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## McCain has Double-Digit Leads Over Obama and Clinton in Texas

A survey of N=1,005 registered voters in Texas conducted by Baselice & Associates, Inc. indicates that John McCain has significant leads over the two remaining Democratic presidential candidates. McCain's leads are even more noteworthy considering Texas is eight percentage points more Republican than Democrat in terms of its base partisan vote behavior.

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If the election for United States President were held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote?  
**(Randomize choices)**

52%	John McCain, Republican
36%	Barack Obama, Democrat
3%	Other names <b>(vol)</b>
9%	Undecided / refused <b>(vol)</b>

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If the election for United States President were held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote?  
**(Randomize choices)**

51%	John McCain, Republican
36%	Hillary Clinton, Democrat
5%	Other names <b>(vol)</b>
9%	Undecided / refused <b>(vol)</b>

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In this survey, 48% of respondents indicate they usually vote for Republican candidates versus 40% who usually vote Democrat. These responses include six percent who lean in favor of Republican candidates and four percent who lean in favor of Democrat candidates.

These responses are similar to a statewide survey of N=801 registered voters in Texas conducted by Baselice & Associates, Inc. four weeks ago. In that survey, McCain held a 52% to 35% lead over both Democratic opponents.

Respondents to the current survey were interviewed May 20-25, 2008 among randomly generated and selected telephone numbers, including 17% who indicated they had an unlisted telephone number. The margin of error to the responses of N=1,005 voters is +/- 3.1% at the .95 confidence interval.

Regional, partisan, and racial/ethnic breakouts are shown below.

	McCain VS. OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT				McCain - Obama	TOTAL
	McCain	Obama	Other names	Undecided/refused		
TOTAL	52%	36%	3%	9%	16%	1005
TEXAS MEDIA MARKETS						
Dallas-Ft. Worth	46%	40%	3%	10%	6%	292
Houston	49%	39%	4%	8%	10%	240
Austin/Waco/Bryan	49%	41%	1%	9%	8%	119
San Ant/South/El Paso	52%	35%	4%	9%	17%	195
West Texas markets	72%	17%	1%	9%	55%	88
East Texas markets	64%	32%		4%	32%	71
USUAL VOTE BEHAVIOR						
Republicans	86%	7%	2%	5%	78%	426
Indeps. (incl. leaners)	46%	33%	4%	17%	13%	219
Democrats	15%	72%	4%	9%	-57%	359
IDEOLOGY / VOTE BEHAVIOR						
Consrv Republicans	89%	5%	3%	3%	84%	323
Mod/Lib Republicans	76%	14%	1%	8%	62%	103
Consrv Independents	57%	22%	5%	16%	35%	103
Mod/Lib Independents	36%	43%	3%	18%	-7%	116
Consrv Democrats	22%	63%	3%	13%	-41%	99
Mod/Lib Democrats	12%	76%	4%	7%	-64%	260
RACE / ETHNICITY						
Anglo	64%	25%	3%	9%	39%	681
African-American	7%	86%	2%	5%	-79%	131
Hispanic	36%	48%	5%	11%	-13%	159
Other	60%	19%	6%	14%	41%	34

	McCain VS. CLINTON PRES BALLOT				McCain - Clinton	TOTAL
	McCain	Clinton	Other names	Undecided/refused		
TOTAL	51%	36%	5%	9%	15%	1005
TEXAS MEDIA MARKETS						
Dallas-Ft. Worth	48%	36%	4%	12%	12%	292
Houston	47%	36%	6%	11%	12%	240
Austin/Waco/Bryan	49%	38%	8%	6%	11%	119
San Ant/South/El Paso	47%	44%	4%	5%	3%	195
West Texas markets	70%	20%	4%	6%	51%	88
East Texas markets	60%	29%	4%	7%	32%	71
USUAL VOTE BEHAVIOR						
Republicans	87%	5%	2%	6%	81%	426
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Democrats	9%	76%	6%	8%	-67%	359
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