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Obama tougher foe for McCain, Dems, GOP agree

by Mark Silva

Here's something both Democrats and Republicans might agree upon:

Barack Obama could give John McCain a tougher contest in November.

That's what the Gallup poll has found.

Gallup's daily tracking pver the weekend portrayed Obama, senator from Illinois, with a 10-point advantage over Clinton, senator from New York, among Democrats. Today's results of the latest daily track show Obama up eight points. The Pew Research Center has found a similar margin.

But with numbers that are certain to add fuel to Obama's pitch to those superdelegates on whom Clinton counts to turn the nomination her way, Gallup has found this as well:

In a March 24-27 survey of 1,005 people:

Democrats were asked whether Clinton or Obama has the better chance of defeating McCain in November: 59 percent said Obama does, and 30 percent said Clinton does.

Republicans were asked whether McCain has a better chance of defeating Clinton or Obama. Sixty-four percent said McCain has a better chance of beating Clinton, 22 percent said Obama.

"Gallup polling has recently shown some positive momentum for Obama in the Democratic nomination battle -- he has moved into the lead over Clinton in the preferences of Democratic voters nationwide," [Gallup's Jeffrey Jones reports](#). "Both candidates are competitive with McCain in Gallup's latest polling on registered voters' general election preferences, though Obama has tended to do marginally better than Clinton in the more recent updates."

Most rank-and-file Democrats also seem to agree that the divisive party primary is doing harm to the Democrats, according to the Gallup survey's results: 56 percent of Democrats surveyed said it is doing "more harm than good," while 35 percent said is doing "more good than harm."

"Clearly at this point, the party rank-and-file thinks Obama would present a stronger challenge to McCain in the fall than Clinton would," Jones reports. "Those attitudes could certainly change over the remainder of the campaign,

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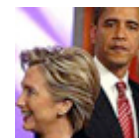
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but it is notable that Obama maintains a wide lead in these perceptions shortly after the Jeremiah Wright controversy knocked his campaign off stride."

The survey of 1,005 adults carries a possible margin of error of plus or minus four percentage points.

Posted by Mark Silva on March 31, 2008 2:00 PM | [Permalink](#)

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I already knew it ever since Rush Limbaugh started pushing Hillary Clinton. And ever since then, the Clintons and the Republicans have been in alliance. Just watch those fox stations and you will see. The whole conservative media is supporting her. Because it serves the media to keep the race going for ratings, and it serves the Republicans to get Hillary. I understand their alliance, but they have gone RACIAL and have decided to SCARE white people into voting against Obama. These conservatives are counting of racist americans and that is about as low as you get. Clintons have hurt Barack beyond repair with lies and deception. And now that they have gotten Americans all scared they want to continue the race.

Posted by: Keith Lifetime Southsider | [March 31, 2008 2:26 PM](#)

Rush Limbaugh's call for Republicans to cross over and vote for hillary, -- with the intention of getting McCain into the White House, was not an empty call. I saw at least two media reports that more than 700,000 Republican voters in Ohio did exactly that. Of course, the Clinton campaign took it as a sign of support, when in fact it was because the Republicans cannot wait to expose several Clinton skeletons in the closet. But any Republican who switched over should be limited in the November elections to vote only on a Democratic ticket.

Posted by: tony.s | [March 31, 2008 2:26 PM](#)

Oscar Wilde once said, "A friend stabs you in the chest..." His point is well taken. Obama and wife Michelle clearly love America and its ideals, but do not mince on words when it comes to bringing up baby. So what you see is what you get, no apologies, just straightforward talk. Not the Clintons. They say what you want to hear, then condescendingly belittle you behind your back, patting their own backs for having outsmarted everyone. I would love for someone to call, "checkmate."

Posted by: lori | [March 31, 2008 2:47 PM](#)

If Hillary would like to weaken the Democratic ticket by staying in the contest with the sole purpose of leveraging herself into the VP slot... well that's her right. You go girl ;)

Posted by: PulSamsara | [March 31, 2008 2:50 PM](#)

Tony,

Grrrrreat way to spread democracy buddy.

Posted by: Brian | [March 31, 2008 3:00 PM](#)

With Sen Casey's endorsement and support on the campaign trail Sen Obama is virtually guaranteed to not lose by more than 10% in the PA primary on 04/22, that effectively is a LOSS for Sen Clinton As she must win 63% of ALL remaining delegates to even have a shot at claiming a delegate victory.

Not to mention the fact that North Carolina, Oregon, Montana, and Idaho will all be double digit blow outs for Sen Obama. This all indicates that Sen



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Clinton is dead in the water as even Republican math and Katherine Harris couldnt save her now. However i think think that she should continue her campaign until the final primary which i think is 06/02. As long as she keeps it clean and stops with the "kitchen sink strategy" (which she has toned it down over the last 4-5 days) i see no reason why she cannot continue her campaign, after all she IS on the ballot.

Sen Obama vs Sen McCain in a straight up popular vote is no contest McCain wouldnt stand a chance, but we have that beautiful Electoral College system. I think that Florida is a foregone conclusion in McCain's favor in the general election. But i have been studying the delegate maps from the 2000 and 2004 general election and there are places like OH, PA, VA, NH, MO, and CO where there are real battlegrounds that would tip the election into a landslide and based on what we have seen in the primaries i think that Sen Obama has a very realistic chance of winning the Electoral College as well.

Posted by: Jon from the Flatlands | [March 31, 2008 3:01 PM](#)

Yeah, the Republic Party dimwits don't have much to worry about with Clinton that's for sure.

Cash-strapped Clinton fails to pay bills"

By: Kenneth P. Vogel- Politico
 March 30, 2008 11:38 AM EST

Hillary Rodham Clinton's cash-strapped presidential campaign has been putting off paying hundreds of bills for months — freeing up cash for critical media buys but also earning the campaign a reputation as something of a deadbeat in some small-business circles.

A pair of Ohio companies owed more than \$25,000 by Clinton for staging events for her campaign are warning others in the tight-knit event production community — and anyone else who will listen — to get their cash upfront when doing business with her. Her campaign, say representatives of the two companies, has stopped returning phone calls and e-mails seeking payment of outstanding invoices. One even got no response from a certified letter.

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0308/9259.html>

"Is Hillary broke"?

March 29, 2008

BY MICHAEL SNEED Sun-Times Columnist

Scoop du jour? Sneed hears major money problems in the Clinton camp may soon become a coroner knocking on her campaign door.

To wit: Word is the cash feeding into Hillary Clinton's campaign coffers has not only slowed down in a big way, undisclosed campaign debts that have yet to be made public could signal the end and have insiders biting their nails.

"Hillary needs to raise money to stay alive," a top Dem source said.

<http://www.suntimes.com/news/sneed/865494,CST-NWS-SNEED28.article>

Posted by: Vince Foster lives | [March 31, 2008 3:02 PM](#)

HE WILL BREAK YOU HEART. THAT'S WHAT PAPER TIGERS DO.

Posted by: The Bubba | [March 31, 2008 3:04 PM](#)

With Senators Leahy and Dodd requesting and suggesting that Hillary withdraw, you are beginning to hear a chorus of demands that the Democratic primary end now.

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Join the chorus. Join the movement. Ask Senator Clinton to drop out of the race for the good of the Democratic Party and the welfare of the American people.

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Posted by: [Drop Out Hillary!](#) | [March 31, 2008 3:08 PM](#)

Hillary has proven, above all, that she is a BIG LIAR and UNTRUSTWORTHY. She shows NO remorse when confronted with her lies; she merely says, "I misspoke". Recently, on talk radio regarding her "landing amid sniper fire, and running with their heads down to their vehicles" claims, she stated, "I misspoke the other day, it is the FIRST TIME I have misspoken IN TWELVE YEARS OR SO" Absolutely incredible! She keeps "piling on" lies upon lies. Does she REALLY think Americans are going to buy this outrageous BS? Hillary and Bill are certainly showing just how they think of and feel about United States citizens: "YOU ARE SO STUPID, YOU WILL BELIEVE ANYTHING WE SAY AS THE TRUTH". "AND IF YOU DON'T, WELL YOU ARE STILL STUPID FOR PICKING ON HILLARY BECAUSE SHE IS A 'GIRL'" Given their attitude, I do not understand why people are still voting for Hillary; she has continually insulted voters who have not voted for her; she has demeaned and insulted smaller states and caucus states. Does this sound like someone who would unite our country? I think NOT.

Good to see Senator Obama continues to lead in all aspects of this election process. He WILL unite the country and return us to "a government for the people, by the people, and of the people". He will be an awesome President and Commander and Chief!!

Posted by: [NinaK](#) | [March 31, 2008 3:20 PM](#)

There is something called the Bradley factor. It is named after former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley who lost the California gubernatorial race to George Deukmejian. It was observed again in Virginia when Doug Wilder barely beat Marshal Coleman for that state's governor's mansion. What it means is polls in which a black candidate is running against a white can be wrong. Bradley was expected to win and Wilder was 10 points ahead of Coleman in the polls. Bradley lost and Wilder won by a .1 of percent.

Posted by: [sangell](#) | [March 31, 2008 3:20 PM](#)

I think McCain should drop out too...why even have an election when you have a candidate as strong as Obama.....Oh please....and the Clintons should drop out..??? They play high stakes poker over there, just ask Vince Foster....

Posted by: [Karl Graves](#) | [March 31, 2008 3:20 PM](#)

Sorry Swamp but I disagree.I dont know which Dems you are polling but I believe Mccain will win the presidency, if by some miracle Mr Obama wins the nomination.Go Hillary!!

Posted by: [brigitte sanz](#) | [March 31, 2008 3:22 PM](#)

Hillary should not quit! I think she has a much better chance of winning against McCain Don't quit Hillary Clinton! I think the next primary will be a big win for Hillary!

Posted by: [Rita](#) | [March 31, 2008 3:24 PM](#)

brillaint

Posted by: [nicholas waller](#) | [March 31, 2008 3:28 PM](#)

A POLL?? A POLL tells you anything?

Gimme a break.

QUIT MAKING **** UP AND FOCUS ON THE PLATFORMS OF BOTH CANDIDATES.

You shoulda done this when Edwards was still in the race.

Oh, wait, he's suspended not ended.

I think we'll see him after Obama gets his nose wiped in PA--or after a prosecution for trying to steal Texas--where's the coverage on that crap?

Posted by: golden oldie | [March 31, 2008 3:33 PM](#)

i AGREE WITH THE RAPPER,FIFTY CENT, WHO THINKS THAT AMERICA IS NOT READY FOR A BLACK PRESIDENT.(AND HE SHOULD KNOW - HE'S BLACK TOO) LOL

Posted by: brigitte sanz | [March 31, 2008 3:48 PM](#)

If Obama is the nominee, McCain is almost certainly our next president. The polls are distorted by two factors: (1) responses rooted in the subconscious desire not to appear racist and (2) the long-standing hatred of Clinton felt by many rank-and-file Republicans. In the general election, Jeremiah Wright (and James Meeks, Louis Farrakhan, and others) will become the albatross that sinks the Democrat's chances to regain the White House.

Posted by: Austin Austin | [March 31, 2008 3:50 PM](#)

Whatever's left standing after the demo's get through with one another will be just fine, thank you!

Posted by: Jim | [March 31, 2008 3:56 PM](#)

When McCain wins in November Obama can head back to shepherding in Kenya with his kin.

He is not the savior of the world he claims to be!

Posted by: Sam | [March 31, 2008 3:57 PM](#)

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Posted by: brigitte sanz | [March 31, 2008 3:22 PM](#)

By some miracle? Obama's the frontrunner for the nomination. What democratic race are you watching?

Posted by: Cheney Sucks | [March 31, 2008 4:16 PM](#)

Hillary is in it to win it! And millions of people want her to stay in the race til the end.

Posted by: Ellen | [March 31, 2008 4:18 PM](#)

"FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSIONER SPEAKS"

GOP CANDIDATES DO NOT FALL UNDER "PUBLIC FINANCING" LAWS.

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CONSTITUTION DURING ELECTION CYCLES ACROSS THE NATION
PER THE GOP.

ALL ABOARD!

Posted by: Roger Morris | [March 31, 2008 4:19 PM](#)

This is something that's just being realized now? C'mon get with it, it's been obvious from the start. Back months ago when KKK Rove was on "Meet the Press" you could see he was pushing for Clinton to be the nominee, so he must have something up his sleeve to hit her with, and thinks it's the only way to beat the democratic party in the fall.

Posted by: Rory M | [March 31, 2008 4:19 PM](#)

Well, I'm sure obama always tell the truth..
Regarding Pastor Wright and Obama where he denied being present when pastor made his headline-making sermons. I read where Jim Davis a reporter for NewsMaxx magazine says "he saw the would-be President at one of them last July 22, when the pastor blamed the "white arrogance" of America for the world's suffering and more bs.

Posted by: sd | [March 31, 2008 4:23 PM](#)

Brian: the crossovers were not exercising democracy.

Posted by: tony.s | [March 31, 2008 4:29 PM](#)

sd, that story has since been discredited. Obama was campaigning in Miami, I believe, at the time. Bill Kristol picked up on it in the NYT, and he had to issue a correction. I'd stop running with that one, if I were you. Obama's told some other fibs, but that's not one of them.

Posted by: JB | [March 31, 2008 4:32 PM](#)

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