

Capital Survey Research Center

2007 Alabama Political Party Survey

867 Registered Voters

March 28-29, April 2, 23-26, May 1, 2007

SME +/-3.3% Total Sample

SME +/-5.6% Party Samples

Party Primary Choice and Identification (N = 867 / SME +/-3.3%)

If the primary elections for president were today, in which party primary would you most likely vote?

Democratic Party Primary	369	43%
Republican Party Primary	386	45%
Probably will not vote	17	2%
Don't Know / No Reply	95	10%

Regardless of how you vote most of the time, do you think of yourself as a:

Democrat	302	35%
Republican	305	35%
Independent	208	24%
Other	51	6%

History of Democratic Party Membership (N = 302 / SME +/-5.6%)

Have you always been a Democrat or did you change from another party to become a Democrat?

Always a Democrat	267	88%
Changed to a Democrat	27	9%
Don't Know / No Reply	9	3%

When did you change to a Democrat? (N = 27 / SME NA)

More than ten years ago	16	59%
Less than ten years ago	5	19%
This past election	6	22%

History of Republican Party Membership (N = 305 / SME = +/-5.6%)

Have you always been a Republican or did you change from another party to a Republican?

Always a Republican	178	58%
Changed to a Republican	100	33%
Don't Know / No Reply	27	9%

When did you change to a Republican? (SME +/- 9.8%)

More than ten years ago	79	80%
Less than ten years ago	16	17%
This past election	2	2%
Don't Know / No Reply	2	1%

History Of Independent Membership (N=208 / SME +/-6.9%)

Have you always been an Independent or did you change from another party to an Independent?

Always an Independent	132	64%
Changed to an Independent	58	28%
Don't Know / No Reply	18	8%

Did you change to an Independent from a Democrat or a Republican?
(N = 58 / SME NA)

From a Democrat	32	56%
From a Republican	21	37%
Don't Know / No Reply	5	7%

When did you change to an Independent? (N = 58 / SME NA)

More than ten years ago	31	54%
Less than ten years ago	18	30%
This past election	5	9%
Don't Know / No Reply	4	6%

Political Party Choice (N=867 / SME +/-3.3%)

What most influences your choice of party?

Stand on national issues	279	32%
Have always been in same party	128	15%
How you feel about the president Congress and the national party	92	11%
Stand on state issues	43	5%
National candidates	46	5%
How you feel about the governor, the Legislature and the state party	24	3%
State Candidates	21	3%
Don't Know / No Reply	234	27%

When you vote, what influences your vote the most?

Issues	558	64%
Candidate	57	24%
Political Party	57	7%
Don't Know / No Reply	41	5%

Political Party Evaluation (N=867 / SME +/- 3.3%)

Overall, how do you feel about the national and state political parties: Very Favorable (VF), Somewhat Favorable (SF), Neutral (N), Somewhat Unfavorable (SU), Very Unfavorable (VU) or Don't Know (DK)?

	VF	SF	N	SU	VU	DK
Alabama Republican Party	14%	31%	24%	12%	13%	7%
National Democratic Party	14%	22%	21%	15%	24%	6%
Alabama Democratic Party	11%	21%	32%	15%	13%	8%
National Republican Party	10%	29%	23%	16%	18%	5%

Alabama now has both Republicans and Democrats in state offices. After the next state elections, do you expect Alabama will have:

More Republicans in	116	13%
More Democrats in	179	21%
Both parties pretty much	458	53%
Don't Know / No Reply	114	13%

Would you seriously consider voting for a candidate of a party other than Democratic or Republican or an independent or do you prefer voting for a candidate who is a Democrat or a Republican?

Yes	379	44%
No	383	44%
Don't Know/ No Reply	105	12%

Demographics

Region	Sample	Actual
North	46%	47%
Middle	30%	29%
South	25%	24%

Church Attendance

Do not attend	15%
< Once a month	7%
Once a month	11%
Once a week	36%
> Once a week	28%
Other	3%

Household

Professional	34%
Working Class	37%
Farm	4%
Struggling	14%
Other	11%

Gender	Sample	Actual	Race	Sample	Actual
Male	43%	45%	Black A-A	20%	24%
Female	57%	55%	White	76%	74%
			Hispanic	1%	1%
			Other	3%	2%

Age

18-21	1%
22-34	8%
35-45	17%
46-55	17%
56-65	21%
Over 65	36%

Residence

Rural county	20%
Rural community	18%
Small city	24%
Medium city	18%
Large city	18%
Other	2%

Income

< \$25,000	25%
\$25-\$50,000	24%
\$50-\$75,000	16%
\$75-\$100,000	12%
Over \$100,000	11%
Other	12%

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