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**McCLATCHY - MSNBC SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
POLL RESULTS DECEMBER 2007**

400 likely Republican primary voters were interviewed by telephone December 3-6, 2007 by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Washington, D.C. The margin for error is plus or minus 5%.

STATEWIDE NAME RECOGNITION:

QUESTION: I am going to read a list of names. The first (next) name is _____ .Do you recognize that name? (IF YES) Do you have a favorable, unfavorable or neutral opinion of _____ ?

	<u>RECOGNIZE FAVORABLE</u>	<u>RECOGNIZE UNFAVORABLE</u>	<u>RECOGNIZE NEUTRAL</u>	<u>DON'T RECOGNIZE</u>
George W. Bush	66%	17%	16%	1%
Mitt Romney	54%	19%	22%	5%
Fred Thompson	51%	15%	31%	3%
Mike Huckabee	47%	15%	29%	9%
Rudy Giuliani	46%	23%	29%	2%
John McCain	41%	25%	33%	1%
Ron Paul	22%	31%	35%	12%
Duncan Hunter	14%	12%	29%	45%
Tom Tancredo	13%	10%	29%	48%

QUESTION: If the 2008 South Carolina Republican primary were held today, which one of the following candidates would get your vote: (ORDER ROTATED)

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>SEX</u>		<u>AGE</u>	
		<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u><50</u>	<u>50+</u>
Mike Huckabee	20%	19%	21%	23%	18%
Rudy Giuliani	17%	15%	19%	17%	17%
Mitt Romney	15%	17%	13%	14%	16%
Fred Thompson	14%	11%	17%	11%	16%
John McCain	10%	15%	5%	7%	12%
Ron Paul	4%	6%	2%	8%	1%
Tom Tancredo	1%	1%	1%	-	2%
Alan Keyes	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Duncan Hunter	-	-	-	-	-
Undecided (NOT READ)	18%	15%	21%	19%	17%

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>BORN AGAIN?</u>		<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>	
		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>WEEKLY</u>	<u><WEEKLY /DO NOT</u>
Mike Huckabee	20%	24%	13%	22%	16%
Rudy Giuliani	17%	13%	24%	12%	27%
Mitt Romney	15%	16%	13%	15%	15%
Fred Thompson	14%	14%	14%	12%	18%
John McCain	10%	9%	12%	10%	10%
Ron Paul	4%	3%	6%	5%	2%
Tom Tancredo	1%	-	3%	-	3%
Alan Keyes	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Duncan Hunter	-	-	-	-	-
Undecided (NOT READ)	18%	20%	14%	23%	8%

QUESTION: Which ONE of the following qualities are you most looking for in deciding which candidate to support? Someone who: (ORDER ROTATED)

- 40% – shares my values and views on issues
- 39% – has the strength and leadership to keep America safe
- 13% - has the right experience
- 5% - has the best chance to win in November
- 2% - represents a different approach from President Bush
- 1% – Other/Not Sure (NOT READ)

	<u>VALUES</u>	<u>EXPERIENCE</u>	<u>LEADERSHIP</u>
HUCKABEE	22%	9%	19%
GIULIANI	6%	14%	25%
ROMNEY	18%	27%	12%
THOMPSON	13%	10%	14%
MCCAIN	7%	22%	10%
PAUL	6%	-	2%
TANCREDO	2%	-	-
KEYES	2%	-	-
HUNTER	-	-	-
UNDECIDED	24%	18%	18%

QUESTION: Which ONE of the following issues do you feel is MOST important: (ORDER ROTATED)

National Security or Terrorism	25%
Moral & Family Issues	20%
Immigration	17%
The Economy & Jobs	15%
Taxes & Government Spending	15%
Iraq	6%
Other/Not Sure	2%

	<u>TERROR</u>	<u>ECONOMY</u>	<u>IMMIGRATION</u>	<u>TAXES</u>	<u>MORAL/FAMILY</u>
HUCKABEE	16%	9%	12%	17%	33%
GIULIANI	29%	30%	18%	6%	10%
ROMNEY	5%	17%	21%	27%	7%
THOMPSON	8%	7%	23%	14%	13%
MCCAIN	15%	4%	6%	11%	7%
PAUL	-	2%	3%	7%	1%
TANCREDO	-	-	2%	-	-
KEYES	-	-	-	-	3%
HUNTER	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED	27%	31%	15%	18%	26%

QUESTION: Which of the following comes closer to your view on the issue of immigration: (ORDER ROTATED)

61% – The federal government should take a hard line against illegal immigration by deporting those who are in the country illegally and punishing those who employ them,
OR

31% – The federal government should develop a comprehensive approach to the immigration problem, taking into account the economic benefits undocumented workers provide in certain industries, and by creating a path to citizenship for those who are here working and earning to improve the lives of their families.

8% – Not Sure (NOT READ)

	<u>HARD LINE</u>	<u>COMPREHENSIVE</u>
HUCKABEE	22%	13%
GIULIANI	15%	22%
ROMNEY	17%	14%
THOMPSON	13%	11%
MCCAIN	9%	12%
PAUL	3%	7%
TANCREDO	2%	1%
KEYES	1%	-
HUNTER	-	-
UNDECIDED	18%	20%

QUESTION: Which of the following comes closer to your view on the issue of abortion: (ORDER ROTATED)

60% – Abortion should be prohibited, or at the least restricted to rare circumstances, such as cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother, OR

35% – Abortion should be legal and the decision to have an abortion should be left to the mother without government involvement.

5% – Not Sure (DO NOT READ)

	<u>PROHIBITED/ RESTRICTED</u>	<u>LEGAL/ NO GOVT INVOLVEMENT</u>
HUCKABEE	23%	12%
GIULIANI	10%	29%
ROMNEY	16%	15%
THOMPSON	12%	14%
MCCAIN	13%	4%
PAUL	3%	6%
TANCREDO	-	2%
KEYES	1%	-
HUNTER	-	-
UNDECIDED	22%	18%

QUESTION: If the eventual Republican presidential nominee does not agree with your view on the abortion issue, will you still vote for them over the Democrat in the November general election, or not?

	<u>STATE</u>	ABORTION VIEW		BORN AGAIN?	
		<u>RESTRICTED</u>	<u>LEGAL</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
YES	66%	64%	69%	62%	78%
NO	19%	21%	19%	23%	8%
NOT SURE	15%	14%	12%	15%	14%

QUESTION: Overall, do you feel the nation's economy is on the right track or the wrong track?

RIGHT TRACK	43%
WRONG TRACK	41%
NOT SURE (NOT READ)	16%

	<u>RIGHT TRACK</u>	<u>WRONG TRACK</u>
HUCKABEE	16%	20%
GIULIANI	20%	18%
ROMNEY	13%	16%
THOMPSON	17%	5%
MCCAIN	7%	13%
PAUL	2%	7%
TANCREDO	-	2%
KEYES	2%	-
HUNTER	-	-
UNDECIDED	23%	19%

DEMOGRAPHICS:

SEX:

Men	51%
Women	49%

AGE:

<50	43%
50+	57%

EVANGELICAL/BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN?

Yes	63%
No	36%
Refused	1%

CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

Attend at least once a week	66%
Attend less than once a week	24%
Do Not Attend	10%