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Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina (National issues and Iraq war)  
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## Column headings:

IADEM – Iowa registered Democrats, Democratic caucus goers, and those who usually vote Democratic  
IAREP – Iowa registered Republicans, Republican caucus goers, and those who usually vote Republican  
IAREG – Iowa registered voters and caucus goers  
NHDEM – New Hampshire registered Democrats, and Independents who plan to vote in the Democratic Primary  
NHREP – New Hampshire registered Republicans and Independents who plan to vote in the Republican Primary  
NHREG – New Hampshire registered voters  
SCDEM – Registered South Carolina voters who plan to vote in the Democratic primary or usually vote for Democrats  
SCREP – Registered South Carolina voters who plan to vote in the Republican primary or usually vote for Republicans  
SCREG – South Carolina registered voters

## NOTE:

- (vol.) indicates a voluntarily response
- ‘-’ indicates of less than 0.5

Q16. Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

|                 | <u>IADEM</u> | <u>IAREP</u> | <u>IAREG</u> | <u>NHDEM</u> | <u>NHREP</u> | <u>NHREG</u> | <u>SCDEM</u> | <u>SCREP</u> | <u>SCREG</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Right direction | 11           | 57           | 28           | 11           | 47           | 23           | 6            | 47           | 29           |
| Wrong track     | 84           | 36           | 65           | 84           | 39           | 67           | 89           | 43           | 62           |
| Don't know      | 5            | 7            | 7            | 5            | 14           | 10           | 5            | 10           | 9            |

Q17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE)  
Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

|                     | <u>IADEM</u> | <u>IAREP</u> | <u>IAREG</u> | <u>NHDEM</u> | <u>NHREP</u> | <u>NHREG</u> | <u>SCDEM</u> | <u>SCREP</u> | <u>SCREG</u> |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Approve (net)       | <u>6</u>     | <u>77</u>    | <u>36</u>    | <u>9</u>     | <u>65</u>    | <u>30</u>    | <u>6</u>     | <u>69</u>    | <u>43</u>    |
| Approve strongly    | -            | <u>39</u>    | <u>15</u>    | <u>4</u>     | <u>30</u>    | <u>13</u>    | <u>1</u>     | <u>31</u>    | <u>18</u>    |
| Approve somewhat    | <u>6</u>     | <u>38</u>    | <u>21</u>    | <u>5</u>     | <u>35</u>    | <u>17</u>    | <u>5</u>     | <u>37</u>    | <u>25</u>    |
| Disapprove (net)    | <u>92</u>    | <u>21</u>    | <u>61</u>    | <u>89</u>    | <u>32</u>    | <u>67</u>    | <u>90</u>    | <u>29</u>    | <u>54</u>    |
| Disapprove somewhat | <u>12</u>    | <u>14</u>    | <u>15</u>    | <u>13</u>    | <u>18</u>    | <u>15</u>    | <u>12</u>    | <u>14</u>    | <u>13</u>    |
| Disapprove strongly | <u>80</u>    | <u>7</u>     | <u>46</u>    | <u>76</u>    | <u>14</u>    | <u>52</u>    | <u>78</u>    | <u>15</u>    | <u>41</u>    |
| Don't know          | <u>2</u>     | <u>2</u>     | <u>3</u>     | <u>2</u>     | <u>3</u>     | <u>3</u>     | <u>4</u>     | <u>2</u>     | <u>3</u>     |

Q18. Generally speaking, do you think the nation's economy these days is doing very well, or fairly well, or fairly badly, or very badly?

|              | <u>IADEM</u> | <u>IAREP</u> | <u>IAREG</u> | <u>NHDEM</u> | <u>NHREP</u> | <u>NHREG</u> | <u>SCDEM</u> | <u>SCREP</u> | <u>SCREG</u> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Well (net)   | <u>37</u>    | <u>83</u>    | <u>57</u>    | <u>32</u>    | <u>80</u>    | <u>49</u>    | <u>35</u>    | <u>77</u>    | <u>60</u>    |
| Very well    | <u>2</u>     | <u>17</u>    | <u>7</u>     | <u>3</u>     | <u>21</u>    | <u>9</u>     | <u>1</u>     | <u>19</u>    | <u>12</u>    |
| Fairly well  | <u>35</u>    | <u>67</u>    | <u>50</u>    | <u>29</u>    | <u>59</u>    | <u>40</u>    | <u>34</u>    | <u>58</u>    | <u>48</u>    |
| Badly (net)  | <u>61</u>    | <u>16</u>    | <u>42</u>    | <u>65</u>    | <u>19</u>    | <u>48</u>    | <u>64</u>    | <u>22</u>    | <u>39</u>    |
| Fairly badly | <u>39</u>    | <u>12</u>    | <u>27</u>    | <u>38</u>    | <u>12</u>    | <u>29</u>    | <u>31</u>    | <u>13</u>    | <u>20</u>    |
| Very badly   | <u>22</u>    | <u>4</u>     | <u>15</u>    | <u>27</u>    | <u>7</u>     | <u>19</u>    | <u>34</u>    | <u>9</u>     | <u>19</u>    |
| Don't know   | <u>2</u>     | <u>1</u>     | <u>1</u>     | <u>3</u>     | <u>1</u>     | <u>3</u>     | <u>1</u>     | <u>1</u>     | <u>1</u>     |

Q19. Which do you think is more effective in stimulating the nation's economy: An economic agenda focused on returning money to taxpayers through tax cuts, or an economic agenda focused on spending on such issues as health care and education?

|                           | <u>IADEM</u> | <u>IAREP</u> | <u>IAREG</u> | <u>NHDEM</u> | <u>NHREP</u> | <u>NHREG</u> | <u>SCDEM</u> | <u>SCREP</u> | <u>SCREG</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Tax cuts                  | <u>13</u>    | <u>63</u>    | <u>33</u>    | <u>9</u>     | <u>57</u>    | <u>28</u>    | <u>14</u>    | <u>56</u>    | <u>37</u>    |
| Health care and education | <u>75</u>    | <u>28</u>    | <u>55</u>    | <u>78</u>    | <u>25</u>    | <u>56</u>    | <u>78</u>    | <u>35</u>    | <u>54</u>    |
| Neither (Vol.)            | <u>3</u>     | <u>1</u>     | <u>2</u>     | <u>3</u>     | <u>3</u>     | <u>3</u>     | <u>2</u>     | <u>2</u>     | <u>2</u>     |
| Both (Vol.)               | <u>2</u>     | <u>1</u>     | <u>3</u>     | <u>5</u>     | <u>7</u>     | <u>7</u>     | <u>3</u>     | <u>4</u>     | <u>4</u>     |
| Don't know                | <u>7</u>     | <u>7</u>     | <u>7</u>     | <u>5</u>     | <u>8</u>     | <u>6</u>     | <u>3</u>     | <u>3</u>     | <u>3</u>     |

(ORDER OF STATEMENTS/PARTIES ARE ROTATED FOR THE NEXT 5 QUESTIONS)

Q37. What issue or problem would you consider the top priority for candidates running for president to address this election: Would it be the war in Iraq, or protecting the country from terrorist attacks, or the economy, or education, or the environment, or healthcare issues, or illegal immigration, or other social issues, such as abortion and gay rights? (UP TO TWO REPLIES ACCEPTED)

|  | <u>IADDEM</u> | <u>IAREP</u> | <u>IAREG</u> | <u>NHDEM</u> | <u>NHREP</u> | <u>NHREG</u> | <u>SCDEM</u> | <u>SCREP</u> | <u>SCREG</u> |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| War in Iraq  | 49            | 29           | 41           | 41           | 29           | 37           | 33           | 28           | 30           |
| Protecting country from terrorist attacks            | 9             | 28           | 17           | 11           | 33           | 18           | 23           | 37           | 30           |
| Economy  | 16            | 15           | 16           | 16           | 13           | 14           | 19           | 16           | 17           |
| Education  | 10            | 7            | 9            | 10           | 6            | 8            | 17           | 7            | 11           |
| Environment  | 7             | 1            | 4            | 9            | 3            | 7            | 2            | 1            | 2            |
| Healthcare issues                                    | 31            | 11           | 23           | 34           | 13           | 26           | 25           | 16           | 21           |
| Illegal immigration                                  | 9             | 30           | 19           | 5            | 25           | 14           | 7            | 23           | 16           |
| Other social issues, such as abortion and gay rights | 3             | 11           | 6            | 4            | 8            | 5            | 5            | 7            | 5            |
| None of these/<br>all of these (Vol.)                | 7             | 7            | 7            | 9            | 10           | 10           | 7            | 4            | 6            |
| Other (Vol.)   | 4             | 1            | 2            | 2            | 1            | 2            | 2            | 3            | 3            |
| Don't know   | 2             | 3            | 2            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 2            | 2            | 1            |

Q38. If the November 2008 general election for president were being held today, which party would you like to see win: the Democratic Party or the Republican Party? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

|                    | <u>IADDEM</u> | <u>IAREP</u> | <u>IAREG</u> | <u>NHDEM</u> | <u>NHREP</u> | <u>NHREG</u> | <u>SCDEM</u> | <u>SCREP</u> | <u>SCREG</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Democratic         | 95            | 7            | 53           | 91           | 9            | 56           | 95           | 7            | 42           |
| Republican         | 3             | 90           | 37           | 5            | 87           | 35           | 4            | 88           | 52           |
| Other party (Vol.) | -             | -            | -            | -            | 1            | 1            | -            | 1            | -            |
| Neither (Vol.)     | -             | 1            | 2            | 1            | 1            | 3            | -            | 1            | 2            |
| Don't know         | 2             | 2            | 8            | 3            | 2            | 5            | 1            | 3            | 4            |

Q40. Do you prefer a presidential nominee who believes that trade agreements like the North American trade agreement with Mexico and Canada will benefit the U.S. economy, or do you prefer a presidential nominee who believes that trade agreements like the North American trade agreement with Mexico and Canada will hurt the U.S. economy?

|  | <u>IADDEM</u> | <u>IAREP</u> | <u>IAREG</u> | <u>NHDEM</u> | <u>NHREP</u> | <u>NHREG</u> | <u>SCDEM</u> | <u>SCREP</u> | <u>SCREG</u> |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Prefer nominee who believes trade agreements benefit economy | 33            | 39           | 35           | 43           | 45           | 43           | 34           | 40           | 37           |
| Prefer nominee who believes trade agreements hurt economy    | 42            | 39           | 42           | 30           | 29           | 28           | 39           | 37           | 38           |
| No difference in nominee Preference (Vol.)                   | 5             | 4            | 5            | 7            | 8            | 8            | 6            | 5            | 5            |
| Don't know   | 20            | 18           | 18           | 20           | 18           | 21           | 21           | 18           | 20           |

Q41. Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view: "The U.S. should withdraw troops from Iraq as soon as possible," or "The U.S. should withdraw most troops by middle of next year and have only enough troops to protect American personnel and train Iraqi forces," or "The U.S. should withdraw troops gradually, but keep a significant number of combat troops for at least another year," or "The U.S. should keep troops in Iraq for as long as it takes to win the war"?

|  | <u>IADEM</u> | <u>IAREP</u> | <u>IAREG</u> | <u>NHDEM</u> | <u>NHREP</u> | <u>NHREG</u> | <u>SCDEM</u> | <u>SCREP</u> | <u>SCREG</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Withdraw ASAP  | <b>30</b>    | <b>3</b>     | <b>19</b>    | <b>27</b>    | <b>9</b>     | <b>21</b>    | <b>38</b>    | <b>12</b>    | <b>22</b>    |
| Withdraw next year, leave enough to protect U.S. troops and train Iraqi forces | <b>34</b>    | <b>14</b>    | <b>25</b>    | <b>35</b>    | <b>16</b>    | <b>28</b>    | <b>27</b>    | <b>19</b>    | <b>23</b>    |
| Withdraw gradually, keep significant number of combat troops for another year  | <b>29</b>    | <b>33</b>    | <b>32</b>    | <b>30</b>    | <b>31</b>    | <b>30</b>    | <b>26</b>    | <b>22</b>    | <b>24</b>    |
| Keep troops in Iraq as long as it takes to win the war                         | <b>5</b>     | <b>48</b>    | <b>22</b>    | <b>6</b>     | <b>41</b>    | <b>18</b>    | <b>7</b>     | <b>45</b>    | <b>29</b>    |
| Don't know   | <b>2</b>     | <b>2</b>     | <b>2</b>     | <b>2</b>     | <b>3</b>     | <b>3</b>     | <b>2</b>     | <b>2</b>     | <b>2</b>     |

## METHODOLOGY

The Times Poll contacted 3,713 adults in three state samples - Iowa, New Hampshire, and South Carolina. Included in Iowa were 1079 registered voters (margin of sampling error +/-3), 462 Democratic caucus voters (+/-5) and 350 Republican caucus voters (+/-5). New Hampshire: 1,312 registered (+/-3), 618 Democratic primary voters (+/-4), and 412 Republican primary voters (+/-5). South Carolina: 820 registered (+/-3), 313 Democratic primary voters (+/-5) and 430 Republican primary voters (+/-5). All interviews were conducted by telephone September 6-10, 2007. Telephone numbers were chosen randomly from a list of all exchanges in the nation, allowing listed and unlisted numbers to be contacted. Multiple attempts were made to contact each number. Adults in each state were weighted slightly to conform with their respective census proportions by sex, ethnicity, age, and education. For certain other subgroups, margins of sampling error may be somewhat higher. Poll results may also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented. Telephone interviews in New Hampshire were supervised by Interviewing Services of America, Van Nuys.