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## Reuters/C-SPAN/Zogby Poll: Clinton Leads Dems; GOP Deadlocked

*Race is close on both sides of the aisle, as Obama challenges Clinton and Romney challenges Huckabee*

UTICA, New York – Democrat Hillary Clinton leads narrowly among likely caucus-goers in Iowa, while the race on the Republican side of the aisle is too close to call, the first in a series of Reuters/C-SPAN/Zogby telephone polls shows.

Clinton clings to a narrow lead in Iowa, the daily tracking telephone polls show, while Mike Huckabee of Arkansas holds a one-point lead over fellow Republican Mitt Romney.

The daily tracking polls, which span December 26, through December 29, include 934 likely caucus-goers on the Democratic side and 867 likely Republican caucus-goers. The margin of error is 3.3 percentage points on the Democratic side, and 3.4 percentage points on the Republican side.

Democrats – Iowa Tracking	12-26/29
Clinton	31%
Obama	27%
Edwards	24%
Richardson	5%
Biden	5%
Dodd	1%
Kucinich	<1%
Undecided	6%

The Reuters/C-SPAN/Zogby daily tracking poll will keep track of the races in Iowa every day through the Jan. 3 caucuses. To receive updates on the daily polling, visit [www.zogby.com](http://www.zogby.com).

Republicans – Iowa Tracking	12-26/29
Huckabee	29%
Romney	28%
McCain	11%
Thompson	8%
Giuliani	8%
Paul	8%
Hunter	1%
Undecided	6%

**Pollster John Zogby:** *"It is too soon for clarity in either party. On the Democratic side, Clinton leads in the Central part of the state and is tied with Obama in the West and East. She also picks up the largest share of Kerry supporters from 2004, Democrats, and does particularly well among voters over 50, liberals, and both the lowest and highest income groups. Her supporters are strongest -- 76% say they are 'very strong', compared to two in three of Edwards' supporters and 57% of Obama's. She also leads among those who are 'definite' they will vote (as opposed to 'very likely')."*



*"Obama holds huge leads among voters under 35, especially the youngest voters. He also does best among those who describes themselves as 'very liberal' and those earning lower middle income (\$35,000-\$50,000). He is tied with Clinton among residents of Iowa's biggest cities -- and tied with Edwards among union voters. Significantly, Obama and Edwards are tied among Independents.*

*"Edwards does best among men, those earning \$75,000-\$100,000, and 30-49 year olds. But Edwards is the leader among second choice voters with 30% to Obama's 25%, and Clinton's 12%.*

*"Importantly, if you eliminate the potentially 'unviable' candidates and redistribute their supporters' second choices, the result is: Clinton 35.8%, Obama 33.4%, Edwards 30.8%."*

*"On the Republican side, it even less clear. Huckabee and Romney are in a tie -- rounded to 29% for Huckabee and 28% for Romney. Huckabee leads in the West and Central parts of the state, and among 30-64 year olds, the self-identified 'very conservative', Republicans, those earning \$50,000-\$100,000, and Born Again Christians.*

*"Romney leads in the East, among Independents, both the youngest and oldest voters, moderates, and the lowest and highest income groups.*

*"John McCain is in third place by virtue of doing well (though not leading) among voters over 55 (especially over 65), and moderates.*

*"Thompson, Paul, and Giuliani are in the hunt for third place."*

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**Resuters, C-SPAN, and Zogby have teamed up to provide the very best in daily tracking polling through the primary election season, and to survey likely voters through the General Election 2008. Pay attention to [www.zogby.com](http://www.zogby.com) for the latest developments on the road to the White House.**

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