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## DEMS: OBAMA CLOSSES TO WITHIN FOUR POINTS OF CLINTON GOP: GIULIANI DROPS BACK AFTER MARCH SURGE

Phoenix, Arizona, June 07, 2007. Barack Obama has risen steadily in his popularity among Arizona Democrats and is now within four points of Hillary Clinton, who has lead in Arizona for more than six months. Simultaneously, Clinton's popularity is slipping. She began the year with 32 percent of the presidential vote, a figure that declined to 27 percent in March and now rests at 26 percent. At the same time, Obama started the year at 18 percent, rose to 20 percent in March and now has 22 percent.

More significant, however, is the finding that among Democrats most likely to vote in a primary election, Obama is within a single point of Clinton: Clinton 23 percent and Obama 22 percent.

Part of Clinton's strength traces to her voter appeal among women (30%). Yet one of her weaknesses is that male Democratic voters are more interested in other candidates and give her only 21 percent of their vote. In contrast, Obama is quite strong in his ability to attract support from male voters (27%) but as of this survey, has failed to catch fire with women Democratic voters (18%).

The unannounced Al Gore continues to be the favorite of roughly 13 percent of Democrats while John Edwards and Bill Richardson each attract seven percent of the Democratic vote. Joe Biden and John Kerry have little traction and about a fifth of Democrats remain uncommitted as of the time of this survey. Clearly, if Al Gore steps out of the race, but throws his support to either Clinton or Obama, the impact could be imperative.

On the Republican side, in Arizona, both Rudi Giuliani and Mitt Romney have lost ground to John McCain. McCain now leads the field with 35 percent of the vote while Giuliani is at 20 percent (compared to 25 percent in March) and Mitt Romney declined to seven percent (compared to eleven percent in March). Fred Thompson, who was tested for the first time, is running even with Mitt Romney at seven percent and draws nearly all of his support from male or rural based Republicans.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This Rocky Mountain Poll Arizona (2007-III-01) is based on 628 telephone interviews with voters across Arizona, conducted from May 24<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007. In the overall sample, one may say with 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus 3.9 percent of what they would have been had the entire adult population been surveyed. The Republican sample includes 338 voters and the Democrat sample 290 voters. The margin of error for each of these sub-samples is plus or minus 5.8 percent. The Rocky Mountain Poll is conducted by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona and is an independent and non-partisan research program.

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**STATISTICAL DATA**

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<b>2007</b>	Jan.	March	May (24-29)
Hillary Rodham	32%	27%	26%
Barack Obama	18	20	22
Al Gore	15	10	13
John Edwards	15	9	7
Bill Richardson	NA	7	7
Joe Biden	3	3	*
John Kerry	5	*	3
Undecided	12	23	21
	100%	100%	100%

\* Indicates less than one percent

*“Next, I will read a list of people who may be running in the Republican primary for president of the United States in the 2008 election. After I read all the names, please tell me which you favor today.” (NAMES ROTATED)*

<b>2007</b>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>May (24-29)</u>
John McCain	40%	34%	35%
Rudi Giuliani	13	25	20
Mitt Romney	11	11	7
Condoleezza Rice	15	9	NA
Newt Gingrich	9	5	6
George Pataki	NA	1	4
Chuck Hagel	NA	2	1
Fred Thompson	NA	NA	7
Undecided	12	13	20
	100%	100%	100%