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## ***Reuters/C-SPAN/Zogby New Hampshire Tracking Poll*** **Obama, McCain Enjoy Solid Leads** **As Election Day Dawns**

UTICA, New York – The big momentum behind Democrat Barack Obama, a senator from Illinois who is seeking his party's presidential nomination, continued up to the last hours before voters head to the polls to cast ballots in the New Hampshire primary election, a new Reuters/C-SPAN/Zogby daily tracking poll shows. Fed by a strong win in the Iowa caucuses Thursday, Obama leads with 42% support, compared to 29% for rival Sen. Hillary Clinton.

In the Republican primary race, Arizona Sen. John McCain extended his lead over rival Mitt Romney from five to nine percentage points since yesterday, the survey shows.

Former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards mostly held steady, winning 17% support, though he has begun to lose steam. Though he won the Republican Iowa caucus Thursday, Mike Huckabee found himself in the same position as Edwards, unable to build Obama-like momentum and stuck in third – a distant third in Huckabee's case.

| <b>Democrats – NH Tracking</b> | <b>1-5/7</b> | <b>1-4/6</b> | <b>1-2/5</b> | <b>1-1/4</b> | <b>12-31/1-3</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| Clinton                        | 29%          | 29%          | 31%          | 32%          | 32%              |
| Obama                          | 42%          | 39%          | 30%          | 28%          | 26%              |
| Edwards                        | 17%          | 19%          | 20%          | 20%          | 20%              |
| Richardson                     | 5%           | 6%           | 7%           | 7%           | 7%               |
| Kucinich                       | 2%           | 2%           | 3%           | 3%           | 3%               |
| Undecided                      | 5%           | 6%           | 6%           | 7%           | 8%               |

**Pollster John Zogby:** "Obama's margin over Clinton has opened up. He leads among all groups except women and voters over 65. In a development that could prove significant in later closed-primary states, Obama has pulled ahead among Democrats 40% to 34% -- as he did in Iowa in the closing hours."

**Pollster John Zogby will host a live online chat at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, to recap New Hampshire results and to discuss its implications on the road to the White House! For Zogby subscribers only – go to [www.zogby.com](http://www.zogby.com) to subscribe and see the latest polling details you cannot get anywhere else.**



**More from Pollster Zogby:** “McCain opens up his lead, though Romney had a good day. But the 3-day average favors McCain. He leads big among Independents, though Paul is beginning to draw some of the Indies’ support and is now polling double digits again in the North – taking votes away from McCain. Paul does very well among 18-29 year olds. McCain also leads among Republicans, men and women, Moderates, and Conservatives. Again, a good day for Romney, but will he have enough time?”

| <b>Republicans – NH Tracking</b> | <b>1-5/7</b> | <b>1-4/6</b> | <b>1-2/5</b> | <b>1-1/4</b> | <b>12-31/1-3</b> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| McCain                           | 36%          | 34%          | 31%          | 32%          | 34%              |
| Romney                           | 27%          | 29%          | 32%          | 30%          | 30%              |
| Huckabee                         | 10%          | 10%          | 12%          | 12%          | 10%              |
| Giuliani                         | 9%           | 9%           | 7%           | 9%           | 9%               |
| Paul                             | 9%           | 6%           | 6%           | 7%           | 7%               |
| Thompson                         | 2%           | 3%           | 3%           | 3%           | 2%               |
| Hunter                           | 1%           | 1%           | 1%           | <1%          | 1%               |
| Undecided                        | 5%           | 6%           | 7%           | 7%           | 6%               |

Firebrand Republican Congressman Ron Paul, the only GOP presidential candidate opposing the war in Iraq, also made big gains in the closing day of the campaign before the primary election. In both the Republican and Democratic races, five percent of likely voters said they remained undecided about whom they would support.

This is the last of five three–day tracking news reports that have been released in advance of today’s New Hampshire primary.

The GOP and Democratic three–day rolling tracking surveys were conducted using Zogby International’s live operator call center in Upstate New York. The GOP rolling sample included 859 likely voters and carries a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percentage points. The Democratic rolling sample included 862 likely voters and carries a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percentage points. Both tracking survey samples were taken between Jan. 5-7, 2008.

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