president, I'm convinced."

Later while talking with reporters, Romney said the names he mentioned were part of a VP list that anyone winning the GOP ticket would consider. Romney: "When I'm in South Carolina, I'm not going to fail to mention some of the ones that are closest" (**Davenport**, AP, 3/30).

Sanford spokesperson **Joel Sawyer**: "It's flattering, but it's nothing the governor has given any thought or consideration to." DeMint's office had no comment (**Hoover**, *Greenville News*, 3/30).

Speaking at Sun City Hilton Head Island to a crowd of 400, Romney "pushed a conservative message that included governmental fiscal responsibility, securing the border with Mexico and rights of states to enact pro-life legislation." He got his first "spontaneous applause during his hour-long talk" when he brought up immigration. "Overall, Romney's campaign message seemed to resonate with the Sun City crowd" (**Faber**, *Hilton Head Island Packet*, 3/30).

## A Note Of Caution From His Attorney '...

Romney atty **Ben Ginsberg** send a memo to his Nat'l Finance Chairs and Cmte on the upcoming FEC deadline. In the note, Ginsburg warns "there's sure to be a lot of articles appearing, and it's important to know whether reporters are measuring apples to apples." More excerpts from the memo:

- Romney's "totals will be indicative of our extraordinary success in building an organization and stirring excitement among grassroots activists."
- "Some campaigns' totals will include monies raised for the general election" that will "artificially inflate totals, but it is meaningless in gauging current strength since not one penny of a campaign's general election funds can be used in the primary." Romney's campaign has only raised primary funds, unlike the campaigns of Sens. **John McCain** (R-AZ), **Hillary Clinton** (D-NY), **Barack Obama** (D-IL) and ex-NYC Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** (R).
- "Third, reporters should be telling readers if candidates are planning on taking federal matching funds for the primary. Governor Romney has decided against using the primary matching funds, as have the McCain, Giuliani, Clinton, Obama" and ex-Sen. **John Edwards** (D-NC) campaigns (*Hotline* sources, 3/30).

## Talkin' Taxes In Palm Beach

Romney spoke at the Club for Growth's annual meeting 3/29 in Palm Beach, FL, on his economic agenda. In his remarks as prepared for delivery, Romney says "we must cut income tax rates for all Americans" like ex-Pres. **JFK** and **Reagan** and it's "absolutely critical that we make the Bush tax cuts permanent."

More Romney: "Liberals urged me to raise taxes, but I knew that the solution to a budget deficit is not to find ways to raise more revenue; it is to cut spending. So I eliminated and combined duplicative and wasteful agencies and programs. ... And when I left office, Massachusetts had 600 fewer state workers than when I took office" (release, 3/29).

## What About Bob Beauprez?

In an e-mail, ex-Rep. **Bob Beauprez** (R-CO) and wife **Claudia** announced their support for Romney, saying they believe he "possess not only the right political philosophy, but also the experience and leadership skills necessary to guide this great nation." The e-mail "doubled as a fundraising pitch" for the 1stQ deadline, and it "doesn't say whether Beauprez will assume an official role in Romney's campaign" (**Haley**, DenverPost.com, 3/28).

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## THOMPSON, F.: Strike That. Reverse It.

Focus on the Family's **James Dobson** released a statement that clarifies his 3/27 comments about **Fred Thompson**. In the 3/29 release, his office states that Dobson's words "weren't intended to represent either an endorsement" of ex-House Speaker **Newt Gingrich** or a "disparagement" of Thompson.

According to the statement, Dobson was "attempting to highlight that to the best of his knowledge," Thompson "hadn't clearly communicated his faith," and this would hurt him among evangelicals. Dobson told the interviewer that he "never met Thompson" and "wasn't certain that his understanding" of Thompson's faith "was accurate. Unfortunately, these qualifiers weren't reported." Dobson was pleased to learn that Thompson "professes to be a believer" (3/29).

## Thompson Knows Drama

Gannett's **Raasch** writes that Thompson's "surprising" third-place showing in the latest *USA Today*/Gallup poll certainly reflects the GOP's unease about their declared candidates. But it also says that Americans "like a little rock star" in their WH candidates. The question is whether "a few polls and some Internet buzz" will entice Thompson into the race. Thompson spokesperson **Mark Corallo** on Thompson's reaction to the Gallup poll results: "He said it's just one more thing to think about. There's no doubt it caught his eye. No doubt it caught all of our eyes. I was bowled over" (*USA Today*, 3/29).

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If Thompson runs, TV stations "are expected to suspend reruns" of "Law & Order." Federal campaign laws require broadcasters to "give candidates equal time" on the airwaves. The law means that stations that run the show would be required to give other GOP candidates "a like amount of prime-time exposure," which would be "prohibitively expensive." But there's "good news" for "L&O" fans -- the FCC rules don't apply to cable channels such as TNT, who reruns "several hours" of the show every day. But "several legal experts" said cable "often abides by an equal-time guideline in the hopes of avoiding a legal case that would set precedent" (**Shear**, Washington Post, 3/30).

MSNBC's **Carlson**: "He was on 'MacGyver.' That puts him ahead of **Mitt Romney**, in my view" ("Tucker," 3/29).

More Carlson: "The theme song of Republicans should be 'Some Day My Prince Will Come,' and they're waiting and they're hoping. And so Fred Thompson is not late at all. His moment is here" ("Hardball," 3/29).

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## WHITE HOUSE 2008 -- THE DEMOCRATS

### 7 BIDEN: Putting Down Roots

**Joe Biden** announced his IA team. **Bill Romjue** will serve as state dir. The Steering Cmte includes:

- Polk Co Treas. **Mary Maloney**
- Scott Co Supervisor **Roxanna Moritz**
- Dubuque Co Aud **Denise Dolan**
- Ex-state Sen. **Tony Bisignano**
- Ex-IA Dem Party exec. dir. **Judy McCoy Davis**
- Ex-cong. nominee **David O'Brien**
- Dubuque Dem activist **Teri Goodmann**
- Dubuque Dem activist **John Goodmann**
- Waterloo Dem activist **Gary Kroeger**
- Waterloo Dem activist **Steve Schmidt**

Romjue touted "several years of experience" in IA campaigns and "familiarity in several of the other early nominating states" (AP, 3/30).

Romjue managed **Dina Titus'** NV GOV campaign in '06. A 9/11/06 *Las Vegas Review-Journal* profile of Romjue noted: His "resume dates back" to the '76 campaign of Pres. **Carter**. He's worked for Dems "such as **Gary Hart, Dick Gephardt, Bob Kerrey and John Edwards.**" His "home between campaigns is outside Hartsburg, Mo." (*Hotline* searching, 3/30).

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### 8 CLINTON : Courting The Bearded Men With Bottomless Bank Accounts Vote

"What may have been one of the worst-kept secrets" in NJ politics is out: NJ Gov. **Jon Corzine** (D) will "throw his support" to **Hillary Clinton**. Corzine will formally endorse HRC at a joint appearance 4/2 in Elizabeth. Several "prominent" NJ Dems are expected to attend, including Rep. **Rob Andrews**, Sen. **Bob Menendez** and Assemb **Joseph Cryan**. The "rally at city hall in Elizabeth will be followed by a Corzine-hosted afternoon fundraiser" for HRC.

HRC's camp "was coy when asked about the endorsement," confirming only that HRC "is going to be in New Jersey on Monday" (**Howlett**, *Newark Star-Ledger*, 3/30).

#### Precocious Daughter Seals The Deal

Rep. **Jim McGovern** (D-MA) said 3/29 he chose to endorse HRC "largely because of her potential to make history." He said his support "crystallized" when he heard his 5-year-old daughter "excitedly discussing" HRC's candidacy "with her kindergarten classmates." McGovern: "This is a big moment. These little girls that are learning about presidents are learning about only men who would be president. Now, all of a sudden, the glass ceiling is broken."

While McGovern "voted against the Iraq war and is one of its fiercest critics," he said he isn't bothered by HRC's vote. McGovern: "There's more to this race than Iraq. There's nobody that hates this war more than I do, and my hope is that we can end it before the next president takes office. But if we don't, I know she'll end it as president of the United States" (**Klein**, *Boston Globe*, 3/30).

#### Where All Good Clintonites Go: The Clinton Afterlife

*New York Times'* **Healy** writes, "the first Bill-to-Hill crossover of the presidential season involved the career shift" of **Bill Clinton** comm dir. **Jay Carson**. Carson "crossed over last month," just as Clinton's role in HRC's camp "expanded." Clinton "has hosted or taken part in about 12 fundraisers for his wife" since late Feb, "and has also helped lead online appeals to donors and made calls to some A-list fundraisers." Carson "is now pulling roughly two-thirds of his salary from" HRC's camp, "and the remaining third" from Clinton, "while dispensing with his former duties" at the Clinton Foundation.

"No one event triggered the shift; rather," according to one HRC adviser, the camp and the Clinton foundation "reoriented" Carson out of "an 'abundance of caution' to avoid co-mingling the apolitical foundation and the very political presidential campaign" ("The Caucus," 3/29).

### For Bob Woodruff

HRC, along with ABC News' **Bob Woodruff's** wife **Lee Woodruff**, called 3/29 "for improved care for troops with traumatic brain injuries." L. Woodruff "pressed" for troops to receive "treatment equal to what her husband received" after he was injured on assignment in Iraq. HRC, who charged that the WH has ignored "the invisible scars of sacrifice" that come with brain injuries, introduced legislation that would "increase benefits for wounded troops" (**Sisk**, *New York Daily News*, 3/30).

### She Is, By Trade, An Entirely Different Person

"Somewhere along the Clintons' 'bridge to the 21st century' ... they parted ways on trade." Though one of Clinton's "enduring legacies" is NAFTA, HRC "wonders" why it is "continuing to drive hundreds of thousands, even millions, of people from Mexico into our country. We just can't keep doing what we did in the 20th century."

During a Bloomberg interview, HRC "was careful to describe NAFTA as having been negotiated by the administration of President **George H.W. Bush** 'and then pushed through Congress in the Clinton administration.'"

She says "a little timeout" is needed before new global trade deals are made. "Comments like that align her with union members and anti-globalization activists." And to "help allay suspicions that she's been hijacked by free-traders from her husband's team," HRC hired AFL-CIO Policy Dir **Thea Lee** and ex-Gephardt aide **Michael Wessel** to join ex-Treas. Sec **Robert Rubin** and Dep Sec **Roger Altman** (**Jensen/Drajem**, Bloomberg, 3/30).

### Candidate-Teacher Conference

"Local educators will be carefully listening" today when HRC meets with members of NEA-NH, "a group whose endorsement is highly sought." Teachers will listen for her answers to No Child Left Behind, which as a senator HRC "pushed the federal government to fully fund."

Social studies teacher **Kevin Fleming**: "I want to know, does she understand education is not only about education, it's about what goes on in the home? As much as we'll talk about No Child Left Behind, we also know it comes down to other issues like a decent wage, affordable housing and support for parents" (**LaMontagne**, *Portsmouth Herald*, 3/30).

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### DODD: He's Bringing Everything But The Kitchen Table

**Chris Dodd** will tour eastern IA on 3/31 and 4/1, with scheduled stops in Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Maquoketa, and Davenport.

While in Iowa City on 3/31, Dodd will attend the Latinos in Action community potluck, the Johnson Co. Off-Year Caucus Luncheon, and a kitchen table meeting at the home of **Rob** and **Chanel Meredith**. Also on 3/31, Dodd will attend the Linn Co. Hall of Fame cocktail hour and dinner in Cedar Rapids.

While in Dubuque on 4/1, Dodd will attend Palm Sunday mass with IA House Speaker **Pat Murphy** (D), a kitchen table meeting with Finley Hospital nurses, and a brunch with Dubuque Co. activists. Dodd will also attend a kitchen table meeting at the Maquoketa home of **Bob Osterhaus**, a "Coffee with Chris" event with Jackson Co. residents in Maquoketa, and another "Coffee with Chris" event with Quad Cities activists in Davenport (release, 3/29).

### Try Me, Try Me, And Your Love Will Always Be True

*Seattle Post-Intelligencer's* **Connelly** writes, Dodd is "wagering his 2008 hopes on a premise: Americans will NOT want an untried president given the nation's current predicament."

Dodd: "I've been involved in every major defense and foreign policy debate for the past quarter century. Under normal circumstances, 26 years in the Senate would immediately disqualify me from the presidency. But we've experienced six years of on-the-job training with George Bush. The man resists

learning. People are going to want a president who can do things, not spend years getting to know Washington, D.C."

Dodd also believes that the recent passage of Iraq spending bills with '08 troop withdrawal deadlines "marks the beginning of the end" for the admin.'s war policy. Dodd: "What happened in the House and Senate, while the president may veto it, marks the death knell for this policy" (3/30).

### Third Time's A Charm

**Jennifer Tuttle**, **Antwaun Griffin**, and **Mat Pierson** will serve in Dodd's political dept., his camp announced 3/29.

Tuttle, who managed now-Rep. **Dave Loebsack's** (D-IA) '06 campaign and served as a program manager for the Sierra Club in RI, will head the camp's IA desk in DC. Griffin, ex-manager/special assis. to Rep. **Bobby Scott** (D-VA) and '06 VA Dem regional campaign dir., will head the SC desk. Pierson, who served as dep. field dir. for Rep. **Debbie Stabenow's** (D-MI) '06 re-election, will move from the Dodd camp's operations dept. to the NH pol. desk (release, 3/29).

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## 10 EDWARDS: Who Fundraises In WV Right Before The 1stQ Deadline?

**John Edwards** made a 4-hour stop in WV 3/29, where he meet with labor leaders in Charleston and raised money for his campaign. Edwards' wife, **Elizabeth**, did not accompany him but everyone asked about her. Edwards "said he planned to call his wife and tell her of prayers offered on her behalf" in WV.

In Charleston, Edwards also attended a campaign fundraiser hosted by **June Sprouse**, whose late husband **James** was a state Supreme Court justice" as well as the '68 WV GOV nominee. The fundraiser, held at the Charleston Marriott, "was open to the public. There was no minimum donation to enter and no word on the amount raised" (**Searls**, *Charleston Gazette*, 3/30)

### Do Volunteers Normally Announce These Visits?

Edwards' will make a stop in Macon, GA, 4/14. GA Dem volunteer **Amy Morton** said "Edwards' visit is planned to be a fundraiser and details" are still being finalized. Morton: "We're working with other folks to organize a time and place. We're very excited Sen. Edwards is coming to Middle Georgia" (*Macon Telegraph*, 3/30).

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## 11 GORE: It's My Way Or Norway

Peace Prize nominee **Al Gore** "had a chance to impress the head of the secretive" Nobel cmte 3/29 as he presented his "slide show" on climate change at a conference in Oslo, Norway. Peace Prize cmte chair **Ole Danbolt Mjoes**: "I really have been wanting to see that show for a long time." Mjoes, "seated at the back of the room," said he did not plan to meet with Gore and was attending "as a private person." Gore, in town to promote his new book, "has been a frequent visitor to this wealthy Nordic nation," and planned 3/29's trip "well ahead" of his Nobel nod being announced (**Mellgren**, AP, 3/29).

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## 12 OBAMA: Dean Metrics

*Newsday's* **Thrush** estimates **Barack Obama's** fundraising, based on the fact that his Web site claims he's received 98K donations. In the 1stQ of '03, **Howard Dean** "averaged about \$180 per donation," considered "a rock-bottom per-donor haul." If Obama "only netted that much per head, he's

got \$18 million. If he averaged more -- and he is believed to have scored heavily with big donors -- he could easily be north of \$25 million ("Spin Cycle" blog, 3/29).

Obama's Web site set a goal of 75K people making 100K donations. As of 9:45 am, 75K people had made 99K donations (*Hotline* checking).

### It'll Be Gigante

A Spanish-language edition of Obama's "The Audacity of Hope" -- "La Audacia de la Esperanza" -- will be released in Jun. Vintage Espanol's **Russell Perreault**: "It will be our biggest book of the year in Spanish" (AP, 3/29).

### The Obama Tribune

*Chicago Tribune* continues its "occasional series" of articles profiling Obama, today focusing on the start of his "interest in political activism" at Occidental College, and then his move to Chicago.

"Somewhere along the line Barry, the name of the boy from Waikiki, gave way to Barack, the name he inherited from his Kenyan father." And near the end of his time at Occidental, he "got caught up in protests against apartheid in South Africa." He said he left Occidental because he "had begun to weary of the parties and fretted about a lackadaisical approach to his studies" (**Possley**, *Chicago Tribune*, 3/30).

He moved to Chicago in '85, amid "the racially charged fighting" between Mayor **Harold Washington** and white ethnic aldermen. But Obama "brought a decidedly practical view" to the Far South Side community he was organizing. **Loretta Herron**: "They're not our enemies, he used to tell us. ... Whoever can help you reach your goal, that's who you work with." Now, Obama's "penchant for pragmatism could prove one of his greatest political strengths, or liabilities." Still, he rejects the idea that his "eagerness to plow common ground" is a sign "that he lacks firm principles." Obama: "There are a set of principles that I care about. And there are people I'm fighting for in this campaign" (**Secter/McCormick**, *Chicago Tribune*, 3/30).

ABC's **Tapper** profiled **Keith Kakugawa**, subject of a *Wall Street Journal* piece last week (see 3/23 *Hotline*). Kakugawa: "What was said was 'Senator Obama would like to help you. What can we help you with immediately.' 'Money.' That was the actual quote. Then it gets misconstrued to I asked for money or I would say this or that" ("GMA," 3/30).

### Aloha Support

Graduates of Honolulu's Punahou School class of '79 "plan to gather this weekend to rally support" for Obama. The events are part of 5K "community kickoff" meetings planned nationwide. Obama spokesperson **Bill Burton**: "This Saturday, thousands of people will come together to take organizing into their own hands and take the next step in changing this country" (**Charlton**, AP/*Honolulu Advertiser*, 3/30).

### News That Isn't New

Rev. **Jesse Jackson** has confirmed that Obama "has my vote," but said Obama hasn't asked him to campaign for him and that he isn't part of his inner circle. Jackson: "I just have an appreciation of him." Meanwhile, Rev. **Al Sharpton** "denies persistent rumors" that he'll endorse HRC. Sharpton: "I am unequivocally not endorsing Hillary or anyone else. ... I want to hear all of them." HRC, Obama and other Dems will address Sharpton's National Action Network Convo in NYC 4/18-21. A political observer says: "Al is furious that Jesse Jackson got on the Obama train before he could" ("Page Six," *New York Post*, 3/30).

### Wow, This Is So Subtle

In an interview, **George Clooney** says he'd "love to throw himself into campaigning for his friend" Obama, who he compares to **JFK**. "But Clooney is too shrewd a political observer to discount the negative effect celebrity can have," especially in red states. So he's "playing it close to the vest, waiting to see if he can play a part without becom[ing] a distracting sideshow." Clooney: "I told [Obama] that I would do anything for him, including staying completely away from him." Asked about Clooney recently, Obama "broke into a smile, gestured expressively and simply said: 'He's a good friend.'"

Clooney is "friends with the **Clintons**" and admires ex-VP **Gore**. But Obama "clearly, dazzled him." Clooney: "I've never been around anyone who can literally take someone's breath away" (**Daunt**, *Los*

*Angeles Times*, 3/30).  
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## 13 RICHARDSON: And The Grammy For "Best Spoken Word" Goes To....

**Bill Richardson** said at a campaign stop 3/29 in El Paso, TX, that he wasn't a "rock star," but that he's the best candidate for president. During a half-hour Q&A before about 60 people, Richardson "talked in broad terms about what he'd do as president, all the while gravitating toward border issues." Richardson was in El Paso to attend a fundraiser, take part in the Q&A session, and "receive an award at the Sembrador del Bien Awards Dinner" (**Meritz**, *El Paso Times*, 3/30).

### Senate Finally Puts In Minimal Effort

"After twice having rejected" Richardson's call for a special session, a "reluctant Senate" passed 3 bills 3/29. Richardson announced on the final day of the recently concluded 60-day session that he was calling lawmakers back to consider 7 bills -- 3 ethics bills, 2 crime bills, "a local-roads bill" and a bill "providing protections for domestic partners."

The NM House "pulled an all-nighter" and passed 6 of the 7 bills. Senators "originally argued that the none of the bills on the call for the special session was an emergency." But, because the House was still in session, senators were required to come back every 4th day. After coming back twice and voting to adjourn, the Senate "relented" 3/29 and passed the highway bill and 2 ethics bills.

It is "unclear whether their action will placate Richardson," who earlier on 3/29 "had threatened to call another special session." NM Senate Maj. Leader **Michael Sanchez** (D) "said they were in contact with" Richardson throughout the day, but he didn't know if he "would be satisfied by the Senate's action" (**Rubel**, *Las Cruces Sun-News*, 3/30).

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## 14 THE FIELD: The Final Stretch

*New York Times'* **Nagourney** and **Zeleny** write, "Forget campaigning." Last week, ex-NYC Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** (R) held a WH fundraiser "every day of the week." Sen. **John McCain** (R-AZ) raised money "at three events" on 3/28 and one on 3/29, "racking up 27 this month alone." This "hurricane of money" shows the importance of what has become "the first contest" of the '08 WH race: the 3/31 1stQ fundraising deadline.

The 1stQ results "are a matter of some concern" for McCain and Sen. **Hillary Clinton** (D-NY). They have been "struggling to present themselves as their parties' frontrunners" and have sought to "create the impression that they were locking up" their donor bases.

McCain, "in what could be a reflection of genuine anxiety or a kind of feint that campaigns typically do" leading up the the reporting deadline, has begun saying he had "a late start on fund-raising, even though he was one of the first candidates" to open an exploratory cmte (3/30). But just during this week, he's traveled to NY, NJ, TX and FL to raise money.

On 3/30, HRC "will be raising money" in Boston, and on 3/31 she is holding a "major fundraiser" in Miami with "hip-hop star" **Timbaland** (**Zuckman**, *Chicago Tribune*, 3/30).

Giuliani and ex-MA Gov. **Mitt Romney** (R) will be in FL on 3/31 attending fundraisers (**Crowley**, *Palm Beach Post*, 3/30). Romney has also "put pressure on potential donors" by e-mailing them and "urging them to act" and donate to his campaign (*Chicago Tribune*, 3/30).

While other candidates scheduled events "down to the wire," Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) planned to spend 3/31 in IA (*New York Times*, 3/30). On 3/28, Obama sent out "a last e-mail appeal." In it, he released the number of individuals that have contributed to his campaign: 74,089. That's "far more" than the roughly 5,600 donors that ex-NC Sen. **John Edwards** (D) or MA Sen. **John Kerry** (D) showed in

'03 (**Dinan**, *Washington Times*, 3/30).

### You Say "Risky Scheme" Like It's A Bad Thing

*Washington Post's* **Dionne** writes the '08 WH frontrunners "are being too careful for their own good." McCain has abandoned "the edgy, maverick personality that captured imaginations, if not victory," in '00, and has "lost the lead" to Giuliani. But Giuliani "has played down what makes him different" from most GOPers -- his "moderate-to-liberal" views on social issues -- and "there's evidence his bubble is bursting," with support perhaps shifting to ex-TN Sen. Fred Thompson (R). Romney's "sharp shifts rightward on abortion and gay rights have so far done him little good among conservatives and have hurt his credibility with everyone else."

"So far," Edwards is the Dem who has "taken risks," by endorsing tax increases and expensive, "bold" initiatives. And "continuing interest" in Edwards and ex-VP **Al Gore** (D) suggest HRC and Obama "may have more to worry about than they realize." HRC "faces sniping for seeming so carefully calculated and calibrated." Obama "has offered the clearest expression of the country's desire for a new departure" of any candidate in either party, but he "needs to join Edwards" in "standing up for policies, not just themes."

Voters "want to shake things up" in '08 and will likely "reward candidates who take chances," especially in the GOP. Because Giuliani, McCain and Romney "are so unlike" Pres. **Bush**, "they are well positioned to offer something different," but each "seems intent on kowtowing to orthodoxy and running a campaign better suited to the decade's beginning than to its end" (3/30).

### Fred Vs. Obama, That's So Retro

*Time's* **Kristol** writes each party "yearns to nominate a second coming of its beau ideal" for WH '08 -- **Ronald Reagan** for the GOPers and **Robert Kennedy** for the Dems. Each leading GOPer "presents himself as Reagan's heir," but F. Thompson, as an actor/pol, is "in a way, the most manifestly Reaganite of all." For the Dems, Kennedy embodies "the wistful might-have-been-but-wasn't-quite-to-be narrative" that has defined the modern party and its leaders, "cut down" before they had the chance "fully to lead." That's why Obama's defeat of HRC "would be the victory Bobby Kennedy was denied by an assassin's bullet;" of a young pol "running before his time" but "uniquely suited to the time."

Kennedy vs. Reagan is "the grand matchup we were denied" -- perhaps when Obama and Thompson debate, with "the hopes and dreams of both parties riding on their shoulders, we'll come close" (*Time.com*, 3/29).

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## 15 BLOOMBERG: Want To Procrastinate? No Problem...

*Ballot Access News* ed. **Richard Winger** said a decision by next spring would give **Mike Bloomberg** enough time to meet the nation's first ballot deadline, which is in TX in May. Winger: "I would say that he could afford to do nothing until April 2008." He "noted, however, that the threshold is higher for independents or third-party candidates to get their names on the ballot." He said state laws require indies or 3rd-party candidates to collect a minimum 700K valid signatures to get on the ballot in all 50 states and DC, while Dems and GOPers need 25K and 20K, respectively. Winger: "That's an extreme difference. But the advantage of being an independent is that you can sit around and do nothing for quite a long time."

"Bloomberg has publicly denied that he is going to run for president, but even those who have worked closely with him say there is a strong chance he'll run as a third-party candidate" if the GOP/Dem nominees "leave an opening." Earlier this month, ex-Bloomberg adviser **Ester Fuchs** said Bloomberg is 80% likely to run if the nominees hail from the "extreme wings" of their parties. If Bloomberg runs "he could end up finding his match in Unity08. Unity08 pres./CEO **Doug Bailey** "praised" Bloomberg and said he is "the kind of person" that the group hoped would seek its nomination.

But Loyola (L.A.) law prof. **Richard Hasen** noted: "The parties are not afraid to litigate election law issues. ... I'm not sure who Bloomberg would benefit. It remains to be seen who would be fighting

to keep him off the ballot." Bloomberg spokesperson **Stuart Loeser**: "It's an interesting Social Studies lesson, but from our perspective it's only academic, since Mayor Bloomberg is not running for president" (**Gardiner**, *New York Sun*, 3/30).

### Rich Man, Poor Man; Actually, Two Very Rich Men

New York *Daily News*' **Rush/Molloy** report: Should Bloomberg run, "he will have a major ally in fellow billionaire **Rupert Murdoch**. A source: "Murdoch said, 'Bloomberg would be my choice.' He said Bloomberg would be the most efficient President. That he attracts good people. Bloomberg has the bug. I expect him to run as an independent. If the polls show he has even a 5% chance of winning, he'll run. He's the type of guy who will spend a billion dollars of his own money."

The source also reports Murdoch said: "Giuliani is a one-man show. He doesn't attract good people. But I don't think any of them can beat Giuliani for the Republican nomination." More: "I don't think Hillary is electable. Soccer moms don't get her" (3/30).

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## 16 DEBATES: Let The Fox Hunt Begin!

The CBC Inst announced an agreement 3/29 to sponsor two debates with FNC this fall, "in a move that could ignite another round of criticism by liberal activists" (**Johnson**, *Variety's* "Wilshire and Washington" blog, 3/29). A Dem debate is scheduled for 9/23 in Detroit. The date and location of the GOP debate is TBD.

CBC Inst Chair **Bennie Thompson** (D-MS): "The CBC Institute is committed to presenting the presidential candidates to the broadest audience possible. Collaborating with Fox News provides an opportunity to take this presidential election to millions of households" (AP, 3/30).

The announcement comes "just weeks after protests forced the cancellation" of a NV Dem debate co-sponsored by Fox News. Ex-Sen. **John Edwards** (D-NC) and NM Gov. **Bill Richardson** said they would not participate in the NV event, citing comments by Fox News exec. **Roger Ailes** "comparing" Sen. **Barack Obama's** (D-IL) name to that of Osama bin Laden. "Influential activists" at MoveOn.Org and MyDD.com "pressured the party to back out of the debate, citing their belief that the network is biased" against Dems.

"Colorofchange.org, a coalition of black online activists, plans to launch an Internet petition" against the Fox-CBC partnership. Coalition head **James Rucker**: "The CBC Institute's decision is shamefully out of step with most black voters and we will continue to push on the CBC Institute to drop this deal."

The CBC is "an old debate partner" for Fox, since they co-hosted two Dem debates in '03. Fox News political exec. producer **Marty Ryan** said those debates "were among the most important and interesting of that cycle, and we expect these to be even better" (AP, 3/30). CBC Consultant **Candice Tolliver**, on the '03 debates: "It went exceptionally well. The debate was not impacted or hindered in any way by partisan leanings" (**Trowbridge**, *Detroit News*, 3/30).

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## 17 PRIMARY CALENDAR: Game Theory

"Two diametrically opposed schools of thought are emerging" among WH '08ers over the impact of "Super-Duper Tuesday." One holds that the early states -- IA, NH, SC, and NV -- will "now matter more than ever" because it will be "difficult ... to recover from weak finishes in those states" and competing in so many states on 2/5 "will be financially impossible, making early momentum essential." The other school says the 2/5 primaries "greatly diminish the historic weight" of the early states, "giving well-financed candidates the ability to compete" even if they lose in the early states.

"Perhaps" no one "sees as much advantage" in 2/5 as Ex-NYC Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** (R), whose team "believes it can sustain a handful of losses" in the early states and win by finishing strong on 2/5,

with CA and Giuliani's NY and NJ "power base." In contrast, Sen. **John McCain's** (R-AZ) camp believes the calendar "makes the early states more important than ever." Ex-MA Gov. **Mitt Romney** (R) spokesperson **Kevin Madden**: "[The primary contest] used to be a game of checkers relying on early state momentum. Now we have a game of three-dimensional chess, with so many dynamics at play and still a lot of unknowns." Romney's camp "believes it needs some strong early finishes to be seen as viable" but is also hiring and building grassroots networks in other states including AL, CA, FL, MI.

On the Dem side, Sen. **Hillary Clinton's** (D) "fundraising juggernaut is positioning her to compete" in the 2/5 states. In contrast, ex-Sen. **John Edwards** (D-NC) "is already pledging to focus exclusively" on IA, NV, NH, and SC. Edwards finance dir. **Fred Baron**: "I subscribe to the theory that any candidate that wins three or four of the initial states will have such a tailwind that it will be difficult if not impossible to stop that candidate." Meanwhile Sen. **Barack Obama's** (D-IL) camp "says the new calendar has not been a major consideration so far" (**Gilgoff**, USNews.com, 3/29).  
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## 18 IOWA (1/14 caucuses): Everyone's Invited!

The WH '08 race approaches "warp drive" 3/31, with six contenders set to "storm the state over five days." Starting 3/31, Sen. **Barack Obama** (D-IL) headlines two days of events in W. IA, including a Des Moines event headlined by his wife, Michelle. Also 3/31, Sen. **Chris Dodd** (D-CT) is launching a series of "kitchen table" meetings in E. IA. Sen. **Joe Biden** (D-DE) plans to campaign in IA 4/2 and 4/3, as does Sen. **Hillary Clinton** (D-NY).

Ex-NYC Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** (R) also plans to make stops in IA 4/3, which would mark his "debut" in the state. Ex-Sen. **John Edwards** (D-NC) plans to headline events with his wife, Elizabeth, on 4/3 and 4/4, marking his first IA trip since his wife's cancer announcement (**Beaumont**, *Des Moines Register*, 3/30). Ex-WI Gov. **Tommy Thompson** (R) also has a scheduled event in Davenport 3/31 (**Geyer**, *Quad-City Times*, 3/30).  
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## 19 NEVADA (1/19 Dem caucus; 1/19 GOP caucus?): Dems Nab Another Hawkeye

State Dems have hired IA strategist **Travis Brock** as a new exec. dir. Brock was most recently ex-IA Gov. **Tom Vilsack's** nat'l field dir. He also ran IA's coordinated Dem camp in '06 as well as statewide operations for **John Kerry** and **Al Gore**, and served as regional political dir. for the DNC. NV Dem Chair **Tom Collins**: "Travis is the right person to lead our state party as we prepare for the Jan. 19 caucuses. The state Democratic Party is building an experienced and talented operation that will help us turn Nevada 'blue'" (*Reno Gazette-Journal*, 3/29).  
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## 20 SOUTH CAROLINA (1/29 Dem primary; 2/2 GOP primary): Social Issues Still Crowd-Pleasers

Charleston *Post and Courier's* **Behre** writes, recent SC campaign stops by ex-Gov. **Mitt Romney** (R-MA) and Sen. **Sam Brownback** (R-KS) show "social and religious issues still matter a lot" to SC GOPers. Romney talked about abortion, "the value of families and his concern about stem-cell research" at a 3/29 breakfast in Bluffton with his wife, **Ann**. Brownback, on his first visit to Charleston 3/29, stopped at a Baptist church to discuss the work he's done in support of Israel (3/30).  
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## 21 ARIZONA (2/5 primary?): Take A Hint

State Dems released a delegate selection plan 3/29 that specifies a 2/5 primary, even though Gov. **Janet Napolitano** "hasn't invoked her authority" to set the date earlier than 2/26. Dem Party spokesperson **Alice McKeon** said party officials chose to plan for 2/5 to avoid possible filing deadline problems if Napolitano ultimately chooses a date earlier than 2/26. Napolitano spokesperson **Jeanine L'Ecuyer** said she doesn't know when Napolitano will decide (**Davenport**, AP, 3/29).

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## 22 OREGON (2/5 primary?): A F-Oregon Conclusion?

A bill to join the Super Tuesday primary won approval from the state House Rules Cmte 3/28. House Maj. Leader **Dave Hunt** (D) said the 2/5 date "likely will win approval in the full House": "It has a lot of merit, because it makes sure that Oregon issues will be prominent" (**Cain**, AP, 3/29).

GOP consultant/Sen. **Gordon Smith** ex-aide **Dan Levey** writes in the *Oregonian*: "The political and financial benefits of moving our primary would far outweigh the \$2.8 million it is projected to cost state taxpayers. ...Joining our primary with" CA's "would result in campaign stops" in OR "that otherwise wouldn't occur. And those visits would require the candidates, their staffs and the national media to become familiar with some of those issues. Moving our primary would also increase the clout of our state's elected officials" (3/29).

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## 23 UNITY08: Get Your Tickets Here, Folks

Unity08 released its draft rules on how it will nominate a ticket. "The proposal requires someone who wants" the nomination "to submit paper petitions signed by 500 registered voters, from each of 5 states. In addition, the candidate must also receive the on-line endorsement of 2,500 registered voters in each of 10 states. This dual requirement translates into a grand total of 2,500 written signatures," plus 25K e-messages of support" (**Winger**, *Ballot Access News*, 3/29).

"Convention 'delegates' will vote to select the candidate. Those delegates must be registered voters and sign up online" (**Kraushaar**, *Politico*, 3/30). "Among the key subjects addressed in the draft rules of Unity08:"

- "The People drafting their own candidates. The Unity08 delegates will be able to encourage a prospective candidate to run -- before that prospect decides to run or expresses any sort of interest in being president -- by signing up delegates on that prospective candidate's behalf and recruiting him or her into the process."
- "Requiring a bipartisan Unity Ticket. Each candidate for president must have named a candidate for vice president before the balloting starts. In other words, the convention delegate will be voting for a ticket, just as November voters do, not a single candidate who will choose a running mate later. And the ticket must represent a bipartisan team" or an indie "running with a Unity Team representing members of both major parties."
- "Assurance of candidates who are serious about public service: Any prospective candidate will be required to demonstrate a threshold of support among Unity08 delegates and hard copy petitions with signatures from five separate states."
- "Narrowing the field. The draft rules envision rounds of delegate voting in May 2008 to limit the field of candidates to no more than five before the convention balloting begins in June 2008. Before June balloting begins, remaining candidates would have to declare their willingness to

accept the nomination and name their vice-presidential running mate. Once June balloting starts, each ballot will eliminate one of the remaining contending tickets until one of them achieves at least 50% of the delegates voting" (release, 3/29).

### Do You Like What You See, Mister?

Unity08 pres./CEO **Doug Bailey** said the party has already talked to between 60-70 candidates or their staffs. "He also praised" NYC Mayor **Mike Bloomberg** (R) and said he is "the kind of person" that the group hoped would seek its nomination.

"Winger said that 39 states allow a new party, like Unity08, to qualify for the ballot before it names a candidate." He said if Unity08 successfully establishes itself, which is still a question mark, "they'll relieve the ballot access burden for whoever their presidential candidate is and make their nomination extremely attractive." But Loyola (L.A.) law prof. **Richard Hasen** noted: "The parties are not afraid to litigate election law issues" to keep others off the ballot (**Gardiner**, *New York Sun*, 3/30).

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## 24 2008 SCHEDULES: Edwards Likes To Party; Brownback Grows As A Person

Check here daily to see where the WH '08 hopefuls are going to be today, tomorrow and in the future. "NPE"= "No Public Events"

	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	4/3
BIDEN	NPE	Kiawah Island And Sumter, SC	NPE	NPE	NPE
CLINTON	Concord, NH And Boston, MA	Orlando, Palm Beach, Miami, FL	Chappaqua, NY	NPE	NPE
DODD	IA	IA	IA	NPE	Laconia, NH: Meet And Greet
EDWARDS	One Corps National House Party	Raleigh, NC: Concert And Basketball	NPE	Durham, NH: UNH Town Hall	CedarRapids IA: Town Hall
KUCINICH	Olympia; Aberdeen, WA	San Fransisco, CA	Seattle, WA: Labor Rally	Eugene, OR: All Day Events	NPE
OBAMA	Tallahassee Jacksonville FL	IA: Four City Tour	Sioux City, IA And Chicago, IL	Manchester And Keene, NH	Portsmouth, Rochester, Concord, NH
RICHARDSON	Dallas, TX: Fundraises	NPE	NPE	NPE	Manchester, Henniker, Hanover, NH

### And the GOP field:

	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	4/3
BROWNBACK	Palm Beach, FL: Club For	Palm Beach, FL And	Atlanta, GA	Atlanta, GA	NPE

	Growth	Atlanta, GA			
GINGRICH	Palm Beach, FL And Atlanta, GA	DC: Address Federation GOP Women	NPE	NPE	NPE
GIULIANI	UT: Fundraises	Palm Beach, FL: Club For Growth	NPE	Hampton Falls, NH	Portsmouth, NH And Iowa
HAGEL	DC	NPE	NPE	NPE	NPE
HUCKABEE	DC: "Your Morning On CN8"	DC: Gridiron Club Dinner	NPE	Little Rock AR: GOP Dinner	NPE
HUNTER	DC	NPE	NPE	NPE	NPE
MCCAIN	NPE	NPE	NPE	NPE	NPE
ROMNEY	Palm Beach, FL: Club For Growth	DC: Gridiron Club Dinner	NPE	NPE	NPE
TANCREDO	NPE	NPE	NPE	NPE	Newton, MA: Fundraising Reception
THOMPSON	NPE	NPE	NPE	NPE	NPE

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## ► NATIONAL BRIEFING

# 25 U.S. ATTORNEYS: Sampson & Alberto

Ex-Gonzales CoS **Kyle Sampson** testified before the Senate Jud Cmte on 3/29. Here is a sampling of today's headlines:

- *Baltimore Sun*: "Gonzales put at center of firings."
- *Bloomberg*: "Ex-Aide Says Gonzales Statement on Firings Was Wrong."
- *Boston Globe*: "Ex-aide contradicts Gonzales on firings: Says AG involved in talks since 2005."
- *Chicago Tribune*: "Former aide contradicts Gonzales on role in firings."
- *Christian Science Monitor*: "Firing of US attorneys: Was it too political?"
- *CongressDailyPM*: "Ex-Aide Disputes Gonzales Over Role in Attorney Firings" (3/29).
- *Deseret Morning News*: "Sampson points finger at ex-boss."
- *Examiner*: "Justice aide tells Judiciary Committee Gonzales signed off on attorney firings."
- *Kansas City Star*: "Ex-aide's testimony wounds Gonzales."
- *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*: "Gonzales in loop early, says ex-aide."

- *New York Times*: "Ex-Aide Rejects Gonzales Stand Over Dismissals."
- Time.com: "Gonzales' Fall Guy Fires Back."
- *USA Today*: "Aide contradicts Gonzales in probe."
- *Wall Street Journal*: "Gonzales's Stance Suffers Another Blow."
- *Washington Post*: "Ex-Aide Contradicts Gonzales on Firings."

## Uh-Oh

AG **Alberto Gonzales** "falsely asserted in public statements that he was not involved in discussions about" the firing of eight U.S. attys, Sampson told the Senate Jud Cmte on 3/29 (**Johnson**, *USA Today*, 3/30).

Sampson testified that "he and Gonzales spoke at least five times over two years" about plans to dismiss the U.S. attys, while Gonzales and then-WH Counsel **Harriet Miers** "signed off on the final decision." Sampson: "I don't think the attorney general's statement that he was not involved in any discussions about U.S. attorney removals was accurate. ... The attorney general was aware of this process from the beginning in early 2005" (**Schmidt/Newton-Small**, Bloomberg, 3/30).

More Sampson: "The decision-makers in this case were the attorney general and the counsel to the president [Miers]" (**Gilbert**, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, 3/30).

According to Sampson, Gonzales also attended a meeting on the issue on 11/27/06, ten days before seven of the U.S. attys were fired. Sampson: "He approved both the list, and going forward" (**Schmitt/Serrano**, *Los Angeles Times*, 3/30).

ABC's **Gibson**: "By the time Kyle Sampson's testimony was over, the attorney general's hold on his job might have become even more tempestuous" ("World News," 3/29).

CBS' **Schieffer**: "Republicans at the Capitol are telling me ... that they believe, in the end, the attorney general is going to have to go" ("Evening News," 3/29).

NBC's **P. Williams**: "The attorney general gets his own turn before Congress in about two weeks. A session that will almost certainly determine if he stays or if he goes" ("Nightly News," 3/29).

## Soooo, What Else Was Said?

Sampson testified that ousted NM U.S. atty **David Iglesias** "was not added" to the U.S. atty dismissal list "until just before" the 11/7/06 elections, after **Karl Rove** "complained that Iglesias had not been aggressive enough in pursuing cases of voter fraud." Previously, Rove "had not been tied so directly" to the firings.

Sampson said that Iglesias "should not have been fired." Sampson: "Looking back on all of this, I wish we could do it over again. In hindsight, I wish the department hadn't gone down this road at all" (**Eggen/Kane**, *Washington Post*, 3/30).

In his testimony, Sampson also told the cmte that "he tried to get" Chicago-based U.S. atty **Patrick Fitzgerald** fired, but immediately realized it was a bad idea. According to Sampson, he proposed putting Fitzgerald's name on a dismissal list in an '06 meeting with Miers and dep. WH Counsel **William Kelley**. Sampson: "I said Patrick Fitzgerald could be added to this list. I immediately regretted it and I withdrew it at the time, and I regret it now."

At the time, Fitzgerald was investigating the leak of ex-CIA operative **Valerie Plame**'s identity, and the previous Oct., he had indicted ex-Cheney CoS **Scooter Libby** (**Zajac**, *Chicago Tribune*, 3/30).

*Newsweek*'s **Isikoff**: "Probably most spectacularly was his testimony that he had recommended that Patrick Fitzgerald be fired last year to Harriet Miers. Didn't really explain how or why he made that recommendation, but it was pretty startling, given the context of what Fitzgerald was doing" ("Hardball," MSNBC, 3/29).

## You Had A Bad Day, You're Taking One Down

*Time*'s **Calabresi** writes, Sampson's testimony "made for an even worse day" for the Bush admin. The WH's "hope" had been that Sampson "would catch all the spears hurled by angry" senators in their investigation. "But in the process of all that spear-catching, Sampson managed to wound the two biggest targets" of Dems' interest as well: Gonzales and Rove.

For Dems, "raising the suspicion of political foul play is an end in itself." That is why Sampson's testimony "that he once suggested Fitzgerald be put on the list" of U.S. attys to be fired "had Democrats so giddy. The suggestion didn't go anywhere, but the case Fitzgerald was pursuing was so political that

the very fact" that his name "was ever briefly considered inevitably ups the suspicion cast upon the entire set of firings. And, in the process, once again puts the target" on Rove (Time.com, 3/29).

### Can I Get A Witness?

GW's **Turley**: "Today makes a great case for calling in the White House witnesses. You know, the fact is that Sampson kept on saying, I just don't know what occurred in the White House, you're going to have to ask them. It's clear that there were a lot of meetings involving this at the White House" ("Countdown," MSNBC, 3/29).

Sen. **Chuck Schumer** (D-NY): "I understand they don't want a public trial. I even understand maybe not to do it under oath. There are other criminal laws that would cover even if he didn't swear an oath. But it's indefensible to say there would be no transcript. ... If you say no transcript, no oath, not in public, you know what any good lawyer will tell you? That they probably have something to hide" ("LKL," CNN, 3/29).

### Shattered Glass

The "all-day testimony" from Sampson "gave new ammunition" to Dems and some GOPers who have said that Gonzales "lied about his own role in the firings" (**Savage**, *Boston Globe*, 3/30).

Sen. **Chuck Schumer** (D-NY): "The credibility of the attorney general on this issue has been, I'd have to say, shattered, after what happened in that hearing room" (Bloomberg, 3/30).

Sen. **Sheldon Whitehouse** (D-RI): "I think we certainly have a sense that the administration is not to be trusted. Gonzales is in a very deep hole with me, and at this point, I think he should resign. But I want to have him have the chance to come and see if he can dig his way out of it before the committee. ... I'm not sure he's going to last a couple of weeks, so I think he should get here as soon as possible" ("Hardball," MSNBC, 3/29).

MSNBC's **Shuster**: "Even administration supporters said today that testimony by Kyle Sampson was devastating" ("Hardball," 3/29).

Sen. **Jeff Sessions** (R-AL): "There's some inconsistencies in comments that have been made. ... There will be hearings and we will get facts and, in the end, I think the truth will come out" (**Hurt**, *Examiner*, 3/30).

### How's It Playing?

- Baltimore *Sun* editorializes, Sampson's testimony "underscored the importance of congressional efforts to get to the bottom of this sorry saga." The WH "should move swiftly to make" Rove, Miers, and any other WH aides involved "available" for cong. testimony, "along with" Gonzales, "as soon as possible. Damage control is now a lost cause; the focus should be on getting out the truth" (3/30).
- *Dallas Morning News* editorializes, in his testimony, Sampson "delivered the thousandth cut to his former boss." Given that Gonzales' word "has been contradicted by both an official document and by his former top aide, and considering the cavalcade of changing stories marched in succession out of" the DoJ in recent weeks, "it is impossible to see how" Gonzales "can continue to credibly lead" the DoJ (3/30).
- *Denver Post* editorializes, "among the more telling details to emerge from" Sampson's testimony was "his unabashed linking of political loyalty with prosecutorial performance." That is "legitimate if it means focusing prosecutorial resources on, say, drug crimes. But it's wholly inappropriate if it translates into pressuring" U.S. attys "to focus investigations for partisan reasons, which is one of the allegations in the burgeoning scandal" (3/30).
- *USA Today* editorializes, Sampson's assertion that the distinction between removing a U.S. atty "for performance-related or political reasons was 'artificial' ... couldn't be more off-base." Sampson's testimony, "along with the other examples of political interference, leaves Gonzales with a lot to explain." Gonzales is not scheduled to testify until 4/17, but "given the cloud over his office and the bipartisan clamor for his resignation, that seems like a long way off" (3/30).
- *Washington Post* editorializes, Sampson's testimony "shifted the focus of the storm over" the U.S. atty firings "squarely back to" Gonzales. Gonzales "now finds himself squarely in the cross hairs - and he has only himself to blame. The shifting excuses for the firings and his less-than-candid

statements about what he knew and when he knew it have infuriated" Dems and kept GOPers "at a distance." If he "intends to remain in office -- a resolution we don't favor" -- "Gonzales needs to pick up the phone. Questions need to be answered. He's waited long enough" (3/30).

- Newark *Star-Ledger's* **Farmer** writes, Sampson tried "to take the heat off his old boss" in his testimony, "but succeeded only in fortifying the case that Gonzales didn't tell the truth about his involvement." Sampson "tried to fall on his sword, but it was a lame attempt. He missed the blade" (3/30).
- *Boston Herald's* **Woodlief** writes, "Bush ought to give the boot" to Gonzales "right now." Like ex-Defense Sec. **Donald Rumsfeld**, Gonzales "just doesn't get it" -- "on torture and on other twisting of the Constitution," on "letting" Rove "stick his nose into the hiring and firing" of U.S. attys, "on being so out of touch with his own department," and on his own "trouble with the truth" (3/30).

### I'm Sitting There In A Tepid Pool Of My Own Filth

The WH, meanwhile, "suggested" that Gonzales "should offer a more detailed explanation" of the firings, after Sampson contradicted his "earlier statements about his role in the dismissals."

Gonzales is scheduled to testify about the dismissals on 4/17, but the WH suggested 3/29 that "it would encourage him to clarify his statements before then." WH dep. press sec. **Dana Perino**: "Three weeks is a long time" (**Perez/Fields**, *Wall Street Journal*, 3/30).

Pres. **Bush**, also, "isn't rushing to the rescue" of Gonzales. Asked about Gonzales during a 3/29 closed-door meeting with House GOPers, Bush "did not defend his longtime friend," according to one official at the meeting. Instead, "Bush tepidly repeated his public statement: The attorney general would have to go up to Capitol Hill and fix his problem" (**Kellman**, AP, 3/30).

CNN's **Henry**: "The president under siege on two fronts, with the full Senate defying him on Iraq policy while a Senate committee hears explosive testimony in this U.S. attorney flap" ("Situation Room," 3/29).

### The Only Living Boy In Washington

NBC's **Russert**: "I spent yesterday trying to find a Republican senator on the Judiciary Committee who will be willing to defend the attorney general Sunday on 'Meet the Press.' It took all day. We finally found Sen. Hatch" ("Today," 3/30).

Sen. **Orrin Hatch** (R-UT), asked he can still stand behind Gonzales after hearing Sampson's testimony: "Yes, I can. He's an honest man. ... There was absolutely no evidence at all that the Justice Department was trying to interfere with ongoing intervention in their cases. ... It was badly mishandled, there's no question about that. But Gonzales has always been an very honest, straightforward, straight-shooting person. I don't think ... he should be removed because of this flap" ("American Morning," CNN, 3/30).

Sen. **Arlen Specter** (R-PA), on Gonzales: "I'm not going to run him out of town on a rail based on newspaper stories or television or radio interviews. I want to see him eyeball to eyeball. I want him under oath and hear what he has to say" ("LKL," CNN, 3/29).

### Appreciate Ya, Bush Admin.

GOPers say that the "flap" over the U.S. attys "is muddling their message and damaging" Bush. "Instead of trumpeting their criticism" that Dems "are meddling in Iraq strategy and raising taxes, GOP lawmakers find themselves fielding questions" about Gonzales. And "they put a heft share of the blame on" the WH for "flubbing its response to the firings."

Sen. **John Thune** (R): "It's a distraction -- there's no question about that. It steps on our message for sure. If they had gotten out and started leaning forward on it right away it might have been helpful, because it would have stopped some of the momentum" (**Davis**, AP, 3/30).

CNN's **Bash**, on GOPers reax to Gonzales: "They're simply fed up. They say that, at this point, the attorney general has a very high bar to get over in order to explain himself. They're not pushing him over just yet. But they're certainly not getting out there to support him, not even close" ("AC 360," 3/29).

### Should I Stay Or Should I Go?

This week's *National Journal* Political Insiders' Poll surveyed 57 cong. Dems and 63 cong. GOPers

(*National Journal*, 3/31 issue).

#### Would You Like To See Gonzales Resign?

	Dem	GOP
Yes	93%	41%
No	7	49
Other	--	10

#### It's Never Nice To Have Watergate Comparisons...

McClatchy's **Galloway** writes, not since the demise of ex-Pres. **Nixon** "have we had so clear a spectacle of arrogant politicians stumbling into fatal mistakes and poorly planned and executed cover-ups." It is "not so much about what was done but what was said by Gonzales and others in an attempt to hide the real political reasons for firing the prosecutors." And "all of this is a token of much more still to come" as Bush and his closest aides "endure the death of a thousand cuts in their final 21 months in power" (3/30).

Duke prof. **Erwin Chemerinsky** writes, the "parallels" between the U.S. attys controversy and the "early stages of the Watergate investigation are striking. Both involved allegations of a serious abuse of power and even the possibility of obstruction of justice." Congress "must follow the path of the Watergate investigation and hold public hearings to learn the truth." If Bush "asserts executive privilege, the courts must follow the precedent from Watergate and order executive branch officials to comply with subpoenas" (*Louisville Courier-Journal*, 3/30).

#### Congress Can Have Mercy

MT U.S. atty/acting assoc. AG **William Mercer** said 3/29 "that he would testify before Congress if asked about his role" in the firings. He said so during questions from Sen. **Jon Tester** (D) at another unrelated hearing (**Straub**, *Billings Gazette*, 3/30).

#### Waxman Off, Waxman On

The House Oversight and Gov't Reform Cmte "sought more info" 3/29 about a presentation given by a WH aide to GSA pol appointees "that discussed targeting 20" Dem. cong. candidates. Now, in a follow-up letter to Rove, Cmte Chair **Henry Waxman** (D-CA) asks about the 1/26 video conference by Rove aide **Scott Jennings**. Jennings' "28-page presentation included 2006 election results and listed the names of" vulnerable Dem and GOP candidates.

At a 3/29 hearing, Waxman "said" the presentation "allegedly made by" GSA Chief **Lurita Alexis Doan** "may have violated the Hatch Act," which restricts fed agencies from pol activities. The "focus" of the hearing was the PowerPoint presentation, and Doan "denied the allegations at the hearing." Doan "said at least 10 times" at he hearing "that she does not recall asking employees to help the GOP or does not recall details about the presentation" (**Higham/O'Harrow**, *Washington Post*, 3/30).

Waxman's "follow-up" letter to Rove asked whether he he had a role in the presentation and included a list of questions with a 4/13 deadline "to comply." There's "no word" on whether Waxman will try to subpoena Rove or Jennings, "but after Doan's horrific performance on Wednesday, it could happen" (**Bresnahan**, *Politico.com*, 3/29).

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## 26 IRAQ: Just Step Off, George!

The Senate issued "a stinging challenge" to Pres. **Bush** on 3/29, approving a spending measure that provides more than \$97.5B for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, but orders U.S. troop withdrawals to begin within 120 days and sets a non-binding goal of removing most U.S. troops by 3/31/08 (**Hulse/Zeleny**, *New York Times*, 3/30).

Sens. **Chuck Hagel** (R-NE) and **Gordon Smith** (R-OR) joined 48 Dems and Sen. **Bernie Sanders** (I-VT) in supporting the measure. Sen. **Joe Lieberman** (I-CT) voted with the GOP, and Sens. **Mike Enzi** (R-WY) and **Tim Johnson** (D-SD) did not vote (mult., 3/30).

Dems, "preparing for a veto fight, immediately sought to paint" Bush "as obstinate in the face of

broad public sentiment against the war" (*New York Times*, 3/30). Senate Maj. Leader **Harry Reid** said that it was Bush who would "pay the price if a veto fight slowed down funding for the military." Reid: "If the president vetoes this bill, it is an asterisk in history. He sets the record of undermining the troops more than any president we've ever had" (**Baker/Murray**, *Washington Post*, 3/30).

### I'm Hatin' It

Sen. **Orrin Hatch** (R-UT), on the bill's passage: "Already our troops are being hurt by this stupid maneuver. The Democrats in the House and very few Republicans who voted for it actually knew the president was going to veto this bill. So they're going through a frivolous exercise here at the expense of the troops and sending the wrong message to the troops and to the other side."

Hatch, asked if Smith/Hagel's votes signal the beginning of more erosion from the GOP over this issue: "There are always people who don't know where they're going to be. But, look, we have to support our troops. They have to have the monies to do the things that have to do. We can't just walk out of there and say everything is going to be hunky dory. We know that's not going to be the case" ("American Morning," CNN, 3/30).

Ex-Speaker **Newt Gingrich**, on the Iraq bill: "Don't you find it mildly amazing that, in the middle of the Iranian hostage crisis, with the Iranians sending every possible signal of the contempt they have for the United States and Great Britain, that the Democrats in Congress would want to send a signal of weakness? ... I think that the United States Congress, the Democrats in Congress, have started us down a path of weakness, which is temporarily popular, with all sorts of elite news media noise behind it."

More Gingrich: "The president should indicate that he will call the Congress promptly back into special session, if they try to go home for Easter break without having passed a supplemental bill. There's zero excuse at a time of war for members of Congress to leave Washington without having passed the money for our men and women in uniform. I think the president can make that stick" ("Hannity & Colmes," FNC, 3/29).

### Come Together, Right Now

Reid "promised that negotiators would quickly begin to reconcile" the new Senate bill with a version passed by the House last week, and have a bill "ready to be approved and sent to" Bush "soon after the House returns from its spring break" on 4/16.

Although both the House and Senate have now called for military exits from Iraq, "they must resolve significant differences between their approaches." The Senate bill, which says that U.S. troops "should not be policing a civil war," directs Bush to begin withdrawing troops within 120 days of the bill becoming law, "with the goal of redeploying, by March 31, 2008, all United States combat forces." The House bill, meanwhile, ties its push for withdrawal to the ability of the Iraqi gov't to meet certain benchmarks, but is "more definitive about a pullout, calling for most troops to be removed" by 9/1/08 (*New York Times*, 3/30).

"There were already signals of the potential complications that lay ahead." Rep. **Keith Ellison** (D-MN) said 3/29 that he would oppose any bill that did not retain the House's firm timelines. Ellison: "The timelines and the deadlines are the only thing that got me to support it. And even then, that was a stretch" (**Levey**, *Los Angeles Times*, 3/30).

CNN's **Koppel**: "The challenge now for appointed lawmakers in the House and Senate, to bridge their differences on a date for withdrawal before the bill is sent to the president's desk. A bigger challenge, how to proceed if Mr. Bush makes good on a threat to veto it" ("Lou Dobbs Tonight," 3/29).

### United We Stand

Bush, meanwhile, "rallied" his GOP troops on 3/29, calling the entire House GOP conference to the WH to "urge lawmakers to stand strong" against the push to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq.

Bush, surrounded by House GOPers on the WH North Portico: "We stand united in saying loud and clear that when we've got a troop in harm's way, we expect that troop to be fully funded. And we got commanders making tough decisions on the ground, we expect there to be no strings on our commanders. We expect the Congress to be wise about how they spend the people's money" (**Curl**, *Washington Times*, 3/30).

Bush described the meeting as "friends talking amongst friends, all aiming to put a strategy together of how we can work together to secure this nation and keep it prosperous." Bush: "We stand

united" (**Sammon**, *The Examiner*, 3/30).

Bush "spent much" of the meeting pressing the issue of "pork-barrel spending, unrelated to the war, in the bill." At one point, Bush asked House Min. Leader **John Boehner** (R-OH) "if he could rally his troops to sustain a veto on the spending issue alone," even if Dems "stripped out language on troop withdrawals. When Boehner turned to his colleagues to ask if they would stay with Bush, they gave him a standing ovation" (*Washington Post*, 3/30).

The "pep rally" came "just minutes" before Senate Dems ignored Bush's veto threat and passed the spending bill requiring Bush to begin withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq within 120 days. Bush: "Yesterday, I gave a speech, making it clear that I'll veto a bill that restricts our commanders on the ground in Iraq, a bill that doesn't fund our troops, a bill that's got too much spending on it. I made that clear to the members" (*Washington Times*, 3/30).

### Jujitsu, Anyone?

The "dueling events on opposite ends of Pennsylvania Avenue left the executive and legislative branches hurtling toward a high-stakes collision, with neither side showing signs of backing down."

Both sides, in fact, "appear to be relishing the confrontation to some extent, gambling that they can outmaneuver the other, galvanize the most passionate forces within their parties, win over public opinion and force an eventual resolution on their terms" (*Washington Post*, 3/30).

*Newsweek's Wolfe*, on the WH: "They think that this is a sort of moment for political jujitsu, that they've got the Democrats exactly where they want them. In the words of one senior White House official I spoke to today, the Democrats now have to choose between a veto from the president and vetoing their own antiwar base. And in some cases, that's true, because the glass-half-empty view is that they're facing unprecedented opposition, and this is a huge political problem for both sides, actually, but especially the president" ("Countdown," MSNBC, 3/29).

### Aw, Isn't That Sweet?

*Houston Chronicle's Mason* writes, "increasingly, Bush exacerbates perceptions that he is out of touch by behaving as if he is still in control." And "by all appearances, he is unreconciled to the new political dynamic" in DC that came with a new Dem-controlled Congress.

However, Bush's "present course doesn't match his earlier rhetoric." Just after the '06 midterm elections, Bush "sounded much more accommodating." Bush, at an 11/8/06 presser: "I believe we will be able to work through differences. I reassured the House and Senate leaders that I intend to work with the new Congress in a bipartisan way to address issues confronting this country" (3/30).

### Going Up?

*National Journal's Cook* writes, "some signs indicate" that "opposition to the war may have peaked."

When Pew Research Center pollsters asked 3/21-3/25 whether the U.S. had made a mistake in using military force in Iraq, 43% of respondents said it was the right decision and 49% said it was the wrong decision. "What is notable is that 'wrong decision' leads by only 6 points -- down from 14 points" in Feb. '07. Asked how the U.S. military effort is going in Iraq, 10% -- "the highest level" since Jun. '07 -- said "very well." Another 30% said "fairly well," the highest since late Oct. '07. And just 24% -- the lowest number since early Sep. '07 -- chose the most pessimistic choice, "not at all well."

"This is not to suggest some dramatic turnaround in public opinion on the war." However, the newest survey results "suggest that opposition to the war is no longer growing, support for it is no longer in freefall, and public opinion may have steadied" (3/31 issue).

### No Straight A's

This week's *National Journal* Political Insiders' Poll surveyed 57 Dem MoC and 63 GOP MoC (*National Journal*, 3/31 issue).

#### What Grade Would You Give Each Of These Cong. Leaders?

	Dem	GOP
N. Pelosi	B+	D+
H. Reid	B	D+
J. Boehner	C-	B

## 27 BLOGOMETER: Round Two

While NV Dem Chair **Tom Collins** and Sen. **Harry Reid** (D-NV) said netroots pressure had nothing to do with their decision to nix a Fox News-sponsored WH '08 debate, anyone following the story would have suspected otherwise. Now, despite early warnings, the Cong. Black Caucus has gone ahead and partnered with Fox, and the netroots campaign to quash that is already underway. If the netroots manage to notch another victory onto their belts, who could be next? It's not like they don't have anysuspects.

### **GOP FIELD: Back To Basics**

**The Corner's Larry Kudlow** hopes "the big three Republican presidential candidates - Messrs. **Giuliani**, **McCain**, and **Romney** follow suit with Pres. **Bush's** 3/29 call for: 1) No to the pork barrel laden Iraq funding bill; 2) No to Congress' attempt to micromanage the war and help the enemy with specific withdrawal timetables; and 3) No to the implied tax increase coming out of the Democratic Congress' budget making process. Kudlow adds: " It's good to see him restoring conservative principles on the war, on taxes, and on overspending."

### **GIULIANI: Not Running For Mayor Of NYC**

Doubts about **Rudy Giuliani's** fealty to low taxes drove in depth exchanges between **AmSpec Blog** and **The Corner** bloggers. Contributions include:

- **The Corner's Ramesh Ponnuru**: "Giuliani even got involved in a Democratic primary race to oppose an assemblywoman who had voted to end the commuter tax. Nor was this the only time Democrats got to the mayor's right on taxes."
- **The Corner's John Podhoretz**: "The issue was a little more complicated than that ... In short, the Giuliani opposition to the commuter-tax repeal tells you nothing about his view of taxation generally. As mayor, he did what he could to cut some of the most onerous taxes in the nation that had been imposed specifically by the City Council and previous mayors."
- **The Corner's Jonah Goldberg** on federalism and taxes: "Still, I think if Giuliani is going to win over social conservatives he's going to have to master this sort of argument more than others. He needs to explain why what's good for New York isn't necessarily good for Montana or Georgia and how he understands and respects that."
- **Ramesh responds**: "Sure, support for higher local taxes doesn't necessarily mean support for higher federal taxes. But Giuliani was resisting a federal tax reform because he wanted the federal tax code to continue to subsidize high-tax states."
- **AmSpec Blog's Philip Klein**: "Furthermore, Giuliani did cut taxes as mayor, which was no easy task in New York City, so the fact that he would now be open to the idea of a flat tax, or at least flatter tax, while a reversal, is not as totally out of left field as if he had a record of supporting and imposing higher taxes."

Also at **AmSpec Blog**, Klein notes that a new YouTube showing Giuliani endorsing **Mario Cuomo** clips the middle portion of a press conference out to skip Rudy's worry "about rising property taxes in and around New York City."

Some Cornerites and AmSpecers worry all this cat fighting makes them look bad.

### **GIULIANI II: Thanks But One Giuliani In The WH Is Enough**

In case you were wondering, tentative and committed Rudy-blogger-supporters are not thrilled about reports that Mrs. Giuliani "would sit in on Cabinet meetings" if Rudy were elected. **Ankle Biting PunditsBull Dog Pundit** blogs: "No offense to Mrs. Giuliani, but nobody is electing her. I can certainly understand a man wanting his wife's opinion on certain things, but to have her sit on policy meetings for which she is completely unqualified is out of bounds."

## MCCAIN: Loyalty Was Never His Strong Suit

**Townhall's Dean Barnett** argues *The Hill's* claims that **John McCain** felt out Dems about a party switch in '01 have "essentially buried John McCain's campaign for the Republican nomination." More Barnett: "this incident illustrates a perfect storm of McCain's shortcomings in a way that none of his other bi-partisan adventures do. The vanity, the immature pique of anger, the utter indifference and disloyalty to the people who voted for him and the party that supported him - they're all on naked display."

**Power Line's John Hinderaker** counters that any damage on the GOP loyalty front has already been done: "Will these reports hurt McCain with the Republican party's base? Probably not much. The base already doesn't consider him a very loyal Republican; that's the price you pay if you want the media to praise you as a "maverick." But the marginal impact of this story is no doubt small."

## ROMNEY: Button Pusher

**The Corner's Ramesh Ponnuru** reports "that the dozen or so attendees to whom I spoke after Mitt Romney's speech" to the Club for Growth's "winter" conference "were impressed." More Ponnuru: "Romney hit every one of the club's buttons. He came out against most trade barriers, for reductions in marginal tax rates, against the "death tax," for cuts in corporate tax rates to make our rates comparable to those of other countries, for federal tort reform, and for scaling back Sarbanes-Oxley. He repeated his call for federal spending to shrink by one percent in real terms every year."

In less positive Romney blogging, there are rumblings that pro-Romney forces on the web are not playing well with others.

## THOMPSON: As Good A Christian As Reagan

**RedState's Erick Erickson** rises to defend James Dobson against the "bashing" he took for suggesting Fred Thompson was not a Christian. Erickson blogs: "[Y]ou people who are so outraged by James Dobson need to suck it up and get over it. ... the reason some of you are so frustrated with Dobson today, is because Dobson is a Christian first, a conservative second, and a partisan third."

More Erickson: "[T]he key difference between a nominal Christian and a Christ following Christian ... is that the former shows his colors by the inactive pursuit of his faith and the latter shows his colors by the active pursuit of his faith. Fred Thompson, I think Dobson is suggesting, falls into the former category. ... if that is the case it'd probably put Fred on par with **Ronald Reagan**."

And **K-Lo** is still making sure Cornerites are getting their daily dose of Thompson "commentary."

## DEM FIELD: Casey At The Bat

**TPM Cafe's Greg Sargent** and **Eric Kleefeld** completed "a comprehensive comparison" of all of Sens. Barack Obama (D-IL) and Hillary Clinton (D-NY) Iraq related votes, and it turns out "the two differed on only one." Sargent and Kleefeld stress: "We are not posting this to suggest that their earlier difference at the start of the war -- their most important difference -- should in any way be overshadowed by these similarities."

The only vote Obama and Clinton differed on: "The confirmation of General George Casey to be Chief of Staff for the Army, held just this past February. Hillary voted against confirmation, while Obama voted to confirm."

## CLINTON: Carville And Clinton Sittin' In A Tree...

Linking to *CNN* transcripts of **James Carville** talking about "a couple of less-than-impressive performances at a health care forum out in Las Vegas" by **Barack Obama** MyDD's **Matt Stoller** wants to know why Carville is still "identified as a CNN Political Analyst" given his close ties to Team Clinton. Stoller blogs: "This is crazy. It's just crazy. When CNN commentator **Bay Buchanan** took over the Tancredo campaign, she resigned from the network. ... Carville isn't getting money from Clinton, but there are other ways of compensation in politics and everyone knows that."

## IRAQ: Blue Dogs And Netroots Living Together ... Mass Hysteria!

A proposal by Reps. **Dennis Cardoza** (D-CA) and **Mike Ross** (D-AR) to parcel out supplemental Iraq funding in three month chunks so that Pres. **Bush** has "to keep coming back for more" is receiving a warm netroots welcome despite the members status as Blue Dogs. A strong critic of almost everything Blue Dog, MyDD's **Chris Bowers** finds himself "slowly being won over to this strategy" and details its

"advantages" including:

- This could keep the caucus unified during a long fight, while slowly picking off an increasingly divided Republican caucus, as we gradually build toward a veto-proof majority.
- It allows the timelines to stay in the bill, which in my opinion is non-negotiable.
- It allows the entire bill, which was an excruciating task to pass through both branches of Congress, intact.
- As both popular and congressional opinion continues to swing to our side, it leaves our options open down the road to eventually just say "you get these deadlines, or none"

The man **Matt Stoller** has "outsourced [his] policy-oriented opinions on Iraq to," **Matthew Yglesias**, is also on board: "So I'd say congress should pass a "clean" supplemental that Bush'll feel compelled to sign, but one designed to last a lot less than a full year. Three months, as proposed by Reps. Cardoza and Ross, seems like a good choice to me. That way in three months time, with public opinion even more against Bush and against the war, he needs to come back and ask for more money. ... The point is to try to generate as many votes on this as possible. Either at some point we'll start seeing significant GOP defections (which is the best hope for ending the war while Bush is still president) or else at a minimum GOP incumbents will need to keep casting votes for perpetual war and set themselves up for defeat in 2008."

Even heavy critics of the Dems current supplemental sees possibility in the Blue Dog plan. **Talk Left's** Big Tent Democrat writes: "The source of the idea intrigues more than the idea itself. I prefer a different approach, but it is a good sign when conservative Dems are preparing fighting tactics, as opposed to rollover tactics." **BTD** later outlines his concerns: "But the intention of not funding past a date certain must accompany such a proposal. And that intention must be followed up on in determined fashion when the regular appropriations process for the Iraq Debacle begins again in June."

## IRAQ II: Baghdad Or Bust

Asking readers, "What if you had the choice to send someone to tell you that story firsthand? Would you send someone like, say, Dan Rather?" **RedState's** Directors are raising money to send two of their own to Iraq. RedState already has Pentagon approval and is looking to raise \$7.5K for the trip. At deadline they had just over \$7K.

## BLOGGERS VS. MSM: 'Dancing With The Devil'

The netroots are gearing up for round two against Fox News after the CBC announced it would partnering with the news organization to host a Dem WH '08 debate. **DailyKos'** founder **Markos Moulitsas** says, "Here we go again," and adds: "The CBC's decision is breath-taking in its stupidity, and the organization will now face the well-deserved scorn of its own constituents as well as outside observers. Candidates will be forced to choose between grassroots activists (of all colors) and an out-of-touch, entrenched inside-the-Beltway organization." Kos urges readers to sign **Color of Change's** petition against the event.

Under the header "Dancing with the Devil," **Color of Change's** petition argues: "Fox News has consistently attacked Black people, Black leaders, and Black cultural institutions. Despite this, the Congressional Black Caucus Institute has announced that it will partner with Fox to co-host presidential debates. The Congressional Black Caucus is letting us down at a time when Black Americans need strong and strategic leaders more than ever."

**Jack and Jill Politic's Jill Tubman** notes: "In 2002, the CBC Foundation was given an undisclosed amount from Fox News and parent company News Corp. Between 2003-2005, they gave the CBC somewhere between \$47,500 to \$98,998 with numbers for 2006 still unavailable. Don't believe me. Get the facts here and take a look at CBCF's donor list. Are our leaders purchased so cheaply?"

## BLOGGERS VS. MSM II: First They Came For Fox ...

While not acknowledging *The Politico's* 3/29 front page story on the GOP's upcoming '08 "Meltdown," the netroots are elevating their campaign to paint the fledging paper as a cog in the right wing noise machine. A **Media Matters** report showing The Drudge Report has linked to Politico items "on at least 45 separate occasions" since Politico launched 1/23/07 is just the latest salvo in an ongoing campaign.

Kos quips "Drudge and the Politico, sitting in a tree..." while **Atrios** labels the paper "Drudgico" and asks, "Why don't they just merge operations."

Also at **Media Matters**, **Eric Boehlert** attacks *Politico* for "hit pieces" on WH '08ers **Bill Richardson** and **Barack Obama**. Boehlert explains: "The reporting simply reinforced the notion that Politico plays loose with the facts when dealing with Democratic candidates. I can't find similar examples of The Politico manufacturing phony controversies about Republican candidates. And honestly, I don't want it to. I just want Politico to practice sound journalism."

### PROSECUTOR PURGE: The Best Scandals Always Come Back To Hookers

Blogging on ex-AG CoS **Kyle Sampson's** 3/29 testimony focussed mostly on trying to build a case the WH obstructed justice when it fired San Diego USA **Carol Lam**. "Big things" coming out of the hearing include:

- **TPM's Paul Kiel** on two items from Sen. **Diane Feinstein's** (D-CA) questioning: "The first was a glowing letter about Lam that Feinstein presented from the Director of Field Operations for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency. ... The second was the revelation that after the FBI bureau chief in San Diego complained to the press about Lam's firing, Sampson called FBI headquarters to complain.
- **TPM's Josh Marshall**: "Attention all chumps who think that Carol Lam was canned for not following administration immigration enforcement policy. Sampson has just confirmed that for all their deep concern about her border enforcement policy, no one from the DOJ ever raised the issue with Lam. Ever."
- **More Marshall**: "Sen. Kennedy (D-MA) makes a very good point. The prosecutor firings and replacements just happen to be in all the key 2008 swing states, and not in any states that are safe for either party -- with the exception of California, where the Lam -Cunningham investigation is. Why do you think that would be?"
- **Firedoglake's Christy Hardin Smith**: "Karl Rove may have been involved in the decision to briefly float Patrick Fitzgerald as a great candidate to fire. Sampson's not much help there, though."
- **More Smith**: "Chuck Schumer seems to have certain suspicions about what **Monica Goodling** did. In particular, it seems that he may have well-grounded suspicions that she was administering loyalty oaths to Assistant USAs, a career position.
- **The Washington Monthly's Kevin Drum**: "[H]ere's the single most remarkable thing about Sampson's testimony ... And after all this time to prepare and finally get it right, what did Sampson say? Nothing. Almost literally, nothing. He still didn't have any plausible, documented reasons for firing the USA-8.

In non-hearing but related news, Marshall alerts readers that Lam defender and San Diego FBI chief **Dan Dzwilewski** has "just announced he's resigning from the Bureau."

**The Huffington Post's Joseph Palermo** makes the case that Sampson's testimony makes it "clear that top officials of the Justice Department obstructed justice." Palermo argues: "First, Ms. Lam, a Republican, secured a conviction against former California Representative, **Randy "Duke" Cunningham** ... Then Ms. Lam caught the trail of two well-connected associates of Cunningham's, **Brent Wilkes** and his old high-school buddy, **Kyle "Dusty" Foggo**. ... As soon as U.S. Attorney Lam began to secure search warrants against Wilkes and Foggo, Gonzales had her fired. ... Attorney General Gonzales said he had no role in discussing the firings of the eight U.S. attorneys, but today his former chief of staff, Kyle Sampson, told the Senate that Gonzales had signed off on them. ... It has been alleged that Wilkes' company provided high-priced prostitutes to satisfy the carnal pleasures of Cunningham and his well-connected defense and CIA-contractor pals on the taxpayer's dime. The boys at Justice might have fired Lam, not only to protect their colleagues' kickbacks, but to block the exposure of a full-throttle sex scandal."

THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Top Ten Things This Administration Is Too Incompetent To Pull Off

**Townhall's Dean Barnett** sketches out one clever way Pres. **Bush** could deal with Dems on Iraq:

But what about this: What if the president surprises everyone and signs the bill into law but says the usurpation of the president's Commander in Chief duties are unconstitutional and he has no intention of following the orders of 535 congressional General wannabes. ... If Bush takes such a course, then the Congress can do one or two things: It can bring the law to the Supreme Court for a ruling on its constitutionality, a case that it will surely lose. Or it can just skip that step and go right to impeachment.

### LEST WE FORGET: And You Thought Reagan Ended The Cold War

**The Plank's** Isaac Choitner is tracking coverage of Indian's cricket team current losing streak including this Bombay op-ed:

A lot has been said about what has gone wrong with the Indian cricket and what needs to be done to fix it. But the key to solving the problem lies perhaps in the 1982 flick Rocky III. The players, selectors, and all cricket administrators should sit together and watch this film. [If the team cannot win] they should make way for players who are hungry--they are practicing hard somewhere on the maidans of India with the track Eye of the Tiger in the background.

Choitner adds: "Yes, yes, Rocky II was better. Still, all the cynics out there might choose to remember that Rocky IV concluded with The Italian Stallion peacefully ending the cold war."

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## ► CAMPAIGNS OF '07

### 28 KENTUCKY GOVERNOR: Endorsement Season In Full Swing

State Sen./Ex-Gov. **Julian Carroll** (D) endorsed '03 candidate/businessman **Bruce Lunsford** (D) 3/29, "undercutting the argument" of other Dems that his support for Gov. **Ernie Fletcher** (R) in '03 makes him "unelectable." Carroll said Lunsford and running mate/AG **Greg Stumbo** (D) will provide "essential leadership" for KY, and that Lunsford is the only candidate who can afford to take on the GOP in the general. Carroll: "A victory for Lunsford-Stumbo is a must if we are to win in November" (**Gerth**, Louisville *Courier-Journal*, 3/30). Carroll said he hadn't discussed his decision with Lunsford (**Glasser**, Frankfort *State Journal*, 3/30). Lunsford: "As a lifelong Democrat, I take pride in knowing that one of our party's great leaders believes that I will get the job done for Kentucky" (release, 3/29).

Meanwhile, 38 of the 61 Dem state reps. endorsed '03 candidate/state House Speaker **Jody Richards** (D). They include Maj Leader **Rocky Adkins**, Maj Caucus Chair **Charlie Hoffman**, Maj Whip **Rob Wilkey** and Budget Cmte Chair **Harry Moberly** (*Lexington Herald-Leader*, 3/30). "Both sides have been active" on endorsements since the end of the legislative session. Ex-Rep. **Anne Northup** (R) announced the support of three state reps 3/29 (**Biesk**, AP, 3/29).

#### Northern Aggression

Northup "retraced" Fletcher's steps as she campaigned and raised money in Northern KY 3/29. "Fletcher played to bigger crowds and apparently raised more money." In her speech, she discussed her background in Congress and the state legislature, raising six children, and other topics "before hammering her common theme: Fletcher can't win re-election because of his lack of leadership." Northup: "Legislators will tell you they did not see Ernie Fletcher but once or twice during the entire session" (**Crowley**, *Cincinnati Enquirer*, 3/30).

Meanwhile, the KY cong. delegation has invited all three candidates for a "Unity Rally" on 5/26. The invitation came from Sen. **Mitch McConnell's** (R) office. From the invite: "Some in the media have questioned if a competitive spring primary spells doom for the GOP in the fall election. We call such speculation ridiculous (**Brammer**, *Lexington Herald-Leader* blog, 3/29).

#### To Your Health!

'87 candidate/'96 SEN candidate/ex-LG **Steve Beshear** (D) unveiled 3/29 a plan to expand health care coverage, starting with 81K uninsured children. He said his plan would cost between \$28M and

\$57M a year, and be paid for by the expected \$500M in revenues from expanded gambling (*Lexington Herald-Leader*, 3/30). He said he ultimately hopes to have universal health care, but added: "We have got to get the cost of health-care delivery under control." Meanwhile, businessman/Fletcher '03 finance chair **Billy Harper** (R) said he'd focus on wellness programs instead of expanding state-funded programs (**Gerth**, *Louisville Courier-Journal*, 3/30).

### Runoff Rehash

Fletcher said 3/29 that he's "considering options" to help counties pay the expense of a likely runoff primary election. The legislature adjourned "without dealing with the runoff issue." Sec/State **Trey Grayson** (R) suggested to Fletcher that he perhaps add the issue to the agenda of a special session (**Loftus**, *Louisville Courier-Journal*, 3/30). KY has not held a runoff in its current form. Grayson said they typically have "abysmal" turnout, and the eventual winner could get fewer votes in the runoff than in the original primary (**Biesk**, AP, 3/30).

Primary: 5/22; Primary Runoff: 6/26  
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## 29 LOUISIANA GOVERNOR: I Force, I Lead, I Unite

Ex-Sen. **John Breaux** (D) "is laying the groundwork" for his camp, "even as he insists he is not a candidate." Breaux said in Lake Charles 3/29 that he's hired a treas, is interviewing managers and is "looking at bumper sticker designs." Breaux: "I can be a force. I can be a leader. I can be a uniter" (**Millhollon**, *Baton Rouge Advocate*, 3/30). He also said he's eager to see the ruling from AG **Charles Foti** (D) about whether he meets the eligibility requirements, but said he'll be "guided," but not bound, by his ruling. Breaux: "I am planning to be a candidate for governor. But I also want to do the very bets that I can do to get a clear opinion as to what the legal issues would be" (**Simpson**, AP, 3/29).

GOPers question Breaux's eligibility, saying he "moved his citizenship to Maryland." In '95, Breaux "signed up for homestead exemption for his" MD Eastern Shore home and "checked a box to register there." But Breaux says he's never voted in MD. The LA constitution requires candidates to be registered in the state at qualification and to be citizens of the U.S. and LA. "The word 'citizen' is not defined" (**Hill**, *Gannett/Lafayette Daily Advertiser*, 3/30). Breaux: "I am a citizen of Louisiana. ... My family came to Louisiana in the 1700s. We have been here ever since, and we will all be buried here as well" (**Anderson**, *New Orleans Times-Picature*, 3/30).

### Love Ya Bobby, Stay In DC!

During the presser, he "signaled a theme of his campaign by saying he has maturity, experience and a proven record of uniting" Dems and GOPers.

Breaux also complimented '03 candidate/Rep. **Bobby Jindal** (R-01: "He's very smart, and he did a very good job. ... If he stays in Congress, he would build up seniority and become very effective. I would like to see him stay in Congress." More: "When I went to Congress for the first time, I was not ready to be governor. I did not have the experience to run a state. ... You don't have that after you serve only a few months in Congress" (**Hill**, *Gannett/Lafayette Daily Advertiser*).

Filing Deadline: 9/6; General: 10/20; Runoff: 11/17  
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## 30 PHILADELPHIA MAYOR: Fattah Won't Give In; Story At 11

Rep. **Chaka Fattah** (D-02) "still won't release his income tax returns," even though WCAU-TV has waived a confidentiality requirement in its contract with anchor **Renee Chenault-Fattah**. Fattah's camp said his wife "still wants to keep her salary private." Fattah spokesperson **Solomon Jones**: "Fattah stands by his wife's wishes today, tomorrow and forever." Chenault-Fattah said revealing her pay would undercut bargaining power with any future employer.

Businessman/ex-Dep Mayor **Tom Knox** (D): "What's he got to hide? He could release edited tax returns." Fattah: "If the choice is between making my wife happy or Tom Knox happy, he's going to be disappointed, as he will be on May 15" (**Maykuth**, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 3/30). In '06, Fattah said his wife "should have no problem" with her anchor job during his camp. But the "drawn-out saga" over his tax returns "proved that Chenault-Fattah does sometimes become part of a campaign story," and media experts "have questioned" whether she should remain a news anchor (**Lucey**, *Philly Daily News*, 3/30).

### Oh, To Be Single Again

'99 candidate/state Rep. **Dwight Evans** (D) released his tax info 3/29. Evans, unmarried, "had the simplest returns" of any candidate, listing only income of \$86K from his legislative salary and \$311 in interest from a bank account (**Davies**, *Philly Daily News*, 3/30).

### Katz Is In ... The Pundit Business

'91 candidate/'99/'03 nominee **Sam Katz** (R) is "back again," as a blogger for *Philadelphia* magazine. Asked for his thoughts on the race, he said Knox's claim that Rep. **Bob Brady** (D-01) isn't smart enough to be mayor "has the makings of a significantly fratricidal event." Katz: "It's one thing to challenge [Brady] on the issue of disclosure, another thing to call him a moron." Katz, on ex-City Councilor **Michael Nutter**'s (D) ads attacking Mayor **John Street** (D): "It's a very strategically interesting move. Whether it's politically smart I don't know." On Fattah: "It's surprising that Fattah has allowed his strong lead to be frittered away. I've seen evidence that fundraising hasn't come easily for him" (**Joseph**, *Philly Daily News*, 3/30).

Primary: 5/15

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## 31 MAYORAL ROUNDUP: Embattled Incumbent Edition

### MEMPHIS: Oh The Intrigue!

*Memphis Flyer*'s **Baker** reports that there are two new private polls that "not only" show Mayor **Willie Herenton** "in significant decline with the electorate," but also that City Councilor **Carol Chumney**'s "high-profile challenges" to the mayor have "elevated her to first place." Ex-MLGW CEO/ex-Memphis NAACP pres/atty **Herman Morris** "lags behind," with ex-Shelby Co. Commis. **John Willingham** "further back still. Morris friend **John Ryder**: "This will obviously buoy Carol, but it won't hold up over the long haul."

Others think that Shelby Co. Mayor **A C Wharton**, who said he wouldn't challenge Herenton, "will rethink that position" (3/28). Chumney: "Everywhere I go people have told me they're supporting me, so I think we've got an excellent chance of [winning] if everybody will get out and vote." Morris: "It shows that she's worked for a year to get where she is. ... We've only been in it about three weeks" (WMC-TV online, 3/29).

Filing Deadline: 7/19; General: 10/4; Runoff: 11/8

### SAN FRANCISCO: Back In The Game?

*San Francisco Chronicle*'s **Neivus** writes that Mayor **Gavin Newsom** came to an ed board meeting 3/27 "like a man on a mission." He was "the picture of a gung-ho incumbent, working his butt off to get re-elected. Which is just what you'd expect. But there was just one question: Do you believe him?" Newsom: "There was a six-month period there where I was just cruising. I was engaged, but I kind of lost a little bit of my edge."

Newsom called the publicity after admitting an affair with his ex-manager's wife and alcoholism "a giant wake-up call." Newsom: "It was healthy in reminding me what I have at stake and the gift that I have been given. ... I've got to prove myself now -- to my friends as well as my critics." Newsom still doesn't have an opponent. "But is there more to his political future?" Newsom: "I can always go back to delivering wine again" (3/28).

Meanwhile, KPIX-TV reports that "left-wing bloggers are abuzz about the notion" of actor **Danny Glover** running. He's a San Francisco native, and "has garnered attention in more recent times as an

activist for causes ranging from civil rights to death penalty opposition." Glover's publicist **Michelle Vega**: "We don't have any comment at this time" (3/28).

Filing Deadline: 8/28; General: 11/6

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## ▶ SENATE 2008

### 32 NEW HAMPSHIRE: Shaheens Are Still Being Caged

Sen. **John Sununu** (R) trails '02 nominee/ex-Gov. **Jeanne Shaheen** (D) by 10 pts in a recent poll, even though she hasn't said she's running (see 3/29's *Hotline*). ARG pollster **Dick Bennett**: "At this point in time he should be doing much better. ... At the moment he should have those voters (indies) behind him. Traditionally incumbents do and he doesn't." DSCC spokesperson **Matthew Miller**: "For an incumbent senator to be trailing anyone 18 months before an election shows he's starting the race in a bad place."

"Miller wouldn't say if polls" like ARG's will prompt Dems to urge Shaheen to enter the race. She currently is dir. of the Inst of Politics at Harvard's JFK School. Miller: "We never discuss our recruiting, but I think the polls show she would be a strong challenger."

Shaheen's husband, **Bill**, who will co-chair Sen. **Hillary Clinton's** (D-NY) NH operation, played down the poll while confirming "she's happy where she is" but hasn't closed the door on a possible run. B. Shaheen: "How (voters) feel at the time of the election is what really counts. I think John Sununu is going to have to defend his record not over what he's done the last month but what he's done the last five years, and 99 percent of it has been in lockstep with President **Bush**" (**Krauss**, *Foster's Daily Democrat*, 3/30).

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### 33 LOUISIANA: But J. Peterman Doesn't Know She's Really Elaine Benes

Politics1.com's **Gunzburger** reports: "It looks like" '02 nominee/'03 AG nominee/ex-Elections Commis. **Suzie Terrell** (R) -- "is readying for a rematch" against Sen. **Mary Landrieu** (D). That's based "on a combination of her revamping her website, plus a tip from a LA GOP activist that she's making calls about it to see if she has support" (3/30).

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### 34 TEXAS: They're Not Perennials.... Yet

"Some losing candidates don't give up or even take a break. Instead of licking their wounds for a while and then considering future races, they run perpetual campaigns. ..." But don't "confuse them with perennial candidates." These folks "harbor at least some realistic hope of future political success."

"Among the local examples" are '06 GOV nominee/ex-Rep. **Chris Bell** (D), ex-Rep. **Shelley Sekula-Gibbs** (D) and '06 SEN nominee **Barbara Ann Radnofsky** (D). Radnofsky "is touring the state promoting her new book, 'Stepping Forward'. She's mulling over political options. Possibilities include" a challenge to Sen. **John Cornyn** (R) or Rep. **John Culberson** (R-07). She's also considering running for AG in '10 and has formed the "Believe U.S." PAC. Radnofsky: "I want to help candidates who have the courage to run. Texas has been ignored too long on the national scene. We have a one-party system, and it's not healthy."

"Radnofsky also sends out frequent e-mails, an inexpensive way to keep a name in play" (**Mack**, *Houston Chronicle*, 3/30).

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## ▶ GOVERNOR 2008

# 35 MISSOURI: To Put It Bluntly, He Is Improving

An American Viewpoint (R) poll; conducted 3/12-14; surveyed 800 adults; margin of error +/- 3.5% (release, 3/23).

<b>Blunt As Gov.</b>	Now	1/07
Approve	53%	46%
Disapprove	41	44

<b>Dir. Of MO</b>	
Right dir.	51%
Wrong track	42

### Water Under The Bridge? Not Yet.

Blunt CoS **Ed Martin** held a presser 3/28 to "deliver excerpts from a statement he would have cited under oath had he testified" before the MO Public Service Commis. about Ameren, the utility co. he has accused AG **Jay Nixon's** (D) camp of "coercing" into making thousands of dollars in contributions to the GOV race. In the statement, Martin alleges Ameren general counsel **Steve Sullivan** told Martin he received a call from Nixon asking for contributions -- while Nixon was a criminal prosecutor in a lawsuit regarding the '05 Taum Sauk dam disaster. Martin said he was "shocked." Martin: "After all, we all know that the prosecutor in a case cannot ask the target of the investigation for money." While there was "no recorded evidence" of the conversation between Martin and Sullivan, Martin said the fact that he was willing to go under oath was telling. But Sullivan told the PSC earlier this month that he "had never been personally asked or even approached" by Nixon's camp for contributions.

In a response, Nixon's office called it "both sad and disconcerting" that Blunt "continues to politicize." Nixon: "By interfering in the rate case as we near the conclusion, the governor is once again putting his political ambitions ahead of doing what is right" for MO (**Rosenbaum**, *Columbia Daily Tribune* blog, 3/29).

*Columbia Daily Tribune* editorializes if the "protracted fighting" between Blunt and Nixon's camps "can be put aside -- which seems impossible at the moment -- the important goal here is to get a fair settlement with Ameren and let the utility complete restoration efforts" at Taum Sauk. "Nixon's talk about criminality drags out the matter too much" (3/28).

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## ▶ IN THE STATES

# 36 THE FLY-BY: Let's Just Start Calling This The Gibbons-Corzine-Weiner Round-Up

### ARIZONA: Bush High And Dry In The Desert

A Behavior Research Center Rocky Mountain Poll; conducted 3/10-21; surveyed 600 adults; margin of error +/- 6.3% (release, 3/27). Party ID breakdown: 36%D, 42%R, 26%I.

<b>Napolitano As Gov.</b>	Now	1/07	1/06
Excel/good	63%	61%	57%
Fair/poor	30	33	34

<b>Bush As Pres.</b>	Now	1/07	1/06
Excel/good	32%	34%	40%
Fair/poor	63	62	57

<b>Stage Leg. Approval</b>	Now	1/07	1/06
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<b>Kyl As Sen.</b>	Now	1/07	1/06
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Excel/good 28% 35% 30%  
Fair/poor 51 46 51

Excel/good 46% 48% 42%  
Fair/poor 37 40 34

## CALIFORNIA: All's Golden On The Left Coast

A Public Policy Institute of CA poll; conducted 3/13-20; surveyed 2,000 adults; margin of error +/- 2% (release, 3/28). Party ID breakdown: 43%D, 31%R, 26%I.

### Schwarzenegger As Gov.

Approve 51%  
Disapprove 38

### State Leg. Approval

Approval 41%  
Disapprove 42

### Bush As Pres.

Approve 28%  
Disapprove 74

### Feinstein As Sen.

Approve 54%  
Disapprove 27

### Boxer As Sen.

Approve 50%  
Disapprove 31

### Pelosi As Speaker

Approve 52%  
Disapprove 27

### Do You Think The Term Limits For The State Leg. Are A \_\_\_\_ ?

Good thing 62%  
Bad thing 12  
No diff. 21

### Does The Redistricting Process Need To Undergo \_\_\_\_ ?

Major changes 37%  
Minor changes 27  
Fine as is 21

### Your Rep. Approval

Approve 55%  
Disapprove 24

### How Do You Feel About Immigrants?

Benefit 60%  
Burden 33

### Should Illegal Immigrants Be Allowed To Apply For Work Permits?

Yes 64%  
No 32

### Do You Favor Providing Health Care To Illegal Immigrants?

Favor 43%  
Oppose 53

### Would You Favor Legislation Allowing Illegal Immigrants To Get A Driver's License?

Favor 43%  
Oppose 54

## NEVADA: Love Those Gibbons

Gov. **Jim Gibbons'** (R) wife **Dawn Gibbons** "was hired as a consultant" to Sierra Nevada Corp. at the same time that J. Gibbons, who was a member of Congress at the time, "helped the company get funding for a no-bid federal contract." D. Gibbons received "about \$35,000 in consulting fees in 2004 from Sierra Nevada" while J. Gibbons "sought funding that year" for a \$4M contract to "develop a helicopter radar-landing system" (**Wilke**, *Wall Street Journal*, 3/30).

## NEW JERSEY: Hmmm, Christie Sure Is Playing Nice... Maybe TOO Nice?

Gov. **Jon Corzine** (D) "refused to say" whether he and former girlfriend/union leader **Carla Katz** "exchanged e-mails during recent state worker contract talks" (**Hester**, *AP/Newsday*, 3/28). Attys **Bruce Afran** and **Carl Mayer** "asked federal authorities" to investigate "Corzine's failure to initially disclose" a \$470K gift to Katz. The attys "alleged Corzine violated federal law by failing to disclose the gift on U.S. Senate disclosure forms" (*AP/Philadelphia Inquirer*, 3/30). Mayer: "It's a slam dunk that an investigation should be opened" (**Howlett**, *Newark Star-Ledger*, 3/30). But U.S. Atty **Chris Christie** said: "I don't see anything in this situation which necessitates us opening an investigation" (*AP*, 3/29).

## NEW YORK: Weiner's Getting Ready

*New York Observer's* **Paybarah** writes that Rep. **Anthony Weiner** (D) sent out a letter this week to his donor list for the '09 NYC Mayoral Race. The letter said "Weiner for Mayor" in white letters with two stripes of orange and blue, "a lingering homage to his preferred baseball team." Also, "the headline on the third page...says: 'Weiner is #1.' And below that: 'Anthony Weiner in driver's seat for '09.'" (4/2).

## PENNSYLVANIA: Dems Like Specter More Than Casey!

A Quinnipiac Univ. poll; conducted 3/19-25; surveyed 1,187 RVs; margin of error +/- 2.8% (release, 3/28). Party ID breakdown:

### Rendell As Gov.

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Approve	57%	74%	38%	58%
Disapprove	33	19	50	34

### State Leg. Approval

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Approve	39%	44%	38%	35%
Disapprove	41	34	42	50

### Specter As Sen.

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Approve	59%	65%	53%	59%
Disapprove	29	24	36	30

### Casey As Sen.

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Approve	46%	64%	31%	42%
Disapprove	18	9	25	25

## SOUTH CAROLINA: The Post-Sanford Future

*Roll Call's Murray* writes that SC Dems and GOPers are looking to GOP Gov. **Mark Sanford's** '10 "exit as the debut for perhaps a dozen or more political up-and-comers." One Dem operative said state Rep. **Leon Stavrinakis** (D) is on the top of the list for the GOV race. Dem state Reps. **Todd Rutherford, Paul Agnew** and **James Smith** are also "said to be mulling" bids.

"Many consider" AG **Henry McMaster** (R) "as Sanford's likely GOP successor." One GOP operative: "Henry McMaster is supporting **John McCain**. If John McCain wins, Henry is talked about as the leading candidate for governor in 2010."

Other GOP potential candidates include ex-state Speaker **David Wilkins**, Reps. **Gresham Barrett** and **Joe Wilson**, state Sen. **Jim Ritchie**, Treas. **Thomas Ravenel** and state Rep. **Nikki Randhawa Haley** (3/27).

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## ► Hotline EXTRAS!

# 37 HOTLINE NEWS: Between "Blades Of Glory" And The Games In Atlanta, Can This Weekend Ever Be Matched?

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## ► POLL UPDATE

# 38 FOX NEWS/OPINION DYNAMICS: Will The Real Reagan Please Stand Up

Conducted 3/27-28; surveyed 900 RVs; margin of error +/- 3% (release, 3/29/). Party ID breakdown: 43%D, 35%R, 16%I.

### WH '08 Primary Matchups

(GOPers)	Now	2/28	1/31
R. Giuliani	36%	39%	34%
J. McCain	20	19	22
F. Thompson	9	na	na
N. Gingrich	6	7	15
M. Romney	6	6	3
M. Huckabee	3	4	--
T. Thompson	2	--	--
J. Gilmore	1	--	--
D. Hunter	1	2	2
S. Brownback	1	2	1
C. Hagel	--	1	--
Other/undec	15	21	22

	1st	2nd
R. Giuliani	36%	56%
J. McCain	20	38
F. Thompson	9	17
N. Gingrich	6	19
M. Romney	6	13
M. Huckabee	3	4
T. Thompson	2	5
J. Gilmore	1	4
D. Hunter	1	1
S. Brownback	1	4
C. Hagel	--	1
Other/undec	13	35

	GOP	Ind
R. Giuliani	50%	23%
J. McCain	37	44
Undec/other	14	33

### WH '08 General Matchup

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
H. Clinton	42%	73%	9%	35%
R. Giuliani	40	14	73	39
M. Bloomberg	6	4	6	11
Undec	12	9	12	15

R. Giuliani	43%	20%	76%	39%
B. Obama	43	68	13	42
Undec	14	12	11	19

H. Clinton	51%	83%	18%	38%
F. Thompson	34	7	69	37

### WH '08 Primary Matchups

(Dems)	Now	2/28	1/31
H. Clinton	36%	34%	43%
B. Obama	18	23	15
A. Gore	14	14	11
J. Edwards	13	12	12
B. Richardson	2	1	2
D. Kucinich	2	1	--
J. Biden	1	1	4
C. Dodd	--	--	--
Undec/other	15	13	12

	1st	2nd
H. Clinton	36%	60%
B. Obama	18	42
A. Gore	14	30
J. Edwards	13	28
B. Richardson	2	6
D. Kucinich	2	3
J. Biden	1	5
C. Dodd	--	1
Undec/other	13	24

	Dem	Ind
H. Clinton	52%	29%
B. Obama	32	43
Undec/other	16	29

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
R. Giuliani	45%	16%	84%	43%
H. Clinton	44	74	9	39
Undec	11	10	7	18

J. McCain	47%	17%	81%	52%
H. Clinton	43	75	10	33
Undec	9	7	9	15

Undec 5 10 13 25

**Bush As Pres.**

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind	2/8	2/14	1/31	1/17	12/6	11/5	10/25	10/6
Approve	33%	6%	70%	30%	34%	35%	38%	35%	38%	38%	40%	40%
Disapprove	61	91	24	60	57	56	54	56	54	54	53	56

**Which Party Do You Think Will Win WH '08? Congress Approval**

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind	2/7
Dem Party	67%	90%	44%	60%	30%
GOP Party	22	6	45	22	38%
Don't know	11	5	11	18	28%
					22%
					32%
					54
					46
					58
					58
					49

<b>Fav/Unfav</b>	All	Dem	GOP	Ind	1/07
Dem Party	51%/37%	85%/9%	17%/70%	37%/36%	51%/35%
GOP Party	42 /49	11 /85	86 /11	38 /36	39 /49
G. Bush	38 /59	10 /87	75 /23	34 /59	38 /58
N. Pelosi	37 /31	56 /11	15 /57	32 /29	33 /24
D. Cheney	34 /55	16 /55	65 /26	23 /63	37 /53
F. Thomspson	23 /10	14 /15	34 / 7	21 / 6	--na--
A. Gonzales	22 /35	11 /47	36 /22	19 /35	--na--
K. Rove	18 /37	12 /47	29 /23	14 /42	--na--
MoveOn.org	12 /16	17 / 9	6 /28	12 / 9	--na--
S. Berger	12 /20	15 /13	11 /29	10 /17	--na--

**What Would Your Reaction Be If \_\_\_ Becomes Pres.?**

	Enthu- siastic	Pleased	Neutral	Dis- pleased	Scared
H. Clinton	16%	24%	16%	14%	26%
B. Obama	14	25	28	13	11
R. Giuliani	13	28	30	16	8
J. McCain	8	24	37	16	9

**Which GOP WH '08er Is Most Like Ronald Reagan?**

*(Open-ended)*

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
R. Giuliani	14%	16%	18%	5%
J. McCain	10	9	12	9
T. Thompson	6	2	10	6
N. Gingrich	5	5	6	5
M. Romney	2	1	4	2
S. Brownback	1	1	--	--
M. Huckabee	1	--	1	--
D. Hunter	--	--	1	--
J. Gilmore	--	--	--	--
T. Thompson	--	--	--	--
C. Hagel	--	1	--	--
Undec/other	60	55	46	61

**Would It Be A Good Idea For HRC To Appoint Bill Clinon "Ambassador To The World"?**

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Good idea	45%	69%	17%	46%
Bad idea	47	21	80	42

**Is John Edwards Doing The Right Thing Continuing His WH '08 Run?**

Right thing	59%	66%	52%	57%
Wrong thing	27	23	34	25

**Does Edwards' Decision To Stay In The Race Make You More Likely To Vote For Him?**

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
More likely	10%	10%	9%	10%
Less likely	10	8	12	10
No diff.	78	80	77	79

**Can A TV Network That Is Hosting A WH '08 Debate Influence That Debate?**

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Yes	65%	58%	71%	69%
No	28	34	22	27

**Should The Dem Party Allow Grass-roots Organizations Like MoveOn Take It Over?**

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Yes	16%	17%	14%	14%
No	61	58	63	63

**Should Alberto Gonzales Resign?**

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Yes	44%	62%	26%	38%
No	28	15	43	35

**Is It A Good Idea To Leave Iraq By 9/08?**

<b>Who Do You Trust To Decide When To Leave Iraq?</b>					All	Dem	GOP	Ind
				Good idea	44%	62%	24%	40%
				Bad idea	45	26	67	50
	All	Dem	GOP	Ind				
Congress	18%	30%	7%	15%				
Commanders	69	52	88	69				

From the release: "Americans think the next person to move into the" WH will be a Dem, "and while many voters would be enthusiastic or pleased if any one of the current front-runners were to win, one candidate scares more people than the others": Sen. **Hillary Clinton** (D-NY).  
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## 39 PEW RESEARCH CENTER: Mommy Party No Longer?

A Princeton Survey Research Assoc poll; conducted 3/21-25; surveyed 1,503; margin of error +/- 3% (release, 3/26). Party ID breakdown: 36%D, 25%R, 33%I.

### WH '08 Primary Matchups

<i>(Dems)</i>	1st	2nd
H. Clinton	24%	39%
B. Obama	23	38
J. Edwards	16	28
A. Gore	10	24
B. Richardson	3	6
J. Biden	2	5
C. Dodd	1	2
D. Kucinich	--	2
Undec/other	21	57

### WH '08 Primary Matchups

<i>(GOPers)</i>	1st	2nd
R. Giuliani	28%	43%
J. McCain	25	40
N. Gingrich	5	11
M. Romney	5	9
T. Thompson	2	4
M. Huckabee	1	3
D. Hunter	1	3
S. Brownback	1	2
J. Gilmore	2	2
Undec/other	28	79

### Cong. Dems Approval

	Now	2/07	1/07
Approve	37%	41%	39%
Disapprove	42	36	34

### Bush As Pres.

	Now	2/07	1/07
Approve	33%	33%	33%
Disapprove	58	56	59

### Pelosi As Speaker

Approve	48%
Disapprove	22

### Reid As Sen. Maj. Leader

Approve	32%
Disapprove	22

### Will Cong. Dems Be Successful In Passing Their Agenda?

	Now	1/07
Successful	54%	57%
Unsuccessful	32	25

### In Dealing With Congress, Should Bush \_\_\_\_ ?

Work with Dems more	43%
Challenge Dems more	18
Is handling OK	27

### Which Party \_\_\_\_ ?

	Dem	GOP
	Party	Party
Is concerned about my needs	55%	26%
Brings needed changes	52	26
Runs the gov't well	47	31
Governs ethically	43	25
Is influenced by lobbyists	30	40

### Are Cong. Dems Keeping Promises?

Yes	40%
No	38

### Which Party Has Better Leaders?

	Now	9/06	4/06	2/06
Dem Party	44%	34%	40%	37%
GOP Party	29	38	38	41

### Which Party Has Stronger Leaders?

	Now	9/06	4/06
Dem Party	41%	30%	26%
GOP Party	36	43	53

From the release: As the Dem Cong. approaches the 100-day mark, the public gives Dems "mixed reviews for delivering on their campaign promises, and for their policies and proposals."  
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# 40 KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION: Hillarycare Redux?

Conducted 3/8-13 by Princeton Survey Research Assoc; surveyed 1,233 adults; margin of error +/- 3% (release, 3/29). Party ID breakdown: 48%D, 35%R, 16%I.

## What Is The Most Important Problem For The Gov't To Address?

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Iraq war	44%	50%	43%	43%
Health care	29	31	28	29
Economic issues	13	20	10	10
Immigration	9	4	12	11
Education	8	8	8	8
Terrorism	8	4	14	8
Corruption	7	9	6	7
National debt	5	3	6	7
Energy	4	5	4	4
Taxes	4	3	6	5
Social Security	4	3	6	4

## How Would A WH '08er's Health Care Views Influence Your Vote?

Only vote for one that shares my views	14%
Look at it and other issues	69
Not a factor	10

## Which Health Care Issue Do You Want To Hear The WH '08 Candidates Talk About?

	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
Expanding health coverage	32%	38%	22%	32%
Reducing costs	31	28	38	31
Medicare	12	15	10	11
Quality of care	7	6	11	6
Reducing gov't spending	7	6	11	6

## Which WH '08 Candidate Best Represents Your Views On Health Care?

(Open-ended)	All	Dem	GOP	Ind
H. Clinton	14%	27%	7%	9%
B. Obama	5	8	3	4
R. Giuliani	3	1	7	4
J. McCain	2	1	4	2
M. Romney	1	--	2	1
B. Richardson	1	--	--	1
Generic Dem	2	4	--	1
Generic GOP	1	--	3	1
Other/undec	69	75	56	75

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# 41 PUBLIC OPINION STRATEGIES (R) : The Game Of Chicken Continues

Conducted 3/25-27 for the RNC; surveyed 800 RVs; margin of error +/- 3.5% (release, 3/29). Party ID breakdown: 42%D, 39%R, 19%I.

## Favor Congress Fully Funding Military Operations In Iraq?

Favor	56%
Oppose	38

## Favor Dems Attaching Spending For Special Non-Defense Projects To A Defense Bill?

Favor	30%
Oppose	64

## Favor Dems Imposing Troop Reduction Below Levels Military Commanders Requested?

Favor	41%
Oppose	54

## If Bush Vetoes The Dem Spending Bill, Then \_\_\_ ?

He should be blamed for not funding the troops	40%
Cong. Dems should be blamed for not funding the troops because they attached conditions and pork barrel spending	50

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## PEOPLE

### 42 BUSH: So Long, Farewell...

"Several impending depatures" from the WH "could further complicate life for the hard-pressed" admin. Stategic initiatives head **Peter Wehner** and pol. dir. **Sara Taylor** "are expected to be heading" for the "exits soon." Longtime Karl Rove aide **Barry Jackson** "also is thought to be leaving soon." A WH spokesperson "confirmed Wehner's imminent departure, but declined to comment on the others" (**McKinnon**, WSJ.com's "Washington Wire", 3/30).

Over the past several years, "Wehner has sent a blizzard of e-mails" around the WH and the rest of DC, "offering strategy and policy ideas to President **Bush** and making the case for those policies to outsiders. The president calls them 'Wehner-grams,' and their author has been so prolific that they now fill 24 binders." WH CoS **Josh Bolten** called the changes the "natural ebb and flow (of WH staff) ... We must have one of the best records of continuity this late into an administration. ... (But) it's particularly hard to ask folks to stick out a full eight years, so I guess it's not surprising that some of the people who started at or near the start would be going, now that we're at the Year Six mark" (**Baker**, *Washington Post*, 3/30).

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### 43 BUSH/CLINTON: Star Techs

Ex-Pres. **Bush** and ex-Pres. **Clinton** spoke together at the wireless industry's annual show in Orlando 3/29. Bush talked about his Blackberry. Bush: "I'm what you might call a black belt wireless e-mailer." He "said that when he and **Barbara** attend Houston Astros games and sit behind home plate," he e-mails friends. Bush: "I e-mail back and tell them, 'Okay, I'm going to wave to you after the next strike.' And so it's a fun thing and I wave." More Bush: "Wait until you get to be 83, you'll do the same kind of stuff."

Meanwhile, Clinton talked about blogs. Clinton: "Any of us can set up a blog. You have Republican blogs and Democratic blogs. ... An interesting thing that they can do because they don't have to put out a newspaper or even put together a whole evening news show, these blog sites simply deal with one or at most two subjects a day." More Clinton: "So they can do research and get the facts and they don't have to bad-mouth people. Sometimes they do, but they don't have to. They can try to figure out what's going on."

Bush "criticized current media coverage, particularly of his son, saying": "I've never seen it quite as harsh, as mean as it is right now for the president and a lot of other people in public life." But Clinton said he has "a lot of sympathy with people in the press these days." He said "the ground is moving under their feet" (**Ho**, Cox blog, 3/29). Bush and Clinton "closed the convention, which drew 40,000 people from 100 countries" (**Ho**, *Austin American-Statesman*, 3/30).

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### 44 GORE: Moon Over My Sammy

**David Russell** is adapting and will direct "Sammy's Hill" for Columbia Pictures and Red Wagon. The project, "based on **Kristin Gore**'s inside-the-Beltway novel," centers on a young woman "who tries to balance" a job on the Hill "while searching for the right guy." Russell "is working closely" with **Kristin Gore** and others on the screenplay. Producer **Doug Wick**: "It will do for Washington, D.C., what 'Talladega Nights' did for race car driving." He added: "We are going for a bold, subversive comedy, and David O. Russell is one of the most original voices working in comedy."

Russell's credits include "I (Heart) Huckabees" and "Spanking the Monkey" (**Siegel**, *Hollywood*

Reporter, 3/30).  
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## 45 PERINO: Oh, Henry!

**Dana Perino's** dog, **Henry**, is "one smart vizsla." When the WH spokesperson says, "Tell us what you really think about **John Kerry**," Henry "fetches one of her flip-flops." When Perino asks if "anybody thinks that **Bill Clinton** should be in jail," Henry "barks." This "reveals the partisan side" of Perino, 34.

Her "favorite office wall poster": "a black-and-white portrait of a cowboy-hatted" VP **Cheney**, "viewed from behind, with a horse." Another "favorite photo": "the 8-month-old twin grandchildren" of her husband, **Peter McMahan**, an int'l businessman from England whom she met in '97. Says Perino: "I'm a grandmother now."

Meanwhile, Perino "counts among her words of encouragement this week a phone call" from DCCC Chair **Rahm Emanuel**, a friend of **Tony Snow**, "to tell me I'd do fine" (**Silva**, *ChicagoTribune.com*, 3/30).

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## 46 HOEVEN: Just Another Fan Of The Chokecherry

In a "special" ceremony 3/29, a dozen 7th-graders "gathered around" ND Gov. **John Hoeven** (R) as he signed a bill designating the "**chokecherry**" the ND state fruit. When the students were 6th graders, teacher **Nancy Selby** "had them write to Hoeven about the issue." Selby "said she never imagined the project would go so far." The students went through "a rigorous research process" to support the chokecherry, "including learning about its history and uses." The students also "testified on behalf of the bill" two times. The bill passed the House 92-1 and the Senate 42-2.

Hoeven: "They did their homework. They got the job done." School Supt **Warren Larson**: "Kids, what you have done is huge. No one can take this moment away from you again." Student **Lexis Enget**: "They were willing to listen to the chokecherry kids" (**Bristol**, *Minot Daily News*, 3/30).

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## 47 WESTMORELAND: Pro-Player

The late Rep. **Charlie Norwood** (R-GA), whose CD encompassed Augusta, "had begun a tradition whereby on the eve of the Masters Tournament he would stand before Congress and honor a golfer of great acclaim." So said Rep. **Lynn Westmoreland** (R-GA) this week: "I rise today to carry on [that] tradition." More Westmoreland: "This year, that tribute belongs to **Gary Player**, a world-renowned golfer whose accomplishments extend far beyond the links. In April, Mr. Player will tee up at the Augsuta National for the Masters tournament for the 50th consecutive year, a remarkable achievement of longevity in any career" (**McCaslin**, *Washington Times*, 3/30).

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## 48 SIEGELMAN: Maybe It's His Fault Sanjaya Is Still Singing?

Ex-Gov. **Don Siegelman** (D) "is asking his friends to write good things about him to the judge who presided over his federal corruption trial. Siegelman was in the process of sending about 100 e-mails"

3/29 to those he describes as "close family friends and people who have been strong supporters." The e-mail said he wants them to show U.S. Dist. Judge **Mark Fuller** how "I have made a positive impact on your life or the life of someone you know or how I made a positive difference for the people of Alabama."

In an interview, Siegelman stressed his goal is to offset the "negative accusations" made about him at his trial. Siegelman: "As we approach sentencing, it's important for the judge to see who the real Don Siegelman is." Fuller "has not yet set a sentencing date because he is weighing a request" for a new trial. "If the verdict stands, Siegelman expects the judge to then set a sentencing date sometime in April or early May." Siegelman "said he plans to appeal any sentence" (**Kizzire**, *Montgomery Advertiser*, 3/30).  
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## 49 LUNSFORD: Jessica's Dad Mulls Bid

"After his 9-year-old daughter's slaying two years ago," truck driver **Mark Lunsford** (R) "became a highly visible national advocate for tougher child protection laws." Now Lunsford might run for the FL state House. He told the *Citrus County Chronicle*: "I've got an appointment with someone who will help me decide. That's a big step. It's a big responsibility" (AP, 3/3).

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## 50 BEERS: Still Trying To Arm Teachers

Failed NV GOV hopeful/state Sen. **Bob Beers** (R) told a Senate panel 3/29 that letting public school teachers carry concealed weapons would remove NV schools from terrorist lists of "easy targets." He cited the Russian school taken over by pro-Chechen militants in '04 as an example. But Las Vegas Police spokesperson **Bob Roshak** said: "We really don't feel that schools are the place for handguns to be" (**Whaley**, *Las Vegas Review Journal*, 3/30).

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## 51 PRESS PASS: White Ties, Blowin' Through My Mind

The "annual white-tie dinner" of the 65-member Gridiron Club "is one of the hardest tickets to score all year." But the 3/31 event "will be slightly different from years past." It will be held at the Renaissance Washington Hotel instead of the Hilton, where it's been for 60 years. With Congress starting recess, "some no-shows are to be expected." And Pres. **Bush** will be hosting the pres. of Brazil at Camp David. Meanwhile, the club will induct 5 new members: CBS's **Bob Schieffer**, NPR's **Mara Liasson**, AP's **David Espo**; *Wall Street Journal*'s **Jackie Calmes** and the *Denver Post*'s **John Aloysius Farrell**. About 50 reporters "will perform elaborate skits in fancy costumes" before a crowd of 650. Also participating: VP **Cheney**, DCCC Chair **Rahm Emanuel**, and ex-MA Gov. **Mitt Romney** (R) (**Dufour/Gavin**, *Examiner's* "Yeas and Nays," 3/30).

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## 52 NEWS BAZAAR: You Wheelie Got Me Now

The TN House approved a bill that would ban motorcyclists from "popping wheelies." State Rep. **Vince Dean** (R) "said when a rider jerks a motorcycle's front tire into the air, the headlight no longer is pointed forward" (**Sher**, *Chattanooga Times Free Press*, 3/30).

## Attention Convention Delegates!

MN state Rep. **Patti Fritz** (D) "has introduced a bill designating the Tilt-A-Whirl the official amusement ride" in MN. Fritz: "I represent children too" (AP, 3/30).

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## ► MEDIA MONITOR

### This Morning

"Today" led with the fired U.S. attys story. "Early Show" and "GMA" led with captured British soldiers.

### This Weekend

Sunday

- **Meet the Press** hosts Sens. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-NY).
- **Face the Nation** hosts Sens. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Arlen Specter (R-PA).
- **This Week** hosts WH Counselor Dan Bartlett and Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL). The roundtable consists of *Newsweek's* Zakaria, ABC's Raddatz and George Will.
- **Fox News Sunday** hosts Senate Min. Leader Mitch McConnell, Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE) and FCC Chair Kevin Martin.
- **Late Edition** hosts Sen. Kit Bond (R-MO), *Washington Post's* Ignatius, Rev. Al Sharpton, and a roundtable with CNN's Crowley, CNN's Greenfield, and CNN's Johns.

Other Weekend Shows

- **Washington Week** features NPR's Seabrook on the Congress/WH debate on Iraq, ABC's Raddatz on Iraq, NBC's P. Williams on the fired U.S. attys, and *Time's* Tumulty on WH '08 fundraising (PBS, FRI, 8 p.m.).
- The Giulianis on **20/20** (ABC, FRI, 10 p.m.).
- **Real Time** features ex-Sec/State Madeleine Albright and Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX) (HBO, FRI, 11 p.m.).
- **Political Capital** features SEC Chair Christopher Cox (Bloomberg, repeats throughout weekend).
- **This Week at War** features ex-U.N. Amb. John Bolton (CNN, SAT, 7 p.m.).
- **In Depth** features the *Nation's* Cockburn (C-SPAN2, SUN, noon).
- **Book TV** features Mike Farrell (C-SPAN2, SAT, 7 p.m.).
- **Newsmakers** features Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO). *Los Angeles Times's* Levey and the *Hill's* Tiron join the questioning (C-SPAN, SUN, 10 a.m.).
- **Q&A** features author Ishmael Beah (C-SPAN, SUN 8 p.m.).
- **Road to the White House** features Duncan Hunter in NH and Sam Brownback in IA (C-SPAN, SUN, 6:30 p.m.).
- The **Chris Matthews Show** features *Time's* Klein, NBC's Mitchell, *Atlantic's* Sullivan, and Bloomberg's Zacharia on the Congress/WH debate on Iraq and the fired U.S. attys (NBC, check local listings).

### Historian At Heart

**Ron Brownstein** is the nat'l affairs columnist for the *Los Angeles Times*. He writes a weekly column on politics and policy as well as regular pieces for the newspaper's Sunday Current section. Previously he served as the *Times's* nat'l pol. corr. He has been with the paper since Jan. '90, except for seven months in '98 when he was at *U.S. News*.

His book "The Second Civil War: How Extreme Partisanship Has Paralyzed Washington and Polarized America" will be published this fall. But today he's our Friday Feature:

### TV SOUNDBITE

"It took all day. We finally found Sen. Hatch." -- *Tim Russert, on trying to find a GOPer on the Jud Cmte who would defend Gonzales on "Meet," "Today," 3/30.*

**Where's your hometown? What was it like growing up there?**

Bayside, Queens. Lots of asphalt. Good pizza. Barefoot girl sitting on the hood of a Dodge, drinking warm beer in the soft summer rain. (In my dreams.)

**What was your first job?**

Staff writer for Ralph Nader. He had a simple theory: If you worked your staff all the time, you wouldn't have to pay them anything because they would never have time to spend money anyway. But he offered the very useful advice that the only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.

**What's your most embarrassing on-the-job moment? (Or as embarrassing as you'd like to reveal?)**

I covered my first major political meeting (a rules fight at the DNC between Walter Mondale and Gary Hart) with a giant bandage on my nose, courtesy of my cat, freaked by a neighboring dog.

**If you could interview any deceased person, who would it be and why?**

Jackson Pollock because I'd like to know what he saw when he looked at his canvasses (the cosmos? consciousness? a lot of squiggly lines?). And I'd also like to ask him how he knew when he was done.

**If you could have any other job besides the one you have now, what would it be?**

If they had not just hired such a good one, doing color commentary on the radio for the Red Sox.

**If you could cover any past political story, which one would it be and why?**

The long slide to Civil War in the decade after the Compromise of 1850: the Kansas-Nebraska Act, Dred Scott, bleeding Kansas: it was all the most consequential failure of political leadership in our history. Close second for most compelling story: the McKinley/Bryan presidential race in 1896, which established the modern terms of debate between the parties.

**It's 2027 -- where are you and what are you doing?**

Writing history, taking my wife to baseball games, looking out the window at an ocean TBD.

**What's your favorite political book and why**

It's hard to argue against Caro (either "The Power Broker" or "Master of the Senate" would do), but by a hair, David Potter's, "The Impending Crisis," because it's a magisterial account of my favorite story in American history -- the failure of pre-Civil War politics.

**What is your biggest weakness (and not your job interview biggest weakness)?**

My father was an electrician and I can't change a light bulb.

**What's your favorite comfort food?**

Red wine counts as comfort food, doesn't it?

**What reality TV show could you win?**

Probably none, but my best chance would be one created by Joss Whedon or Peter Gammons.

**If you could go to any live concert tonight, which one would it be?**

Is it too much to ask for Lucinda Williams to open for Springsteen?

**And finally, we're ending this feature with a question posed by the last interviewee. This is from *Chicago Tribune's* Jill Zuckman: If you could ask any of the presidential candidates a question and be guaranteed an honest answer, what would you ask and who would you put the question to?**

John McCain: how do you believe history will rank George W. Bush's presidency?

**Now you can pose your own question -- any question -- to the next interviewee. Be as nice, or as mean, as you wish.**

Which politician who is not elected president will have their reputation and future prospects enhanced most by the 2008 election?

## Shades Of Brown

NBC's **Campbell Brown** appeared on the "Tonight Show" last night.

Asked about her first name: "Everybody thinks I made it up for TV, but I didn't. It's my mom's maiden name. I'm named after all the women in my family."

On how she got interested in the business: "I grew up in Louisiana ... sort of backwoods in a really small town. ... I loved politics. Louisiana is sort of famous for its politics. ... And I knew I wanted to travel the world."

On filling in for **Brian Williams** on the "Nightly News": "I've filled in for Brian a fair amount now, so I am comfortable. ... But the first few times I was a nervous wreck, because not only are you filling in

for Brian ... but you are representing **Tom Brokaw** and those who came before. You know, those are big shoes to fill."

On interviewing Gov. **Arnold Schwarzenegger** (R): "He's hard not to like. He's so optimistic about life. ... He believes that anything is possible and see how he's gotten as far as has. But he definitely plays by his own rules. In all of California, smoking is pretty much banned everywhere. ... We're doing the interview in a museum in Sacramento ... and the minute the interview is done, he lights up a big cigar. ... He doesn't care."

Asked if **Bill Clinton** will play a big role in Sen. **Hillary Clinton's** (D-NY) WH '08 campaign: "I can't imagine them not using him. I mean, he's an extraordinary campaigner. ... The danger -- and the campaign is very much aware of this -- is sort of putting them on stage together because [Bill] Clinton is one of those people who sucks up all the oxygen in the room."

More: "The thing I think that's interesting is the extent to which we're paying very close attention to the marriages of the candidate in a way that I don't think we ever have before."

Asked if ex-Sen. **John Edwards** (D-NC) will stay in the race despite **Elizabeth Edwards'** illness: "I think as long as he can ... and hopefully that means the entire campaign" (NBC, 3/29).

### Laugh Track

**Jay Leno:** "Did you watch 'American Idol' last night? Sanjaya is still on. How is this happening? No matter how horrible he does, he gets voted back. He's like the George Bush of 'American Idol.' ... And Simon [Cowell] is not pleased. You can tell. He looks at Sanjaya the way Hillary looks at Bill. 'Why are you still here?' ... Did you see Karl Rove at the correspondents' dinner last night? ... That's like the Republican version of Spring Break. Their wet t-shirt is old guys in tuxedos sweating profusely. ... Earlier today in Florida, a boat full of 100 Haitians washed to shore. In their luggage? 200 Cubans" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 3/29).

**David Letterman:** "I love the springtime in New York City. ... Today it's sunny and 61 -- just like Katie Couric. ... Are you excited about the circus being in New York City? ... The circus will be a little bit different this year. Several of the clowns are on loan from the Justice Department" ("Late Show," CBS, 3/29).

**Jon Stewart:** "You know those correspondents' dinners that they have in Washington? The media gets a chance for one night to put aside its cozy relationship with the government for one that is instead nauseatingly sycophantic. You'll recall from last year they don't like it much when the entertainment ... pisses on them. Anyway, they had another dinner last night and this time the entertainment was much more to their liking [on screen: Karl Rove rapping]. ... Let's say Jeffrey Dahmer came to your bar mitzvah, and turned out that he was a great dancer. He's still Jeffrey Dahmer. ... I wonder if I could do something like that. ... Chuck, can you give me a beat? [music starts]. From the West Wing to the Crawford Ranch, Karl Rove has destroyed the executive branch. He has no scruples and I don't mean maybe. He said John McCain had a secret black baby. F--- that guy. ... Senator John McCain's [web] site breaks new ground by letting visitors compete in a March Madness bracket. The idea being they'll be able to collect thousands of new email addresses. I'm sure that will work out great. By the way, that NCAA pool has a winner. Congratulations to fake-email@myballs.com. ... A hacker recently altered John McCain's MySpace page, leaving a note ostensibly from the senator saying that he now supports gay marriage, 'particularly marriage between passionate females.' The McCain camp actually responded immediately, saying, 'This unfortunate prank does not represent the senator's position. Everyone knows it's much hotter when the girls aren't married, but instead are each cheating on their boyfriends to quench the kind of intense sexual thirst that only another woman understands.' ... Day 7 of the Iranian hostage situation. ... Hey, Iran. What are you doing? Do you know how hard we are working over here to keep President Bombs A Lot from throwing down on you guys? ... It's not even about sending troops. It's just about pressing buttons" ("Daily Show," Comedy Central, 3/29).

**Stephen Colbert:** "Great news, America. The surge is working. I expect apologies from the approximately 200 million Americans who are unhappy with the war. Fact is that Baghdad is in great shape. Like Michigan Representative Tim Walberg said last week, 'In many places it's as safe and cared for as Detroit.' That's the way you represent the people of Michigan. Those tourist dollars must be pouring in" ("Colbert Report," Comedy Central, 3/29).

**Jimmy Kimmel,** on the Radio and TV Corr. Dinner: "We're still at war, right? ... Bush is joking,

Rove is rapping, Condoleezza Rice is in a thong singing the 'Milkshake' song" ("Jimmy Kimmel Live," ABC, 3/29).







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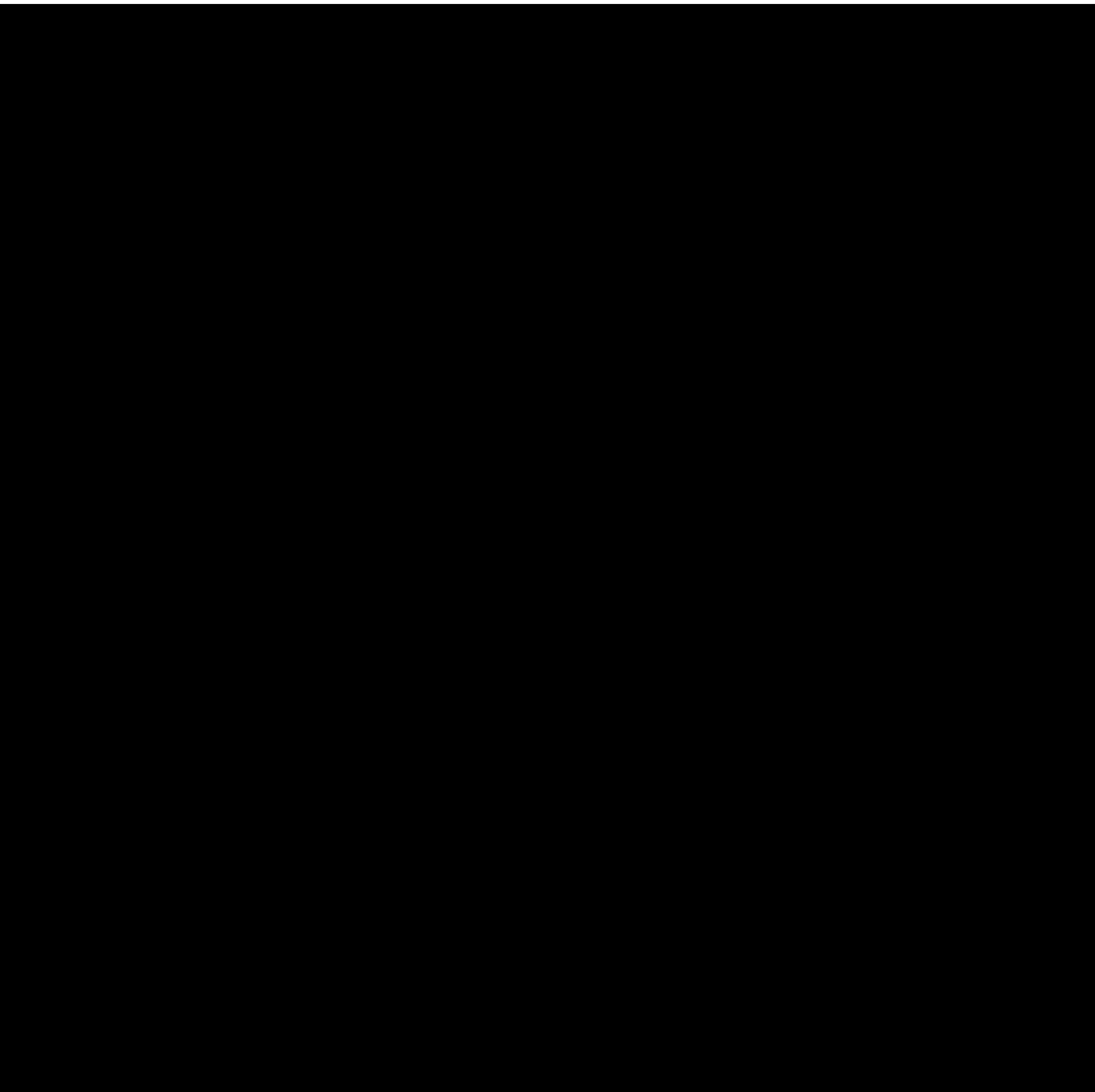
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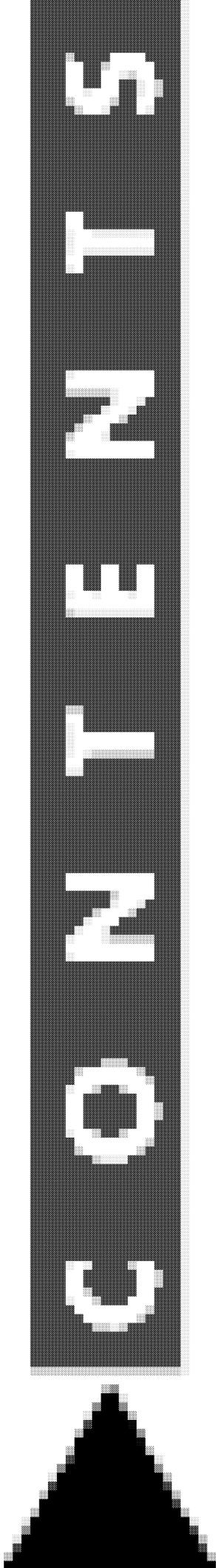
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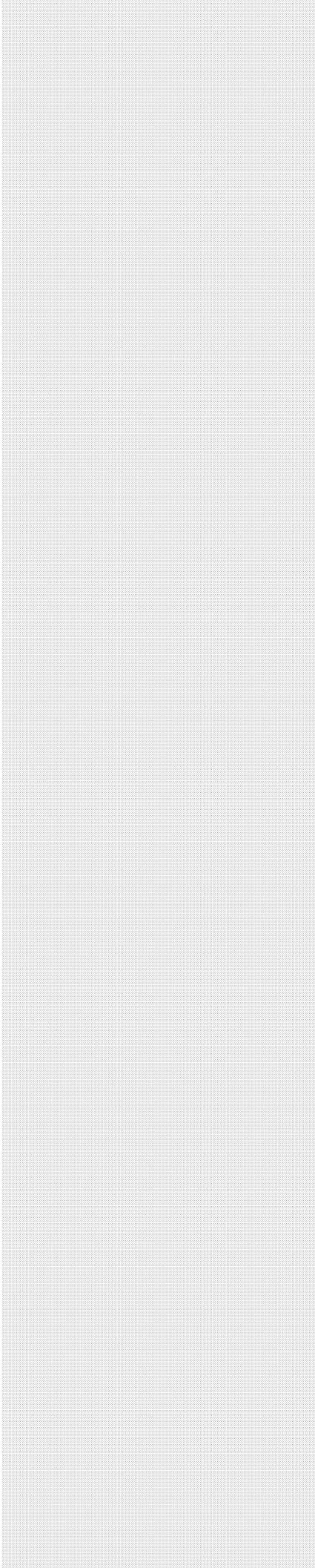
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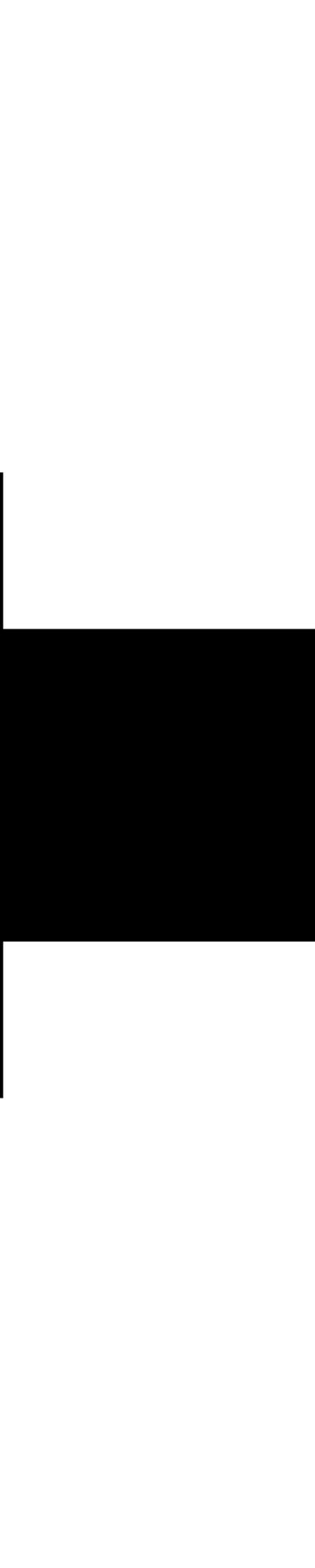
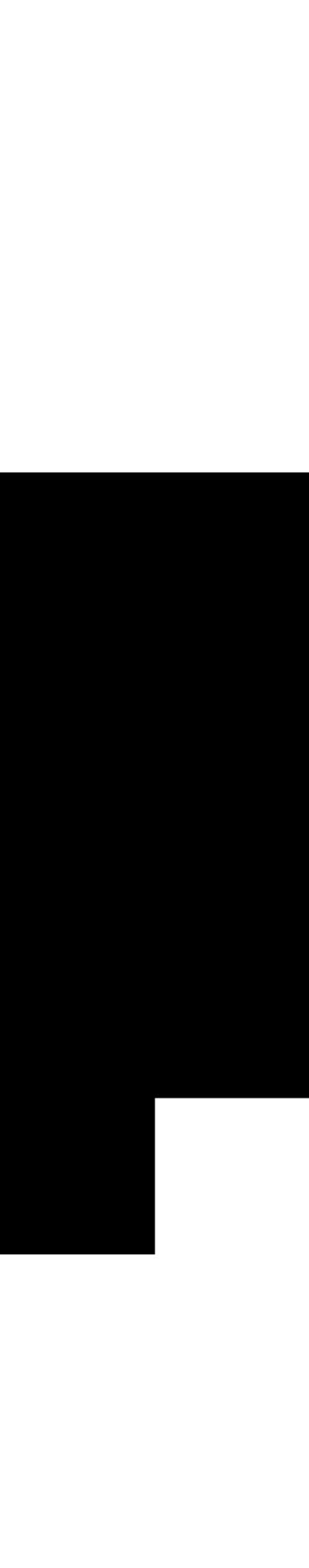
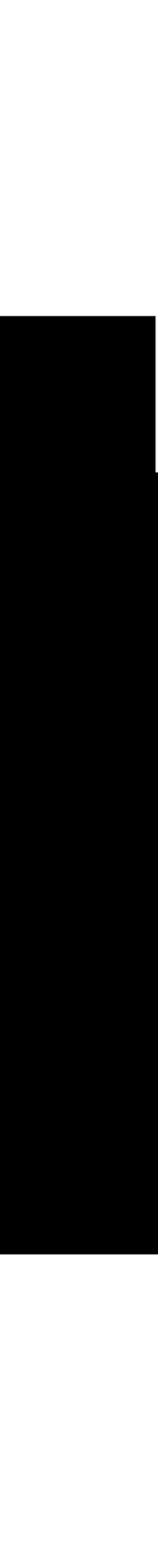
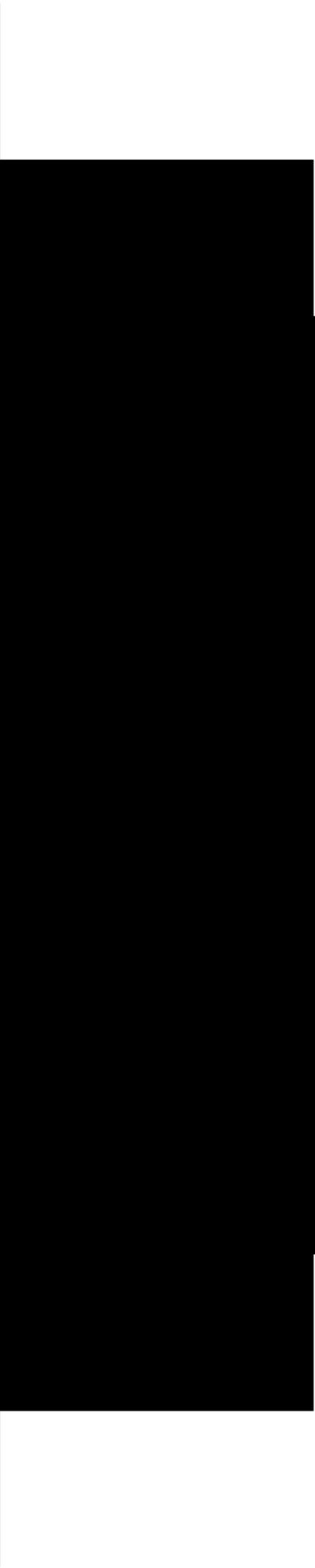
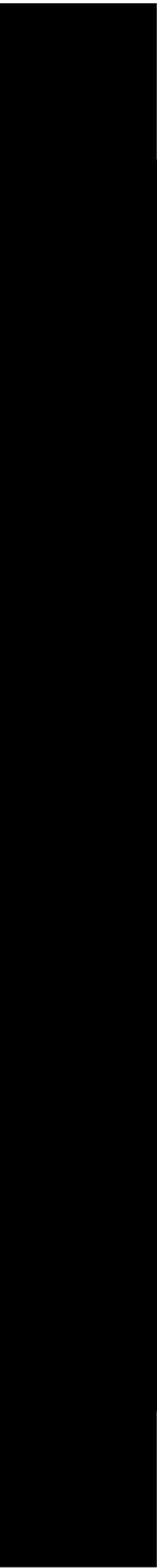
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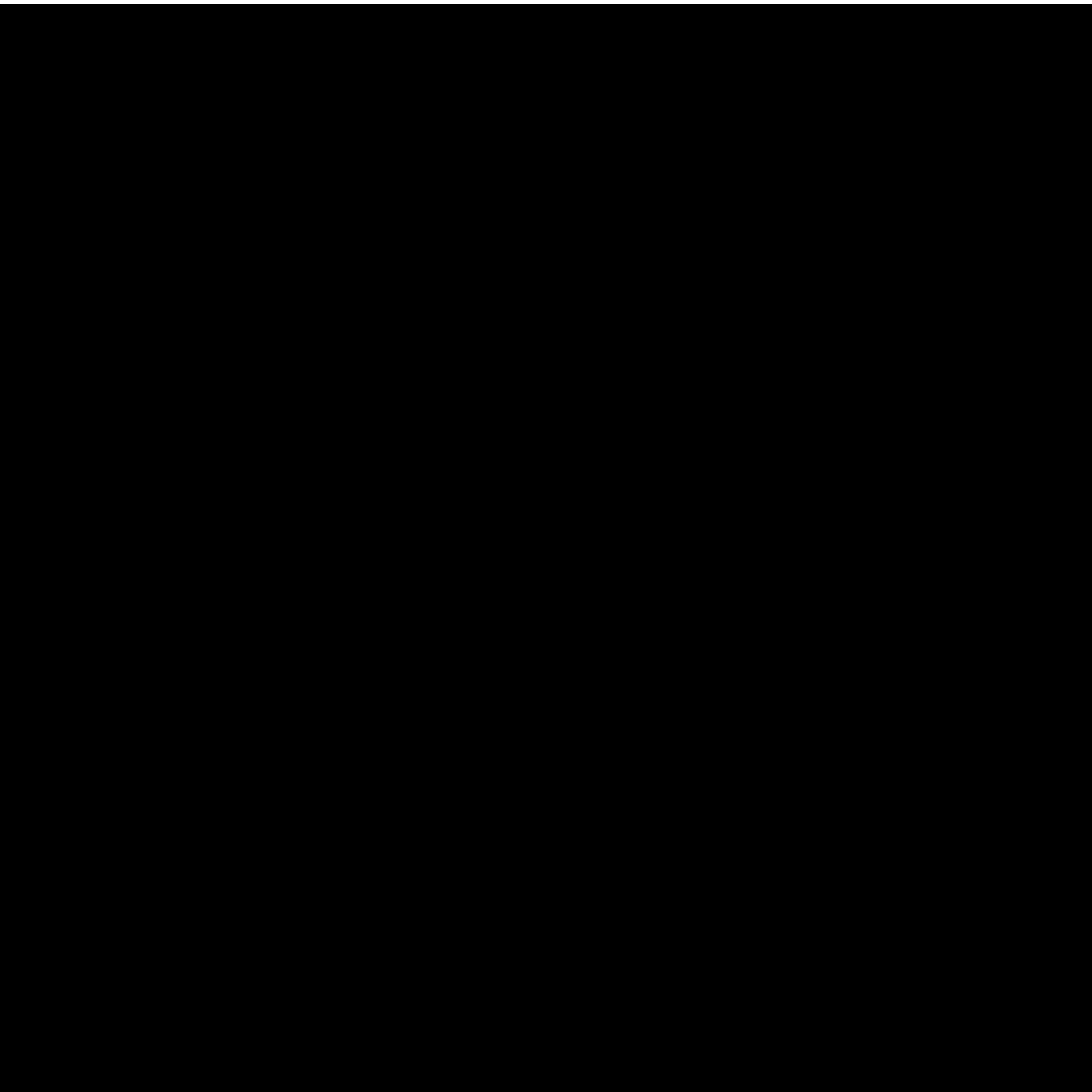


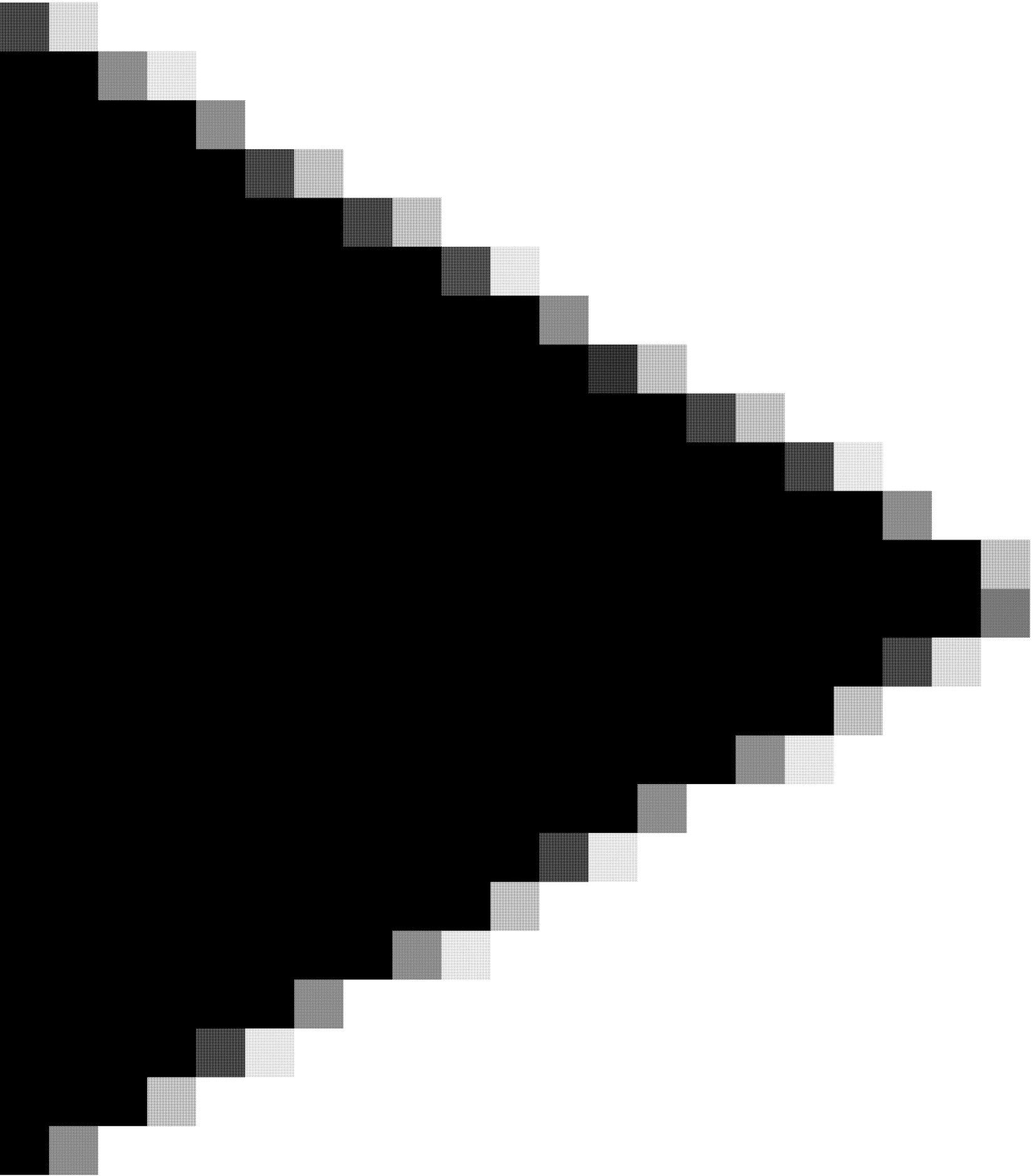


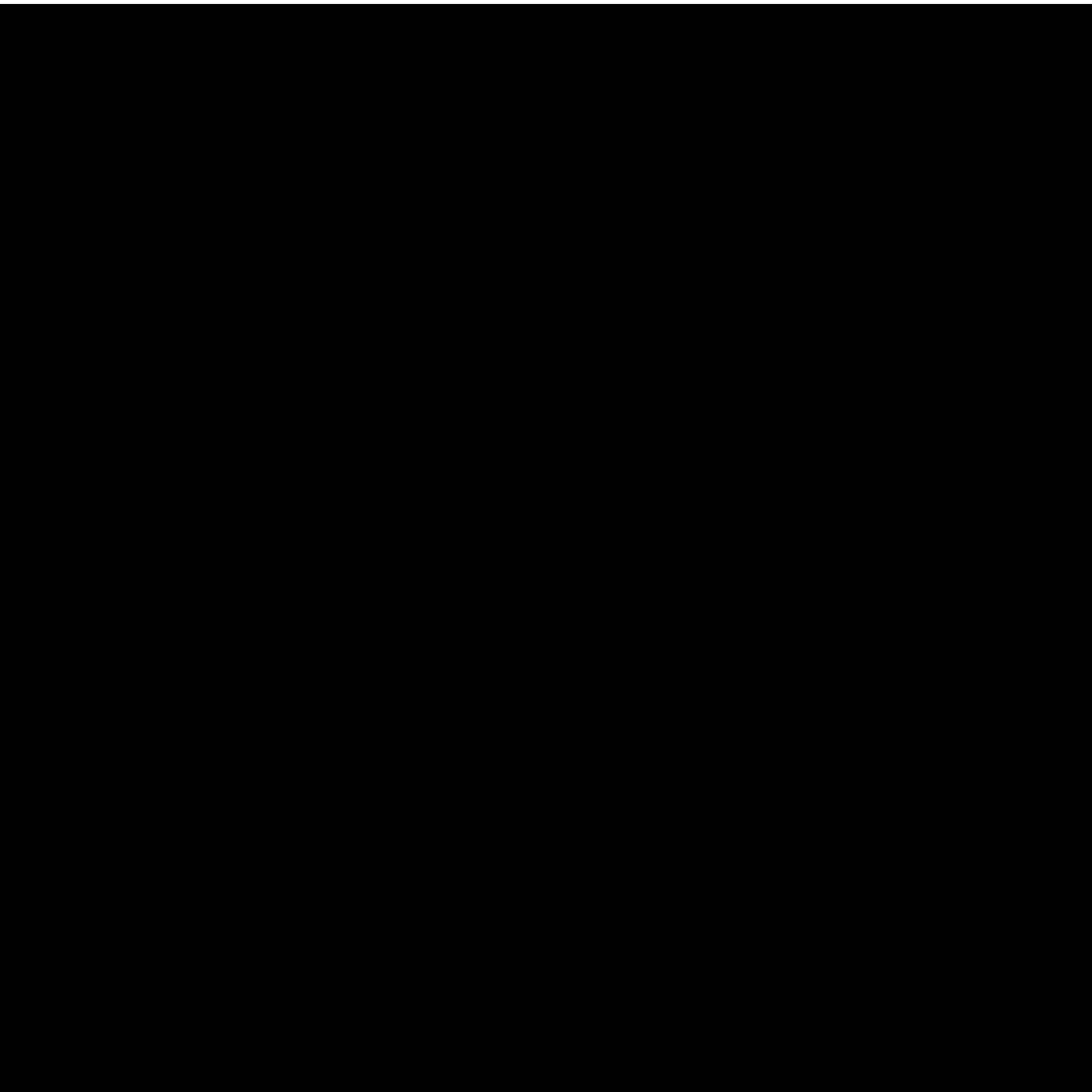




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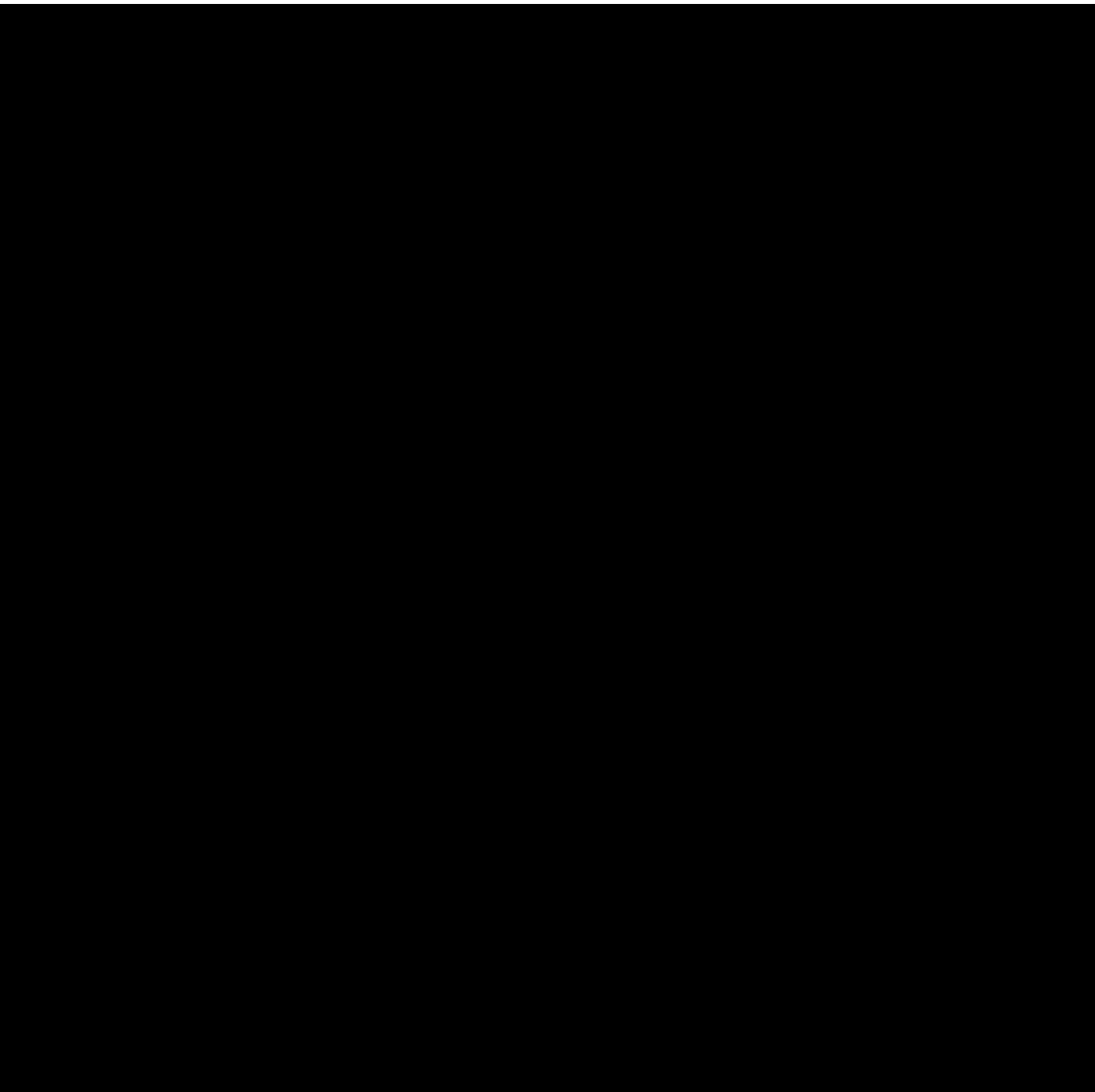






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Korinne – Raul Yanes the Staff Secretary has asked for political BPs for the President’s travel tomorrow to Alabama and Georgia. Attached are the last Political BPs from the two states. The good news is they are both from January this year and hopefully we can turn these around a little bit easier. Let me know what I can do to help track down information you need to include. Thank you.

## **ALABAMA BRIEFING**

### **STATE ISSUES**

#### **ECONOMY**

In November, Alabama's unemployment rate was 3.2 percent, down from its peak of 5.7 percent in November 2003. In December, the national unemployment rate was 4.5 percent.

#### **HURRICANE KATRINA**

As of December 8, \$1.128 billion in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster assistance has been obligated for recovery efforts in Alabama. Over 115,000 Alabama households have registered with FEMA for some type of assistance.

On December 22, FEMA announced projects selected under the Alternative Housing Pilot Program (AHPP) to pursue alternative forms of housing, including semi-permanent or permanent alternatives, such as the units colloquially known as "Katrina Cottages." As a part of that program Alabama was allocated approximately \$16 million for an alternative housing pilot program in the city of Bayou La Batre. The pilot program aims to expand the types of housing FEMA provides to disaster-affected communities by identifying, developing, and evaluating alternatives to FEMA travel trailers and mobile homes. The funding was authorized in the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery you signed into law on June 15, 2006.

\$72.8 million is anticipated for hazard mitigation projects to help Alabamians rebuild to standards that help prevent damage in future storms.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA HEAD FOOTBALL COACH**

On January 4, the University of Alabama announced Nick Saban as their head football coach following the firing of Mike Shula on November 27, 2006. Previously, Saban was the head coach of the Miami Dolphins and at Louisiana State University.

### **2006 ELECTION RESULTS, POLITICAL CLIMATE AND KEY 2008 RACES**

#### **U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

All seven Congressmen (5R, 2D) won re-election in 2006.

#### **GOVERNOR 2006**

Governor Bob Riley (R) easily won re-election in 2006. Riley defeated Lieutenant Governor Lucy Baxley (D) by a margin of 57 percent to 42 percent. Riley was first

## **ALABAMA BRIEFING**

elected Governor in 2002, defeating incumbent Governor Don Siegelman (D) by only 3,120 votes. He is only the second Republican governor in Alabama since Reconstruction. You won the state with 62 percent in 2004.

### **U.S. SENATE 2008**

Senator Jeff Sessions (R) is up for re-election in 2008. Sessions defeated Susan Parker (D) 59 percent to 40 percent in 2002. Sessions was first elected in 1996. There is no clear Democrat opponent yet. Congressman Artur Davis (D, AL-07) has announced he will either be a candidate for Senator Richard Shelby's (R, AL) seat or Governor in 2010, but will not challenge Sessions. State Agriculture Commissioner Ron Sparks (D) and State Senator Vivian Davis Figures (D) are both also considering possible runs for the 2008 senate race.

## **STATISTICS**

### **2004 General Election Results (Statewide):**

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	1,716,394	62%
<b>Kerry</b>	693,933	37%
<b>Nader</b>	6,701	0.5%
<b>Other</b>	6,421	0.5%

### **2000 General Election Results (Statewide):**

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	944,409	56%
<b>Gore</b>	695,602	42%
<b>Nader</b>	18,349	1%
<b>Other</b>	14,191	1%

### **2004 General Election Results (Russell County):**

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	8,337	49.6%
<b>Kerry</b>	8,375	49.8%
<b>Other</b>	97	0.6%

### **2000 General Election Results (Russell County):**

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	6,198	45%
<b>Gore</b>	8,396	54%
<b>Nader</b>	109	1%

## **CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION**

### **U.S. SENATE**

Richard C. Shelby (R), 4<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected in 2004 with 68%  
 Jeff Sessions (R), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, re-elected in 2002 with 59%

### **U.S. HOUSE** 7 Total (5R, 2D)

Jo Bonner (R-01), 3<sup>rd</sup> term, re-elected with 68%  
 Terry Everett (R-02), 8<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 70%

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Mike Rogers (R-03), 3<sup>rd</sup> term, re-elected with 60%  
Robert Aderholt (R-04), 6<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 70%  
Robert “Bud” Cramer, Jr. (D-05), unopposed  
Spencer Bachus (R-06), 8<sup>th</sup> term, unopposed  
Artur Davis (D-07), 3<sup>rd</sup> term, unopposed

### **STATE GOVERNMENT**

Governor Bob Riley (R), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, re-elected with 57%  
Lieutenant Governor-Elect Jim Folsom, Jr. (D), 3<sup>rd</sup> term overall  
**Note:** Folsom was elected as Lt. Governor in 1986 and 1990. In April 1993, he was sworn in as Governor to replace Governor Jim Hunt who resigned from office.  
Attorney General Troy King (R), 1<sup>st</sup> full term, elected with 53%, appointed by Riley in 2005  
Secretary of State-Elect Beth Chapman (R), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected with 58%  
State Auditor-Elect Samantha Shaw (R), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected with 54%  
Treasurer Kay Ivey (R), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, elected with 61%  
**Note:** State officials will be officially sworn-in on January 15.

**State House:**                   **105 (61D, 43R, 1 vacancy)**  
Speaker:                         Seth Hammett (D)  
Speaker Pro Tempore:       Demetrius Newton (D)  
Majority Leader:             Ken Guin (D)  
Minority Leader:             Mike Hubbard (R)

**State Senate:**               **35 (23D, 12R)**  
President:                       Lieutenant Governor-Elect Jim Folsom, Jr. (D),  
President Pro Tempore:       Hinton Mitchem (D)  
Majority Leader:             Zeb Little (D)  
Minority Leader:             J.T. “Jabo” Waggoner (R)

### **STATE PARTY**

State Chairman:               Twinkle Cavanaugh  
National Committeeman:     Edgar Welden  
National Committeewoman:  Bettye Fine Collins

## **ALABAMA BRIEFING**

### **STATE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

**Estimated Population 2000:**

Alabama: 4,447,100, an increase of 10.1% since 1990

National: 281,421,906, an increase of 13.1% since 1990

**Race/Ethnicity:**

Alabama: 71.1% White; 26.0% African-American; 1.7% Hispanic; 0.7% Asian

National: 69.1% White; 12.5% Hispanic; 12.3% African-American; 3.6% Asian

**Median Household Income:**

Alabama: \$34,135

National: \$41,994

**College Educated:**

Alabama: 19.0%

National: 24.4%

**Median Age:**

Alabama: 35.8 years (13.0% are 65 years and older)

National: 35.3 years (12.4% are 65 years and older)

**Households:**

Alabama: 70% family households; 52.2% married couple families

National: 68.1% family households; 51.7% married couple families

*Source: U.S. Census 2000*

### **YOUR PREVIOUS TRAVEL**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Photo Op and Remarks at Bob Riley for Governor Luncheon	September 28, 2006	Birmingham
Briefing on Energy and Press Statement	September 28, 2006	Hoover
Demonstration of Nanotechnology Research; Remarks on the American Competitiveness Initiative; Meeting with Families of Fallen Soldiers and the Family of a Fallen Marine	April 19, 2006	Tuskegee
Briefing on Hurricane Damage and Aerial Tour of Hurricane Damage	September 2, 2005	Mobile
Conversation on Strengthening Social Security	March 10, 2005	Montgomery
Aerial Tour of Hurricane Damage; Walking Tour of Hurricane Damage; and Statement to Responders at Fire and Rescue Station 1	September 19, 2004	Orange Beach

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Meeting with Small Business Owners and Remarks on the Economy	November 3, 2003	Birmingham
Victory 2002 Rally	October 24, 2002	Auburn
Roundtable and Remarks on the Economy and Fundraiser for Congressman Bob Riley	July 15, 2002	Birmingham
Land and Water Conservation Event; Meeting with Local Religious Leaders; and Fundraiser with Senator Sessions	June 21, 2001	Birmingham

## **GEORGIA BRIEFING**

### **STATE ISSUES**

#### **ECONOMY**

In November 2006, Georgia's unemployment rate was 4.6 percent, down from its peak of 5.5 percent in September 2005. In December, the national unemployment rate was 4.5 percent.

#### **BRAC AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FUNDING**

As a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) actions, Fort Benning will grow substantially. One of the largest moves is the relocation of the Armor Center and School from Fort Knox, Kentucky, to Fort Benning. This alone is expected to bring approximately 30,000 new people to the Fort Benning region by 2011. However, some of the base infrastructure improvements are now endangered because the *Military Construction, Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act* was approved by the House on May 19, 2006, and by the Senate on November 14. However, the two bills were never reconciled and the funding measure has not been passed for your signature.

Outgoing Army Chief of Staff General Pete Schoomaker and Secretary of the Army Dr. Francis Harvey have contacted the 110th Congress requesting quick action to revive the appropriations to fund new housing and other upgrades of military installations that will be required by the BRAC decisions. The current funding resolution expires February 15. U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss (R, GA) has introduced legislation to ensure the original \$14 billion military construction legislation is funded. Fort Benning stands to lose approximately \$300 million in funding if the Military Construction appropriations bill is not approved.

The Fort Benning-area community is very concerned about the potential impact on local school districts and their ability to accommodate a large influx of new students as a result of BRAC. Senator Chambliss, along with eight other Senators, sent a letter to OMB on December 23 requesting your Administration include funding in the Fiscal Year 2007 budget proposal to support local school districts impacted by BRAC.

#### **STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SCHIP)**

Governor Sonny Perdue (R, GA) will not be attending the event at Fort Benning in part because he has privately expressed frustration with the Administration regarding a SCHIP funding issue. The state of Georgia will have a significant federal funds SCHIP shortfall of \$128.5 million in FY 2007. This is based on its estimated federal share FY 2007 expenditures of \$312.1 million and its currently available FY 2007 allotments of \$183.6

## **GEORGIA BRIEFING**

million. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) estimates the state will have sufficient funds to run its SCHIP program through the end of April 2007. However, because of programmatic and operational concerns, such as providing sufficient time to inform providers and recipients about the potential termination of the program, the State of Georgia intends to terminate its program at the end of March 2007. The state will begin notifying providers and beneficiaries in February and reports that up to 270,000 children will no longer be covered under the Peachcare program.

Under the provisions of H.R. 6164, approximately \$146.9 million in unexpended FY 2004 allotments will be made available nationally for redistribution to states through March 2007, the first half of FY 2007. These funds would only be available for redistribution to those states experiencing shortfalls in the first half of the fiscal year. Georgia would not be a recipient of such redistribution amounts since they have sufficient funds through about April 2007. H.R. 6164 also provides for a relatively small portion of the states' unexpended FY 2005 allotments available as of March 31, 2007, to be redistributed to states with shortfalls in the second half of FY 2007. Georgia's projected potential redistribution would only be approximately \$4.9 million, far short of the Georgia's projected shortfall of \$128.4 million.

### **GEORGIA HOUSE SPEAKER GLENN RICHARDSON**

Speaker Glenn Richardson (R) was reelected as the Georgia House Speaker on January 8, the first day of the new legislative session. On the same day, the Georgia Democratic Party filed an ethics complaint against Richardson, alleging he had an "inappropriate personal relationship" with a female lobbyist for Atlanta Gas Light in 2006, at the same time he was the co-sponsor for legislation to finance a \$300 million pipeline for the utility. The pipeline legislation was not passed out of the State Senate. State Democratic Party Chairman Bobby Kahn offered no evidence of the alleged relationship in the complaints that he said he mailed to the State Ethics Commission and Joint Committee on Ethics on January 5. Richardson has so far declined to respond directly to Kahn's allegations, saying he does not want to "give them merit."

### **HOME DEPOT CEO RESIGNS**

Bob Nardelli, the CEO of Home Depot, resigned on January 3. Home Depot is based in Atlanta. Nardelli has been criticized for his severance package which, including deferred compensation, totaled \$210 million. Nardelli was replaced by Vice Chairman Frank Blake.

## **GEORGIA BRIEFING**

### **ATLANTA FALCONS HIRE NEW COACH**

The Atlanta Falcons fired Coach Jim Mora on January 1. The Falcons announced that Bobby Petrino will be the new Falcons coach on January 8. Petrino was the University of Louisville head coach for four years culminating in a win at the Orange Bowl over Wake Forest University this year.

### **2006 ELECTION RESULTS, POLITICAL CLIMATE AND KEY 2008 RACES**

#### **GOVERNOR 2006**

Governor Sonny Perdue (R) defeated Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor (D), 58 percent to 38 percent and was sworn into office on January 8. Taylor never recovered from a costly primary battle against Secretary of State Cathy Cox (D). Governor Perdue ran a superior campaign, leading Taylor by double-digits throughout the last two months of the campaign. You won Georgia with 58 percent in 2004, leading successful Republican efforts to take control of both houses in the State Assembly for the first time since Reconstruction.

#### **U.S. SENATE**

Senator Saxby Chambliss (R) defeated incumbent Senator Max Cleland (D) in 2002 by a margin of 53 percent to 47 percent. You campaigned for Chambliss at three events, including two events the Saturday before the general election. The 2002 campaign is probably best remembered for a television ad from the Chambliss campaign that showed pictures of Osama Bin Laden, Saddam Hussein, and Max Cleland with a voice-over noting that Cleland had “voted against the President's vital homeland security efforts 11 times.”

No one has formally declared to seek the Democrat nomination for 2008, but several potential candidates have been mentioned. This list includes Congressman Jim Marshall (D, GA-08), Columbus Trial Lawyer Jim Butler, DeKalb County Chief Executive Officer Vernon Jordan, and the daughter of former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn (D, GA), Michelle Nunn. On January 7, Senator Nunn said that the Iraq War “was the worst strategic error I've seen in modern times by the United States.”

#### **U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Georgia's Congressional Delegation maintained the same partisan composition (7R, 4D) after the 2006 elections.

## **GEORGIA BRIEFING**

### GA-08 (formerly GA-03)

Congressman Jim Marshall (D) narrowly defeated former Congressman Mac Collins (R) by a margin of 51 percent to 49 percent, in the new Eighth Congressional District. The Georgia Legislature redrew district lines in 2005, and you would have won this district with 61 percent in 2004 if it had existed.

Collins waged a competitive campaign, but Marshall was ultimately more successful in casting himself as conservative in a district full of conservative Democrats. Marshall voted for your tax-cuts and the ban on partial-birth abortion. He has also been a strong supporter of the Global War on Terror. Additionally, Marshall is viewed as being a champion for the Warner-Robins Air Force Base, a major presence in this district.

This will be viewed as a competitive race in 2008 if Republicans can recruit a strong candidate. Marshall has also been mentioned as a potential opponent for U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss (R, GA).

### GA-12

In a re-match of their 2004 race, Congressman John Barrow (D) narrowly defeated former Congressman Max Burns (R) by 889 votes. Barrow defeated Burns by a margin of 52 percent to 48 percent in 2004. You would have increased your numbers from 46 percent to 50 percent of the vote in this district had it existed in 2004. While this district gained Republicans in redistricting, it also gained a significant number of traditionally Democrat voters.

The polling in this race had been statistically tied since February 2006, and both candidates raised similar amounts of money. In the end, Barrow successfully crafted his image of an independent thinker who was not afraid to buck the national Democrat Party leadership. In public debates, Barrow joined Burns in supporting your strategy in the Global War on Terror, tougher border security, and opposing amnesty for illegal immigrants.

## **GEORGIA BRIEFING**

### **STATISTICS**

#### **2004 General Election Results (Statewide):**

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	1,914,254	58%
<b>Kerry</b>	1,366,149	41%
<b>Other</b>	21,472	1%

#### **2000 General Election Results (Statewide):**

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	1,419,720	55%
<b>Gore</b>	1,116,230	43%
<b>Nader</b>	13,432	0.5%
<b>Other</b>	47,422	1.5%

#### **2004 General Election Results (Chattahoochee County):**

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	905	54%
<b>Kerry</b>	773	46%
<b>Other</b>	11	1%

#### **2000 General Election Results (Chattahoochee County):**

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	590	49%
<b>Gore</b>	600	50%
<b>Nader</b>	4	0%
<b>Other</b>	13	1%

#### **2004 General Election Results (Muscoogie County):**

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	30,850	48%
<b>Kerry</b>	32,867	51%
<b>Other</b>	289	1%

#### **2000 General Election Results (Muscoogie County):**

	Total Votes	% Won
<b>Bush</b>	23,479	45%
<b>Gore</b>	28,193	54%
<b>Nader</b>	243	1%
<b>Other</b>	248	1%

### **CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION**

#### **U.S. SENATE:**

- Johnny Isakson (R), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 2004 with 58%
- Saxby Chambliss (R), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 2002 with 53%

#### **U.S. HOUSE: 13 Total (7R, 6D)**

- Jack Kingston (R-01), 8<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 69%

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- Sanford Bishop, Jr. (D-02), 8<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 68%
- Lynn Westmoreland (R-03), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, re-elected with 68%
- Hank Johnson (D-04), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected with 75%
- John Lewis (D-05), 11<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected without opposition
- Tom Price (R-06), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, re-elected with 72%
- John Linder (R-07), 8<sup>th</sup> term, 3<sup>rd</sup> term in GA-07, re-elected with 71%
- Jim Marshall (D-08), 3<sup>rd</sup> term, 1<sup>st</sup> term in GA-08, re-elected with 50.5%
- Nathan Deal (R-09), 8<sup>th</sup> term, 1<sup>st</sup> term in GA-09, re-elected with 77%
- Charles Norwood (R-10), 7<sup>th</sup> term, 1<sup>st</sup> term in GA-10, re-elected with 67%
- Phil Gingrey (R-11), 3<sup>rd</sup> term, re-elected with 71%
- John Barrow (D-12), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, re-elected with 50.3%
- David Scott (D-13), 3<sup>rd</sup> term, re-elected with 69%

## **STATE GOVERNMENT**

Governor Sonny Perdue (R), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, re-elected in 2006 with 58%  
Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle (R), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected in 2006 with 54%  
Attorney General Thurbert Baker (D), 3<sup>rd</sup> full term, re-elected in 2006 with 57%  
Secretary of State Karen Handel (R), 1<sup>st</sup> term, elected with 54%  
Commissioner of Insurance John Oxendine (R), 4<sup>th</sup> term, re-elected with 66%  
State School Superintendent Kathy Cox (R), 2<sup>nd</sup> term, elected with 60%  
Commissioner of Agriculture Tommy Irvin (D), served since 1969, re-elected with 57%  
Commissioner of Labor Mike Thurmond (D), 3<sup>rd</sup> term, re-elected with 55%

**State House:**                   **180 (106R, 74D)**  
Speaker:                       Glenn Richardson (R)  
Majority Leader:             Jerry Keen (R)  
Minority Leader:             DuBose Porter (D)

**State Senate:**               **56 (35R, 21D)**  
President:                      Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle (R)  
Majority Leader:             Tommie Williams (R)  
Minority Leader:             Robert Brown (D)

## **GEORGIA BRIEFING**

### **STATE PARTY**

Chairman: Alec Poitevint  
National Committeeman: Alec Poitevint  
National Committeewoman: Linda D. Herren

**Note:** Alec Poitevint was elected party Chairman in 2003 and retained his position as National Committeeman.

### **STATE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

#### **Estimated Population 2000:**

Georgia: 8,186,453, an increase of 26.4% since 1990

National: 281,421,906, an increase of 13.1% since 1990

#### **Race/Ethnicity:**

Georgia: 62.6% White; 28.7% African-American; 5.3% Hispanic;  
2.1% Asian; 0.3% American Indian

National: 69.1% White; 12.3% African-American; 12.5% Hispanic;  
3.6% Asian; 0.9% American Indian

#### **Median Age:**

Georgia: 33.4 years (9.6% over the age of 65)

National: 35.3 years (12.4% are 65 years and older)

#### **College Educated:**

Georgia: 24.3%

National: 24.4%

#### **Median Income:**

Georgia: \$42,433

National: \$41,994

#### **Households:**

Georgia: 70.2% family households; 51.5% married couple families

National: 68.1% family households; 51.7% married couple families

*Source: 2000 U.S. Census*

### **THE PRESIDENT'S PREVIOUS TRAVEL**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Georgia Victory 2006 Rally	October 31, 2006	Perry
Georgia Victory 2006 Rally	October 30, 2006	Statesboro
Photo-Op and Remarks at Mac Collins for Congress Reception	October 10, 2006	Macon
Remarks on the Global War on Terror and	September 7, 2006	Atlanta

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<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Photo-Op and Remarks at Max Burns for Congress Reception		Pooler
Remarks at Georgia Republican Party's President's Day Dinner	March 9, 2006	College Park
Homegoing Celebration for Mrs. Coretta Scott King	February 7, 2006	Lithonia
Conversation on Senior Security	July 22, 2005	Atlanta
Victory '04 Fundraiser	May 17, 2004	Atlanta
Bush-Cheney '04 Fundraiser	April 2, 2004	Greensboro
Wreath Laying at the Grave of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	January 15, 2004	Atlanta
Bush-Cheney '04 Fundraiser	January 15, 2004	Atlanta
Remarks to Military Personnel and Families	September 12, 2003	Ft. Stewart
Bush-Cheney '04 Finance Event	June 20, 2003	Greensboro
Remarks on Jobs and Economic Growth Plan	February 20, 2003	Atlanta
Georgia Welcome in Atlanta and Georgia Welcome in Savannah	November 2, 2002	Atlanta Savannah
Georgia Unity Fundraiser	October 17, 2002	Atlanta
Tour and Remarks on Homeownership at St. Paul AME Church	June 17, 2002	Atlanta
Tour and Remarks on Homeland Security at Georgia Institute of Technology and Saxby Chambliss Finance Event	March 27, 2002	Atlanta
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### **STATE ISSUES**

#### **ECONOMY**

In December, Alabama's unemployment rate was 3.6 percent, down from its peak of 5.7 percent in November 2003. In January, the national unemployment rate was 4.6 percent.

#### **TORNADO DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES**

On March 1, powerful storms ripped through Alabama causing 10 fatalities. The storm killed 9 people in the town of Enterprise, a city of 23,000, approximately 75 miles southeast of Montgomery. Eight of these deaths occurred at Enterprise High School as students were preparing to leave for the day. The students ran for shelter when the tornado hit the school, blowing out walls and collapsing part of the roof. At least one other person was killed at another location in Enterprise and one nearby in Wilcox County.

The burst of tornadoes were part of a large line of thunderstorms and snowstorms stretching from Minnesota to the Gulf Coast. The storms claimed the life of a seven-year-old girl in Missouri and nine others in Georgia.

Governor Bob Riley (R) has requested approximately 100 National Guardsmen to go into Enterprise to assist in the tornado recovery efforts. Riley also instructed the Alabama Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance. You will announce that you have declared a major disaster in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts. Your action makes Federal funding available to affected individuals in Coffee County.

#### **SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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ThyssenKrupp AG is planning a \$2.9 billion steel-making plant that will employ 2,700 people. The company has narrowed its search to a location between New Orleans and Baton Rouge and the Alabama site about 25 miles north of Mobile. Both Governor

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Riley and Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco (D) have traveled to Germany to meet with officials of the Duesseldorf based company.

### **POLITICAL CLIMATE AND KEY 2008 RACES**

#### **U.S. SENATE**

Senator Jeff Sessions (R) is up for reelection in 2008. First elected in 1996, Sessions defeated Susan Parker (D) 59 percent to 40 percent in 2002. There is no clear Democrat opponent yet. Congressman Artur Davis (D, AL-07) has announced he will either be a candidate for Senator Richard Shelby's (R, AL) seat or Governor in 2010, but will not challenge Sessions. State Agriculture Commissioner Ron Sparks (D) and State Senator Vivian Davis Figures (D) are both also considering possible runs for the 2008 Senate race.

### **2006 ELECTION RESULTS**

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