

Capital Survey Research Center

2007 National & Alabama Political Landscape Survey (07021)

841 Likely Voters
 July 11-13, 16-19, 2007
 SME +/- 3.3% - Total
 SME +/- 5.0% - Primary

ALABAMA AND U. S. TRACK

1. Overall, do you think Alabama is currently:

On the right track	504	59.9%
On the wrong track	168	20.0%
Don't Know / No Reply	169	20.1%

2. Overall, do you think the U. S. is currently:

On the right track	262	31.2%
On the wrong track	414	49.2%
Don't Know / No Reply	165	19.6%

NATIONAL ISSUES

3. What do you believe is the most important issue facing our nation today? (open end)

War	387	38%
Immigration	128	13%
Terrorism	84	8%
Health care	61	6%
Economy / Jobs	37	4%
Truth / Morals	32	3%
National Security	31	3%
God / Religion lost	31	3%
Education	29	3%
Other	143	14%
Don't Know / No Reply / Other	54	5%
Total	1017	

2008 ALABAMA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

4. If the primary elections for president were today, in which party primary would you most likely vote? If you had to decide, in which primary would you most likely vote?

Democratic Party Primary	371	44.1%
Republican Party Primary	396	47.1%
Don't Know / No Reply	74	8.8%

5. If the Republican Party primary election for president were today, for whom would you vote between: (N = 396 / SME +/-5.0%)

		July	Jan
Fred Thompson	134	33.7%	NA
Rudy Giuliani	80	20.2%	20%
John McCain	44	11.2%	24%
Newt Gingrich	27	6.9%	15%
Mitt Romney	18	4.6%	3%
Mike Huckabee	9	2.4%	NA
Ron Paul	5	1.2%	NA
Tom Tancredo	4	1.0%	NA
Tommy Thompson	2	0.5%	1%
Sam Brownback	2	0.5%	1%
George Pataki	2	0.5%	0%
Jim Gilmore	1	0.2%	NA
Duncan Hunter	1	0.2%	1%
Chuck Hagel	0	0.0%	0%
Don't Know / No Reply	67	16.8%	23%

6. If the Democratic Party primary election were today, for whom would you vote between: (N = 371 / SME +/-5.0%)

		July	Jan
Hillary Clinton	121	32.6%	27%
Barack Obama	106	28.6%	19%
John Edwards	34	9.2%	14%
Al Gore	21	5.7%	11%
Bill Richardson	4	1.0%	1%
Joe Biden	2	0.5%	1%
Tom Vilsack	2	0.5%	0%
Dennis Kucinich	2	0.5%	0%
Chris Dodd	0	0.0%	0%
Mike Gavel	0	0.0%	NA
Don't Know / No Reply	79	21.2%	23%

IRAQ WAR

7.-13. With respect to the war with Iraq, do you Strongly Approve (SA), Somewhat Approve (SA), Somewhat Disapprove (SD), or Strongly Disapprove (SD) or Don't Know (DK) of each of the following?

	SA	SA	SD	SD	DK
Military handling of the war	46.0%	25.7%	11.3%	9.5%	7.4%
Decision of the U. S. to go to war	32.3%	20.5%	9.9%	33.1%	4.2%
President Bush's handling of the war	18.0%	26.8%	13.6%	37.3%	4.2%
Republican Party handling of the war	10.6%	28.3%	20.4%	33.6%	7.1%
Democratic Party handling of the war	5.2%	17.2%	26.4%	42.1%	9.1%
Media handling of the war	5.1%	13.9%	26.3%	48.2%	6.5%
Congress handling of the war	2.8%	16.4%	33.1%	39.2%	8.6%

14. Do you think the U. S. is winning or not winning the war in Iraq?

Winning the war in Iraq	236	28.0%
Not winning the war in Iraq	429	51.0%
Don't Know / No Reply	176	20.9%

15. Considering the overall costs and benefits to the United States, do you think the war with Iraq is worth it?

Worth it	319	37.9%
Not Worth it	442	52.5%
Don't Know / No Reply	81	9.6%

16. At this point, which of the following options for U. S. involvement in the war in Iraq do you most strongly support?

Withdraw troops	119	14.2%
Withdraw troops within 12 months	134	15.9%
Establish a schedule for withdrawal	235	27.9%
Withdraw troops only war is won	197	23.4%
Send more troops	70	8.3%
Don't Know / No Reply	87	10.3%

17. As a result of the war with Iraq, do you believe the U. S. is:

A lot safer from	156	18.5%
Somewhat safer from terrorism	323	38.5%
Somewhat less safe from terrorism	119	14.2%
A lot less safe from terrorism	168	19.9%
Don't Know / No Reply	75	8.9%

18. In deciding for whom you will vote for president or for U. S. senator next year, will you be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports:

Withdrawing troops	412	49.0%
Increasing troops	130	15.5%
Continuing the war as is	158	18.8%
Don't Know / No Reply	141	16.8%

EVALUATION OF PRESIDENT BUSH

19. Overall, how do you feel about the current performance of President George Bush? Do you believe he:

Means well, is competent and doing a good job	137	16.3%
Means well and is doing the best he can	365	43.4%
Means well but is incompetent	99	11.7%
Is incompetent and doing a poor job	196	23.3%
Don't Know / No Reply	44	5.3%

20. Overall, do you believe the American people have:

Confidence in the ability of President Bush to get the job done	101	12.0%
Doubts about the ability of President Bush to get the job done	260	30.9%
Lost confidence in the ability of President Bush to get the job done	395	46.9%
Don't Know / No Reply	86	10.2%

IMMIGRATION

21. With respect to the issue of illegal immigrants, are you generally aware of President Bush's proposal for comprehensive immigration reform? Do you support or oppose the President's proposal?

Support	154	18.3%
Oppose	389	46.3%
No, not aware	173	20.6%
Don't Know / No Reply	125	14.8%

22. The President's immigration reform proposal was defeated in Congress. Alabama U. S. Senator Jeff Sessions was a leader in defeating the President's proposal. Will Senator Sessions' leadership against the President's proposal make you:

More likely to vote for Sessions' reelection	267	31.7%
Less likely to vote for Sessions' reelection	108	12.9%
Make no difference in reelection	381	45.3%
Don't Know / No Reply	85	10.1%

23. Which of the following immigration reform proposals do you most strongly support?

Build a wall between Mexico and U. S. to stop illegal immigrants	87	10.4%
Send all illegal immigrants back to their own country	175	20.7%
Allow current immigrants who have a job a chance to earn citizenship	242	28.8%
Severely punish businesses that hire illegal immigrants	141	16.8%
Stop new illegal immigration but allow current immigrants to stay	101	12.0%
Don't Know / No Reply	95	11.3%

24. Do you believe illegal immigrants:

Are good workers and are needed by American businesses	254	30.2%
Take good jobs away from Americans	162	19.3%
Should be deported whether or not they are good workers and needed	255	30.3%
Don't Know / No Reply	170	20.3%

LIBBY COMMUTATION

25. Are you aware of the controversy about President Bush's commutation of the prison sentence of Scooter Libby, a former aide to the President and Vice-President? Do you believe the President's commutation of Scooter Libby was:

Fair and deserved decision	143	17.0%
A personal decision	207	24.6%
A political decision	207	24.6%
No, not aware	190	22.6%
Don't Know / No Reply	94	11.2%

SIEGELMAN CONVICTION

26. Are you aware that former Alabama Governor Don Siegelman was convicted of corruption and sent to prison? Do you believe the conviction and imprisonment of Governor Siegelman are:

Fair and deserved	429	51.0%
Politically motivated	256	30.4%
No, not aware	27	3.2%
Don't Know / No Reply	129	15.3%

Demographics

Region		Party I. D.	
North	47.3%	Democrat	34.3%
Middle	29.4%	Republican	37.0%
South	23.3%	Independent	24.1%
		Other	4.6%

Church Attendance

None	9.6%
< Once month	7.2%
Once month	10.2%
Once week	39.1%
> Once week	29.7%

Gender

Male	43.6%
Female	56.4%

Race

Black A-A	20.0%
White	75.0%
Hispanic	1.0%
Other	4.0%

Age

18-21	0.4%
22-34	6.5%
35-45	15.0%
46-55	19.8%
56-65	24.1%
Over 65	33.8%
No Reply	0.5%

Residence

Rural county area	20.0%
Rural community	15.0%
City (5,000-25,000)	24.2%
City (25,000-100,000)	17.3%
City (Over 100,000)	21.6%
Other	1.9%

Household Income

33. And, for statistical purposes, would you tell me in which of the following categories the income of this household falls?

< \$25,000	15.6%
\$25 to \$50,000	25.7%
\$50,000 to \$75,000	22.0%
\$75,000 to \$100,000	12.2%
Over \$100,000	11.7%
Other	12.8%

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CT 1

Race and Democratic Party Presidential Primary

6. If the Democratic Party primary election were today, for whom would you vote:

	<u>RACE</u>				
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Other</u>
	371	154	201	5	10
Al Gore, former Vice President and U. S. Sen. from Tennessee	21 5.7	5 3.1	14 7.0		2 22.2
Hillary Clinton, U. S. Sen. from New York and former First Lady	121 32.6	40 25.8	76 37.6	3 66.7	2 22.2
John Edwards, former U. S. Sen. from North Carolina	34 9.2	4 2.3	29 14.6		1 11.1
Barack Obama, U. S. Sen. from Illinois	106 28.6	72 46.9	31 15.5	2 33.3	1 11.1
Chris Dodd, U. S. Sen. from Connecticut					
Joe Biden, U. S. Sen. from Delaware	2 0.5		2 0.9		
Bill Richardson, Governor of New Mexico	4 1.0		4 1.9		
Tom Vilsack, former Governor of Iowa	2 0.5		2 0.9		
Dennis Kucinich, former U. S. Rep. from Ohio	2 0.5		2 0.9		
Mike Gavel, Consultant					
Don't Know / No Reply	79 21.2	34 21.9	42 20.7		3 33.3

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CT 2

Party I. D. and Race

30. In addition to being an American, what do you consider your race or ethnic background?

	<u>PARTY I.D</u>				
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Other</u>
	841	288	312	203	38
Black / A-A	168 20.0	130 45.0	5 1.5	24 11.8	10 25.0
White / Caucasian	631 75.0	147 50.9	292 93.8	168 83.0	24 61.6
Hispanic	8 1.0	5 1.7	2 0.5		2 4.4
Other	34 4.0	7 2.4	13 4.1	10 5.1	3 9.1

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CT 3

Primary Vote and Race

30. In addition to being an American, what do you consider your race or ethnic background?

	<u>PRIMARY VOTE</u>			
	Total	Democratic Party Primary	Republican Party Primary	DK/NR
	841	371	396	74
Black / African-American	168 20.0	154 41.5	4 0.9	11 14.6
White / Caucasian	631 75.0	201 54.4	374 94.3	56 75.3
Hispanic	8 1.0	5 1.4	2 0.4	2 2.3
Other	34 4.0	10 2.8	17 4.4	6 7.8

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CT 4

Race and Political Party I. D.

27. Regardless of how you generally vote, do you think of yourself as a:

	<u>RACE</u>				
	Total	Black	White	Hispanic	Other
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	168	631	8	34	
Democrat	288 34.3	130 77.1	147 23.2	5 60.0	7 20.7
Republican	312 37.0	5 2.9	292 46.3	2 20.0	13 37.9
Independent	203 24.1	24 14.3	168 26.7		10 31.0
Other	38 4.6	10 5.7	24 3.7	2 20.0	3 10.3

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