

Capital Poll**Alabama 08 Election Survey**

887 Likely Voters
 April 16-17 / 21-24, 2008
 SME +/-3.1% General Election (887)
 SME +/-4.9% Democratic Primary (392)
 SME +/-4.7% Republican Primary (424)

U. S. and Alabama Track

1. In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States at this time? (READ RESPONSES)

	Frequency -----	Percent -----
1 Satisfied	194	21.8%
2 Dissatisfied	600	67.6%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other (DO NOT READ)	93	10.6%
Total Qualified	887	100.0%

2. In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in Alabama at this time? (READ RESPONSES)

	Frequency -----	Percent -----
1 Satisfied	475	53.5%
2 Dissatisfied	352	39.7%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other (DO NOT READ)	60	6.7%
Total Qualified	887	100.0%

Top Three Things that Influence Vote for President

3. Please tell me the top three things that will most influence your vote for president this year? What is number one?

Economy	262	28%
War	124	13%
(War: End 58 Stay 16)		
Honesty / Integrity / Character	44	5%
Lower fuel cost / Alternative energy	41	4%
Health care / Medicare	33	4%
Morals / Values	28	3%
Terrorism / National Security / Secure Borders	28	3%
Taxes	20	2%
Republican	18	2%
Political party	15	2%
Experience / Record	15	2%
Change	14	2%
Candidate	14	2%
Immigration	14	2%
Christian	14	2%
Religious beliefs	14	2%
Education	13	1%
Conservative	13	1%
Pro-Life	12	1%
Jobs / Raise minimum wages	11	1%
National Defense	10	1%
Moderate	8	1%
Leadership	7	1%
Foreign policy	7	1%
Military support	6	1%
Social Security	5	1%
Elderly care	5	1%
Democrat	5	1%
Best Man	4	0%
Inflation / Cost of Living / Food costs	4	0%
Support Clinton	4	0%
Help people	3	0%
Crime / Drug / Violence	3	0%
Support Obama	3	0%
American	2	0%
Anti-Hillary Clinton	2	0%
Capability	1	0%
Strengthen nation	1	0%
Spending	1	0%
Support Teachers	1	0%
Gun control	1	0%
Death penalty	1	0%
Gender	1	0%
Don't Know / No Reply / Other	89	10%
Total	921	

Reason Number Two

War	163	18%
(War: End 68 Stay 14)		
Economy	126	14%
Lower fuel cost / Alternative Energy	69	8%
Health care / Medicare	54	6%
Taxes	39	4%
Immigration	30	3%
Honesty / Integrity / Character	28	3%
Education	28	3%
Jobs / Raise minimum wage	17	2%
Terrorism / National Security / Secure Borders	16	2%
Leadership	12	1%
Morals / Values	12	1%
Pro-life	11	1%
Inflation / Cost of Living / Food costs	11	1%
Change	9	1%
Foreign policy	8	1%
Military support	7	1%
Patriotism	7	1%
Candidate	6	1%
Experience / Record	6	1%
Republican	5	1%
Democrat	5	1%
Address global warming / Environment	5	1%
Political party	4	0%
Social Security	4	0%
Crime / Drug / Violence	4	0%
Conservative	4	0%
Support Clinton	3	0%
Intelligent	3	0%
Platform	3	0%
Religion	3	0%
Listen to people	2	0%
Socialism	2	0%
Gun rights	2	0%
Gay rights	2	0%
Support Obama	2	0%
Elderly care	2	0%
Freedom	1	0%
National debt	1	0%
No Mudslinging	1	0%
Put America on the right track	1	0%
Sincerity	1	0%
Age	1	0%
Mortgage costs	1	0%
Christian	1	0%
Don't Know / No Reply / Other	177	20%
Total	899	

Reason Number Three

War	87	10%
(War: End 30 Stay 11)		
Lower fuel cost / Alternative Energy	67	8%
Health care / Medicare	64	7%
Economy	57	6%
Education	42	5%
Jobs / Raise minimum wage	30	3%
Immigration	23	3%
Taxes	22	3%
Honesty / Integrity / Character	22	3%
Inflation / Cost of Living / Food costs	15	2%
Social Security	15	2%
Military support	13	1%
Terrorism / National Security / Secure Borders	12	1%
Foreign policy	12	1%
Experience / Record	11	1%
Morals / Values	9	1%
Trust God / Prayer in schools / Christian	8	1%
Elderly care	6	1%
Address global warming / Environment	6	1%
Budget / Spending control	5	1%
Change	5	1%
Leadership	5	1%
Pro-life	5	1%
Political party	4	0%
Gun rights	4	0%
Democrat	4	0%
Patriotism	3	0%
Less government	3	0%
Supreme Court choices	2	0%
Rural economic development	2	0%
Conservative	2	0%
No Mudslinging	2	0%
Military experience	2	0%
Pro-family	2	0%
Anti-Clinton	2	0%
Crime / Drug / Violence	2	0%
Republican	1	0%
Improve Congress	1	0%
Lottery	1	0%
Racism	1	0%
Trade policy	1	0%
Mortgage cost	1	0%
Support Obama	1	0%
Age	1	0%
Candidate	1	0%
Gay rights	1	0%
Don't Know / No Reply / Other	295	34%
Total	880	

Candidate with Best Plans

Please tell me which presidential candidate you believe has the best plan for each of the following.

	Obama	McCain	Clinton	DK
Race relations	35.7%	29.8%	14.9%	19.6%
Change	31.1%	35.0%	14.8%	19.2%
Unifying the country	26.4%	42.0%	15.6%	16.0%
Middle class	24.5%	39.1%	21.0%	15.3%
Public education	22.9%	33.3%	24.8%	19.0%
International Relations	22.2%	48.0%	18.9%	10.9%
Iraq War	21.2%	52.9%	15.4%	10.5%
Economy	20.7%	43.7%	20.7%	14.9%
Health Care	20.5%	29.2%	29.8%	20.4%
Immigration	20.1%	44.4%	14.1%	21.4%
Business	19.9%	47.0%	19.1%	14.0%
Mortgage crisis	18.1%	37.6%	19.4%	24.9%

Iraq War

16. What do you think the U. S. should do in Iraq? Stay there and fight as long as needed to establish a working democracy or begin to withdraw as soon as possible and turn the country back over to the Iraqi government and people? (READ RESPONSES)

	Frequency	Percent
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1 Stay and fight	405	45.6%
2 Withdraw	398	44.9%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other (DO NOT READ)	84	9.5%
4 Total Qualified	887	100.0%

17. After all that has happened in Iraq, do you believe the U. S. war with Iraq was: (READ RESPONSES)

	Frequency	Percent
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1 Justified	381	43.0%
2 A mistake	435	49.0%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other (DO NOT READ)	71	8.0%
Total Qualified	887	100.0%

NAFTA

18. Some people believe that NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada has cost the U. S. thousands of jobs. If this is true, which candidate do you believe will do the best job of protecting and restoring U. S. jobs? (READ RESPONSES)

	Frequency -----	Percent -----
1 Hillary Clinton	152	17.1%
2 John McCain	354	40.0%
3 Barrack Obama	182	20.5%
4 Don't Know / No Reply / Other (DO NOT READ)	199	22.5%
Total Qualified	887	100.0%

Candidate Race, Gender and Age

19.-21. Do you believe most voters in Alabama would be More Likely (ML) or Less Likely (LL) or it would make no difference to vote for a candidate for president or governor who is black female or over 70 years of age? (READ RESPONSES)

	ML	LL	MND	DK
Black	10.5%	22.9%	59.6%	7.0%
Over 70 years old	6.9%	27.2%	60.1%	5.9%
Female	6.3%	38.9%	48.4%	6.4%

08 Political Party Primary Choice

22. If the Republican and Democratic Party primary elections were today, would you vote in the: (READ RESPONSES)

	Frequency -----	Percent -----
1 Democratic Party Primary	392	44.2%
2 Republican Party Primary	424	47.8%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other (DO NOT READ)	71	8.0%
Total Qualified	887	100.0%

08 Alabama General Election

If the general election were today, for whom would you vote for:

President

23. Between: (READ RESPONSES)	Frequency	Percent
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1 Hillary Clinton, Democrat	321	36.2%
2 John McCain, Republican	490	55.2%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other (DO NOT READ)	76	8.5%
Total Qualified	887	100.0%

24. Between: (READ RESPONSES)	Frequency	Percent
	-----	-----
1 Barack Obama, Democrat	321	36.2%
2 John McCain, Republican	491	55.3%
3 Don't Know / No Reply / Other (DO NOT READ)	75	8.5%
Total Qualified	887	100.0%

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Demographics

Region		Party I. D.	
North	47%	Democrat	35%
Middle	29%	Republican	34%
South	24%	Independent	28%
		Other	3%
Church Attendance		Income	
None	10%	< \$25,000	18%
< Once month	6%	\$25-\$50,000	23%
Once month	8%	\$50-\$75,000	20%
Once week	37%	\$75-\$100,000	13%
> Once week	36%	> Over \$100,000	16%
Other	3%	Other	11%
Gender		Race	
Male	45%	Black A-A	24%
Female	55%	White	74%
		Other	2%
Age		Residence	
18-21	<1%	Rural county	19%
22-34	5%	Rural community	17%
35-45	12%	Small city	24%
46-55	21%	Medium city	20%
56-65	27%	Large city	19%
Over 65	34%	Other	2%

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