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### Zogby Poll: Election of Our Discontent? 48% of Likely Voters Dissatisfied With Current Crop of Presidential Candidates

**Survey finds 49% would never vote for Clinton, while 44% would never vote for Obama; 42% said McCain will never get their support**

UTICA, New York - Nearly half of likely voters - 48% - are not satisfied with the current candidates for president, with Republicans and conservative voters the most unhappy about their likely candidate choices in November, a new nationwide Zogby Interactive poll shows.

In what could spell bad news for the presumptive Republican nominee John McCain, an overwhelming 86% of self-described "very conservative" voters said they are displeased with the current presidential candidates - and 65% of these voters said they are very unsatisfied. The vast majority of conservatives (76%) and Republicans (76%) also expressed significant dissatisfaction with the current candidates, as did more than half of political independents (55%).

<i>How satisfied are you with the current candidates for president?</i>	<b>Likely voters</b>	<b>Republicans</b>	<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Independents</b>
<b>Satisfied</b>	51%	24%	82%	44%
<b>Not satisfied</b>	48%	76%	18%	55%
<b>Not sure</b>	1%	<1%	1%	1%

Note: Some totals may not equal 100% due to rounding

In contrast, Democrats are overwhelmingly content with the overall field of candidates, with 82% who say they are satisfied. Self-described progressives (85%), liberals (86%) and moderates (63%) also express

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strong satisfaction with the current candidates. The interactive survey of 7,562 likely voters nationwide was conducted May 6-9, 2008, and carries a margin of error of +/- 1.1 percentage points.

**Nearly Half Will Never Vote for Clinton**

Even as some likely voters express dissatisfaction with the current candidates, many have already made up their minds for whom they won't vote - 49% would never vote for Hillary Clinton, while 44% won't vote for Barack Obama and 42% would never cast a ballot for John McCain. The numbers have changed slightly since a Zogby Interactive poll in October 2007, which found 50% would never vote for Clinton, 45% would never vote for McCain, and 37% would never vote for Obama.

In this latest survey, 75% of Democrats would never vote for McCain, but 22% also said they would never vote for fellow Democrat Clinton, and 13% said the same of Obama. One in 10 Republicans would never vote for McCain, and the vast majority is dead-set against voting for Obama (78%) and Clinton (74%). More than half (53%) of political independents would never vote for Clinton, compared to 42% who said the same of Obama and (38%) of McCain.

<b>Which candidate would you NEVER vote for?</b>	<b>Likely voters</b>	<b>Republicans</b>	<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Independents</b>
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>	49%	74%	22%	53%
<b>John McCain</b>	42%	11%	75%	38%
<b>Barack Obama</b>	44%	78%	13%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	2%	8%	8%

Obama fares best among female voters, of whom 37% said they would not vote for him, compared to 41% who would never vote for Clinton, and nearly half (48%) who said they would not vote for McCain. Most men (57%) said they would never cast a vote for Clinton and 50% said the same of Obama, while slightly more than a third (36%) said they would never vote for McCain. Older voters are most likely to be resistant to voting for Clinton - 56% of those over 65 said they would never vote for her, compared 46% of those younger than 30. These older voters show similar opposition to Obama - 53% of those older than 65 would never vote for Obama, but just 34% of those younger than 30 said the same. In contrast, younger voters show the most resistance to voting for McCain - half of those younger than 30 would never vote for the Arizona senator, compared to 36% of those older than 65.

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