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Results from Iowa Statewide Surveys of Likely 2008 Democratic Caucus-Goers and County Chairs – October 2006

Most people don't have the time to attend the presidential caucuses in January of presidential election years. Thinking ahead to 2008, please tell me the chances you will attend a Democratic presidential caucus on a Monday evening in January. Will you definitely attend, probably attend, the chances are 50-50 that you will attend, or will you probably not attend the caucuses?

	Dem Caucus Goers [n=602]	
Definitely attend.....	48%	
Probably attend	52%	
50-50	%	⇒
<i>Terminated</i>		
Probably not attend	%	⇒
<i>Terminated</i>		
DK/NS.....	%	⇒
<i>Terminated</i>		

I know it's a long way off, but I'd like you to think ahead to the Democratic primary for president. I'm going to read you the names of 12 POSSIBLE Democratic candidates for president. Please tell me for whom would you vote in the caucuses if the candidates were [randomized order] Al Gore, Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, John Kerry, Barack Obama, Mark Warner, Evan Bayh, Tom Vilsack, Bill Richardson, Russ Feingold, Wesley Clark, Joe Biden, and Chris Dodd? [If 'DK/NS,' asked] Well, which way do you lean?

<u>Ranked by % Vote</u>	<u>Dem Caucus Goers</u> [n=602]	<u>Dem County Chairs</u> [n=100]
John Edwards.....	36%	40%
Hillary Clinton	16%	8%
Barack Obama	13%	11%
Tom Vilsack.....	9%	15%
John Kerry	6%	6%
Joe Biden.....	5%	2%
Wesley Clark	3%	2%
Bill Richardson	2%	1%
Evan Bayh	*%	3%
Chris Dodd.....	-	-
Other.....	1%	1%
Undecided on vote	8%	11%

Would you say that your mind is made up to support that candidate, or could you still be persuaded to support a different candidate? [Asked after vote]

	Dem Caucus Goers [n=602]	Dem County Chairs [n=100]
Mind made up.....	16%	19%
Still be persuaded.....	75%	69%
DK/NS.....	1%	1%
Undecided on candidate preference (from prior question)	8%	11%

I'm going to read you a list of seven problems that the next generation MAY face twenty years from now. I'd like you to tell me which you think will be the biggest problem for the next generation? [Read list, Randomized] [Asked of a random 1/2 of caucus-goer sample, asked of everyone in county chair sample]

	Dem Caucus Goers [n=300]	Dem County Chairs [n=100]
The cost of health care.....	22%	11%
High government deficits.....	21%	28%
The effects of global warming.....	19%	24%
Competition for jobs from developing nations.....	11%	19%
Energy shortages.....	7%	9%
New diseases and health problems.....	7%	5%
Terrorism.....	7%	3%
DK/NS.....	5%	1%

How serious do you think the problem of global warming is – extremely serious, very serious, fairly serious, just somewhat serious, or not serious at all?

	Dem Caucus Goers [n=602]	Dem County Chairs [n=100]
Extremely + Very serious.....	72%	77%
Extremely serious.....	32%	37%
Very serious.....	39%	40%
Fairly serious.....	15%	14%
Just somewhat serious.....	9%	8%
Not serious at all.....	2%	—
DK/NS.....	2%	1%

Would you be MORE likely or LESS likely to support a Presidential candidate who made cutting carbon pollution and global warming a big issue in their campaign? [If more/less, asked] Would you be much (more/less) likely or only somewhat (more/less) to support the candidate?

	Dem Caucus Goers [n=602]	Dem County Chairs [n=100]
More likely.....	69%	80%
Less likely.....	14%	9%
Much more likely.....	27%	32%
Somewhat more likely.....	42%	48%
Somewhat less likely.....	8%	8%

Much less likely	6%	1%
No difference [<i>Do not read</i>].....	11%	7%
DK/NS.....	6%	4%

Now I am going to read you the names of possible presidential candidates. After I read each name, please tell me how would you rate their performance on addressing the issue of global warming – excellent, good, only fair, or poor? If you don't know a name – or have no idea about their performance on global warming – please just say so. *[Randomized names] [If respondent said they didn't know, asked]* Do you not know (*Re-read candidate's name*), or do you not know his/her position on global warming?

<u>Ranked by Performance</u>	<u>ExInt+</u> <u>Good</u>	<u>ExclInt</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>DK Candidate</u>	<u>DK GW Perf</u>
John Edwards <i>[Form X]</i> Dem Caucus Goers <i>[n=302]</i>	42	9%	33%	12%	1%	8%	38%
Dem County Chairs <i>[n=100]</i>	69	23%	46%	9%	1%	—	21%
John Kerry <i>[Form X]</i> Dem Caucus Goers <i>[n=302]</i>	40	7%	33%	14%	3%	8%	35%
Dem County Chairs <i>[n=100]</i>	67	23%	44%	16%	—	—	17%
Hillary Clinton <i>[Form Y]</i> Dem Caucus Goers <i>[n=300]</i>	36	9%	28%	12%	2%	9%	40%
Dem County Chairs <i>[n=100]</i>	42	10%	32%	16%	—	—	42%
Tom Vilsack <i>[Form X]</i> Dem Caucus Goers <i>[n=302]</i>	29	5%	23%	16%	5%	10%	40%
Dem County Chairs <i>[n=100]</i>	53	16%	37%	13%	2%	1%	31%
Barack Obama <i>[Form X]</i> Dem Caucus Goers <i>[n=302]</i>	20	6%	14%	4%	1%	18%	57%
Dem County Chairs <i>[n=100]</i>	40	8%	32%	6%	1%	6%	47%
Joe Biden <i>[Form Y]</i> Dem Caucus Goers <i>[n=300]</i>	18	4%	14%	12%	2%	16%	53%
Dem County Chairs <i>[n=100]</i>	32	8%	24%	18%	—	—	50%
Evan Bayh <i>[Form Y]</i> Dem Caucus Goers <i>[n=300]</i>	11	2%	9%	6%	2%	25%	57%
Dem County Chairs <i>[n=100]</i>	24	7%	17%	10%	1%	5%	60%
Wesley Clark <i>[Form Y]</i> Dem Caucus Goers <i>[n=300]</i>	10	3%	6%	9%	4%	21%	57%
Dem County Chairs <i>[n=100]</i>	11	2%	9%	13%	2%	2%	72%
Bill Richardson <i>[Form X]</i> Dem Caucus Goers <i>[n=302]</i>	10	2%	8%	5%	*%	28%	57%
Dem County Chairs							

[n=100].....	25	7%	18%	9%	—	9%	57%
Chris Dodd [Form Y] Dem Caucus Goers							
[n=300].....	6	2%	4%	6%	2%	29%	57%
Dem County Chairs							
[n=100].....	12	2%	10%	9%	—	12%	67%

As you probably already know, when fossil fuels such as oil, gas, and coal are burned, there are carbon emissions. Most scientists say that global warming is due to carbon emissions. I would like to describe a proposal to reduce carbon emissions in the United States. The US Government would require reductions of carbon emissions by placing a mandatory limit on those emissions from large industrial sources such as power plants, refineries, and large manufacturers. It would also create a market for those carbon reductions by allowing anyone who can reduce emissions - big factories or small businesses and farmers -- to sell "emissions credits" into that market. A company could combine its own emission reductions, plus those it bought from others, to meet its overall obligation. That way everyone would have an incentive to find ways to cut carbon emissions. Based on this information, do you favor or oppose this proposal? [If respondent says favor or opposes ask:] Do you strongly [favor/oppose] or do you somewhat [favor/oppose] this proposal?

	Dem Caucus Goers [n=602]	Dem County Chairs [n=100]
Favor	72%	67%
Oppose	15%	25%
Strongly favor	34%	33%
Somewhat favor	37%	34%
Somewhat oppose.....	8%	13%
Strongly oppose	7%	12%
DK/NS.....	13%	8%

METHODOLOGY

The October 2006 Iowa Statewide Survey of likely 2008 Democratic caucus-goers and Democratic party chairpersons was conducted by HARSTAD STRATEGIC RESEARCH, INC, the national public opinion research firm in Boulder, Colorado.

The results of the caucus-goer survey are based on a total of 602 interviews conducted from October 12-19, 2006, among likely Iowa Democratic caucus voters. The random sample of 602 caucus-goers has a worst-case 95% confidence interval of plus or minus 4.0% about any one reported percentage. For some questions, the sample was randomly assigned into two halves, and certain questions were asked of one half, while other questions were asked of the other half. These results have a worst-case 95% confidence interval of plus or minus 5.7%.

The survey of 100 Democratic party county chairpersons and vice-chairpersons was conducted October 12-22, 2006. The sample of 100 Democratic party county chairpersons and vice-chairpersons has a confidence interval of plus or minus 6.7% about any one reported percentage.