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Reuters/C-SPAN/Zogby Daily Tracking Poll: Clinton, Huckabee Hold Ground Versus Opponents

Top three Dems remain in tight contest; Romney and McCain drop slightly on GOP side

UTICA, New York – The race for the Democratic presidential nomination tightened slightly over the last 24 hours, but Senator Hillary Clinton retained her edge over rivals Barack Obama and John Edwards, a new Reuters/C-SPAN/Zogby daily telephone tracking poll in Iowa shows.

Clinton held steady at 30%, but maintained a four-point edge over Obama and a five-point edge over Edwards, who both held steady over the last day, according to the latest Zogby survey, which was conducted using live telephone operators in the Zogby call center in Upstate New York. Obama continued to perform very well among younger likely Democratic caucus-goers, while Clinton enjoys strong support from older voters. Among men, Edwards leads, while Clinton leads among women.

On the Republican side, Mitt Romney, the former governor of Massachusetts, continued to slip behind Mike Huckabee, the former governor of Arkansas. Huckabee retained 29% support among likely Republican caucus-goers, while Romney slipped from 27% to 25% support. After a good day Sunday, Arizona Sen. John McCain lost ground Monday but still holds on to third place. Among Democrats, 7% were yet undecided just three days ahead of the caucuses. Among Republicans, 6% were yet unsure.

Huckabee's support spans all age groups, but he is particularly strong among voters under age 30.

The telephone tracking survey of Democrats included 925 likely caucus-goers surveyed

Democrats – Iowa Tracking	12-28/31	12-27/30	12-26/29
Clinton	30%	30%	31%
Obama	26%	26%	27%
Edwards	25%	26%	24%
Richardson	5%	5%	5%
Biden	5%	5%	5%
Dodd	1%	1%	1%
Kucinich	1%	1%	<1%

over three days. The margin of error for the Democratic survey was +/- 3.3 percentage points. For the telephone survey of likely Republican caucus-



goers, the sample included 903 people over three days, carrying a margin of error of +/- 3.3 percentage points.

Republicans – Iowa Tracking	12–28/31	12–27/30	12–26/29
Huckabee	29%	29%	29%
Romney	25%	27%	28%
McCain	12%	13%	11%
Thompson	10%	8%	8%
Giuliani	8%	7%	8%
Paul	7%	7%	8%
Hunter	1%	1%	1%
Undecided	6%	6%	6%

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*For a complete methodological statement on these surveys, please visit:
<http://www.zogby.com/methodology/readmeth.dbm?ID=1243>*

Detailed analysis by Pollster John Zogby is available to subscribers only

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