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 FINAL REPUBLICAN TOPLINE
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		Number of cases (likely voters)
2007	Natl.	448
Republicans	IA	264
	NH	446
	SC	468

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? [IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Approve	67	80	55	72
Disapprove	22	16	35	19
DK/Refused	11	4	10	9
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.2 How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2008? [READ]

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
A lot	46	59	59	47
Some	32	31	29	33
Not much	15	6	8	11
None at all	7	5	3	9
DK/Refused	0	0	1	1
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.3 How closely have you been following news about candidates for the 2008 presidential election ... very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Very closely	23	40	38	30
Fairly closely	50	44	44	43
Not too closely	21	12	15	20
Not at all closely	5	3	2	7
DK/Refused	0	0	1	0
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.4NAT If there is a primary election or caucus in your state early next year, how likely is it that you will vote in either the Republican or Democratic primary for President?

	2007 Republicans
	Natl.
Very likely	83
Somewhat likely	17
Total	100

Q.4 Do you, yourself, plan to vote in the (New Hampshire/South Carolina) primary [if NH READ: "currently scheduled"] in January?

	2007 Republicans	
	NH	SC
Yes	100	100
Total	100	100

Q.4IA Thinking about the upcoming presidential caucuses in Iowa on January 3rd, how likely would you say it is that you'll attend the presidential caucus in your area? Will you definitely attend, probably attend, probably not attend, or aren't you sure at this point?

	2007 Republicans
	IA
Definitely	44
Probably	56
Total	100

Q.5/Q.6 Do you think you'll [vote in/attend] the Republican or the Democratic [primary/caucus]?

	2007 Republicans		
	IA	NH	SC
Republican	100	100	100
Total	100	100	100

PARTY/PARTYLN In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent? IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK: As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	2007 Republicans
	Natl.
Republican	81
Lean Rep.	19
Total	100

Q.8 Overall, what's your impression of the candidates running for the REPUBLICAN presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, only fair candidates or poor candidates?

	2007 Republicans				1996 Republicans
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC	NH
Excellent	10	18	13	7	5
Good	50	55	55	51	29
Only fair	31	22	25	30	49
Poor	6	2	5	7	16
DK/Refused	3	3	3	5	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Q.12 Which one of the following Republican candidates would be your first choice for president? (READ AND RANDOMIZE) [IF "Don't know" PROBE ONCE WITH: "Just as of today, would you say you LEAN toward ...(READ). IF STILL DK, ENTER.]

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Rudy Giuliani	26	14	19	19
John McCain	17	5	15	13
Fred Thompson	13	12	3	18
Mitt Romney	13	25	37	19
Tom Tancredo	0	3	1	0
Mike Huckabee	11	24	7	10
Ron Paul	4	5	9	6
Duncan Hunter	1	1	1	1
Other (VOL.)	1	0	0	0
None of them (VOL.)	3	0	0	0
Refused	11	10	9	13
Total	100	100	100	100

IF HAS A FIRST CHOICE (1-96 IN Q.12) ASK: Q.13 And which of the Republican candidates would be your second choice? [RE-READ LIST, IF NECESSARY- EXCLUDE NAME CITED IN Q.12]

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Rudy Giuliani	21	19	19	22
John McCain	16	8	19	14
Fred Thompson	18	15	6	10
Mitt Romney	14	16	20	19
Tom Tancredo	1	4	1	2
Mike Huckabee	5	11	7	3
Ron Paul	2	6	5	4
Duncan Hunter	1	4	1	2
Other (VOL.)	0	0	0	0
None of them (VOL.)	2	2	3	2
Refused (VOL.)	6	5	8	9
No first choice	14	11	9	14
Total	100	100	100	100

IF NAMED CANDIDATE GIVEN (1 thru 8 in Q.12) ASK: Q.14 Do you support (INSERT RESPONSE FROM Q.12) strongly or only moderately?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Strongly	40	57	49	44
Only moderately	59	42	50	55
DK/Refused	1	1	2	1
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.16 Thinking of the leading Republican candidates, is there anyone you would absolutely NOT vote for in the Republican [IF NH, SC: primary/IF IA: caucus]? [OPEN END; ACCEPT UP TO THREE MENTIONS; IF RESPONDENT NAMES A DEMOCRAT PROMPT ONCE "In terms of the REPUBLICAN candidates, is there anyone you would absolutely NOT vote for?"]

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Rudy Giuliani	10	20	12	14
John McCain	9	10	7	8
Fred Thompson	5	2	7	2
Mitt Romney	6	6	7	7
Tom Tancredo	1	2	3	2
Mike Huckabee	2	2	3	2
Ron Paul	10	14	15	9
Duncan Hunter	2	3	1	2
Other	4	0	1	1
No, would vote for any of them	39	34	35	38
DK/Refused	16	10	12	18

Q.18 If you had to choose, which would be more important to you in deciding who to support in the January (IF NH, SC: primary/IF IA: caucus)? Picking a candidate who...[READ AND ROTATE]

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Comes closest to your positions on the issues	72	67	73	72
Has the best chance of defeating the Democratic candidate	23	29	22	23
Other (VOL.)	3	1	1	1
DK/Refused	2	3	3	5
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.19 Thinking about your choice of candidates, overall would you prefer a Republican candidate who will continue George W. Bush's policies, or would you prefer a Republican candidate who will take the country in a different direction? [IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Just in general, would you prefer a candidate who will continue George W. Bush's policies or take the country in a different direction?]{

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Continue Bush's policies	29	40	26	38
Take country in a different direction	60	53	66	51
DK/Refused	12	7	8	11
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.20 What one ISSUE would you most like to hear presidential candidates talk about? [OPEN ENDED; MAY ACCEPT UP TO THREE MENTIONS; ASKED OF FORM 1 ONLY IN NATIONAL SURVEY]

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Iraq / The war	25	15	22	26
Health care	14	10	12	14
Economy	19	12	15	12
Immigration	15	18	17	15
Terrorism / Protecting the nation	9	13	10	8
Education / Education reform	5	4	4	2
Social Security	1	6	4	4
Budget deficit / National debt	2	8	7	4
Environment/Global warming	1	4	2	1
Job situation / Unemployment	1	0	1	2
Energy/Gas	3	4	2	5
Moral Values/Religion	2	7	1	6
Taxes	2	6	4	4
Abortion	1	4	2	3
Gun rights/control	0	1	1	1
Other domestic policy	4	0	4	3
Other Foreign policy	3	2	2	1
Other	1	4	7	4
DK/Refused	7	6	5	6

Q.24 [READ FOR 1ST ITEM ONLY: Regardless of who you may support for the Republican nomination in 2008], who do you think would do the best job of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE WITH ITEMS a-d ALWAYS ASKED BEFORE e-f; IF “Don’t know” PROBE ONCE WITH: “In general, which Republican candidate do you think would do the best job”]? [READ AND RANDOMIZE NAMES FOR EACH RESPONDENT, BUT KEEP SAME ORDER ACROSS ITEMS]: a. Protecting the nation from terrorism

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Rudy Giuliani	39	26	30	29
John McCain	23	12	26	19
Fred Thompson	9	9	1	12
Mitt Romney	5	14	16	10
Tom Tancredo	0	4	1	1
Mike Huckabee	4	10	2	5
Ron Paul	2	4	4	3
Duncan Hunter	1	2	0	1
All/Multiple (VOL.)	1	3	3	4
Other/None (VOL.)	2	0	3	1
DK/Refused	14	16	12	17
Total	100	100	100	100

b. Making wise decisions about what to do in Iraq

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Rudy Giuliani	26	19	18	20
John McCain	27	15	31	22
Fred Thompson	10	8	2	13
Mitt Romney	8	20	20	13
Tom Tancredo	0	2	0	0
Mike Huckabee	6	11	3	6
Ron Paul	1	4	8	3
Duncan Hunter	1	3	0	1
All/Multiple (VOL.)	1	2	2	3
Other/None (VOL.)	3	0	4	2
DK/Refused	17	17	12	19
Total	100	100	100	100

c. Dealing with Iran

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Rudy Giuliani	27	22	18	20
John McCain	24	14	32	24
Fred Thompson	12	11	1	13
Mitt Romney	5	13	19	9
Tom Tancredo	0	1	0	0
Mike Huckabee	5	11	2	3
Ron Paul	1	3	6	3
Duncan Hunter	0	2	0	1
All/Multiple (VOL.)	1	2	0	3
Other/None (VOL.)	4	0	4	2
DK/Refused	19	22	16	23
Total	100	100	100	100

d. Dealing with immigration

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Rudy Giuliani	21	12	16	15
John McCain	16	10	12	13
Fred Thompson	10	5	2	13
Mitt Romney	8	21	37	13
Tom Tancredo	2	13	4	2
Mike Huckabee	9	13	3	5
Ron Paul	3	4	6	4
Duncan Hunter	2	3	1	2
All/Multiple (VOL.)	1	0	1	2
Other/None (VOL.)	4	0	4	2
DK/Refused	24	19	14	30
Total	100	100	100	100

e. Reflecting your views on social issues like abortion and gay rights

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Rudy Giuliani	19	14	20	16
John McCain	9	3	7	9
Fred Thompson	11	13	3	16
Mitt Romney	12	15	28	15
Tom Tancredo	1	3	0	0
Mike Huckabee	13	27	9	9
Ron Paul	2	3	5	4
Duncan Hunter	0	2	1	1
All/Multiple (VOL.)	1	2	1	1
Other/None (VOL.)	5	2	5	3
DK/Refused	25	17	21	26
Total	100	100	100	100

f. Dealing with taxes

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Rudy Giuliani	21	15	16	16
John McCain	9	3	9	9
Fred Thompson	16	8	3	13
Mitt Romney	13	23	40	23
Tom Tancredo	1	2	0	0
Mike Huckabee	8	17	4	6
Ron Paul	2	6	12	4
Duncan Hunter	0	1	0	1
All/Multiple (VOL.)	2	1	0	1
Other/None (VOL.)	6	2	3	2
DK/Refused	22	22	12	24
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.25 And regardless of who you personally prefer, which Republican candidate do you think has the best chance of defeating the Democratic nominee in next year's presidential election? (RE-READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Rudy Giuliani	46	38	35	42
John McCain	15	4	9	10
Fred Thompson	6	7	2	6
Mitt Romney	12	20	39	17
Tom Tancredo	0	1	0	0
Mike Huckabee	3	10	1	1
Ron Paul	0	1	1	3
Duncan Hunter	1	0	0	1
Other (VOL.)	1	4	1	1
None has a chance (VOL.)	3	2	2	2
DK/No answer (VOL.)	14	14	10	18
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.26 Do you happen to know which of the following Republican presidential candidates favors a woman's right to choose when it comes to abortion? Is it [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Rudy Giuliani	48	66	54	47
John McCain	7	8	5	12
Mitt Romney	9	9	11	8
None (VOL.)	1	1	1	0
All/More than one (VOL.)	0	2	1	1
DK/Refused	35	13	28	32
Total	100	100	100	100

On a different subject... Q.27 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Smaller government, fewer services	74	86	84	68
Bigger government, more services	21	11	12	23
Depends (VOL.)	2	1	0	4
DK/Refused	2	2	4	5
Total	100	100	100	100

ROTATE Q.28/29 Q.28 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Excellent	6	9	9	5
Good	39	48	35	36
Only fair	40	33	39	38
Poor	13	9	16	20
DK/Refused	1	1	1	1
Total	100	100	100	100

Now thinking about your own personal finances...Q.29 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Excellent shape	15	18	16	11
Good shape	54	55	49	52
Only fair shape	23	23	25	29
Poor shape	6	3	8	6
DK/Refused	2	0	2	1
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.30 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Plenty of jobs available	58	68	55	51
Jobs are difficult to find	34	26	33	36
Lots of some jobs, few of others (VOL.)	3	4	5	7
DK/Refused	5	3	7	6
Total	100	100	100	100

Now thinking about Iraq... Q.31 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? [READ IN ORDER]

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Very well	19	28	18	28
Fairly well	58	56	51	50
Not too well	16	10	19	14
Not at all well	5	3	8	5
DK/Refused	2	4	4	4
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.32 Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Keep troops in Iraq	70	81	77	73
Bring troops home	26	15	20	23
DK/Refused	3	4	3	4
Total	100	100	100	100

IF "KEEP TROOPS IN IRAQ" (1 IN Q.32) ASK: Q.33 Do you think the U.S. should or should not set a timetable for when troops will be withdrawn from Iraq?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Should set a timetable	11	9	17	13
Should not set a timetable	57	70	60	58
DK/Refused	3	2	1	2
Total	70	81	77	73

IF "BRING TROOPS HOME" (2 IN Q.32) ASK: Q.34 Should the U.S. remove all troops from Iraq immediately, or should the withdrawal of troops be gradual over the next year or two?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Remove all troops immediately	4	4	5	4
Gradual withdrawal over the next year or two	22	10	15	18
DK/Refused	0	1	0	2
Total	26	15	20	23

And on some other issues... Q.35 Would you say you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Strongly favor	3	2	6	3
Favor	14	11	24	10
Oppose	33	30	31	28
Strongly oppose	42	53	28	50
DK/Refused	7	4	11	9
Total	100	100	100	100

Q36 And would you say you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose the U.S. government guaranteeing health insurance for all citizens, even if it means raising taxes?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Strongly favor	12	6	11	14
Favor	27	14	24	26
Oppose	34	38	34	30
Strongly oppose	24	38	25	22
DK/Refused	4	4	6	8
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.37 Do you think abortion should be (READ)

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Legal in all cases	11	7	18	10
Legal in most cases	23	28	37	28
Illegal in most cases	43	40	27	36
Illegal in all cases	20	23	13	20
DK/Refused	4	1	5	6
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.38 Do you think it is generally right or generally wrong for the government to monitor telephone and e-mail communications of Americans suspected of having terrorist ties without first obtaining permission from the courts?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Generally right	71	72	67	74
Generally wrong	25	23	31	22
DK/Refused	4	4	2	4
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.39 Which of these statements comes closer to your own view? [READ] 1 - Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy OR... 2 - Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Statement #1	36	50	34	37
Statement #2	55	39	54	53
DK/Refused	9	10	12	10
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.40 Which of these statements comes closer to your own view? [READ] 1 - The growing number of newcomers from other countries threaten traditional American customs and values OR... 2 - The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens American society

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Statement #1	59	47	50	59
Statement #2	30	37	39	24
DK/Refused	11	16	11	16
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.41 What do you think is more important - to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Protect rights of Americans to own guns	61	73	64	61
Control gun ownership	37	24	32	35
DK/Refused	2	3	4	4
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.42 In general, do you think that free trade agreements like NAFTA, and the policies of the World Trade Organization, have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States? [INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHAT NAFTA IS, "The North American Free Trade Agreement"]

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Good thing	39	44	37	33
Bad thing	45	43	49	50
DK/Refused	16	13	14	17
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.43 Which comes closer to your view about the tax cuts passed under President Bush over the past few years? [READ IN ORDER]

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
All of the tax cuts should remain in place	63	64	53	52
Tax cuts for the wealthy repealed, others should stay in place	24	25	31	26
All of the tax cuts should be repealed	7	8	10	12
DK/Refused	6	3	5	10
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.44 Which is your greater concern when it comes to dealing with Iran's nuclear program ... that we will take action TOO QUICKLY, or that we will wait TOO LONG?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Take action too quickly	24	20	27	22
Wait too long	67	69	61	68
DK/Refused	9	11	11	10
Total	100	100	100	100

Q.45 Do you think the use of torture against suspected terrorists in order to gain important information can often be justified, sometimes be justified, rarely be justified, or never be justified?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Often justified	25	28	26	28
Sometimes justified	37	36	36	37
Rarely justified	17	23	21	13
Never justified	18	10	14	18
DK/Refused	3	3	2	3
Total	100	100	100	100

Gender

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Male	52	61	56	53
Female	48	39	44	47
Total	100	100	100	100

Age

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
18-29	13	17	8	11
30-49	39	42	44	39
50-64	27	27	26	30
65 and older	19	13	19	19
Refused	1	1	3	1
Total	100	100	100	100

Education

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
College grad or higher	38	42	34	32
Some college	25	28	23	26
H.S. grad	31	28	37	34
Less than H.S.	7	1	5	8
Don't know/Refused	0	0	1	0
Total	100	100	100	100

Hispanic descent

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Yes	6	1	1	1
No/Don't know	94	99	99	99
Total	100	100	100	100

Race

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
White	91	97	97	93
Black	2	0	0	4
Other non-white	6	3	2	2
Don't know/Refused	1	1	2	1
Total	100	100	100	100

Religion

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Protestant	64	67	43	84
White evangelical	36	38	18	53
White non-evangelical	25	28	24	27
Other Protestant	4	2	1	5
Non-Protestant	29	24	40	10
Roman Catholic	22	21	36	8
Jewish	1	0	1	1
Mormon	3	1	1	0
Orthodox church	1	1	1	0
Islam/Muslim	0	0	0	0
Other religion	2	0	1	0
Unaffiliated	6	9	17	6
None/Atheist/Agnost.	5	7	15	5
Don't know/Refused	2	2	2	1

Church Attendance

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
More than once a week	15	19	9	31
Once a week	36	42	22	29
Once or twice a month	17	12	15	13
A few times a year	15	16	21	14
Seldom	10	8	19	10
Never	6	3	13	4
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	0
Total	100	100	100	100

Family Income

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
\$100,000 or more	23	17	24	17
\$75,000-\$99,999	14	19	16	13
\$50,000-\$74,999	20	23	18	20
\$30,000-\$49,999	18	19	16	17
\$20,000-\$29,999	11	8	6	9
Less than \$20,000	6	3	5	9
Don't know/Refused	9	12	15	15
Total	100	100	100	100

Party

	2007 Republicans		
	IA	NH	SC
Republican	82	62	78
Lean Rep.	15	30	17
Ind. (non-leaner)	1	4	3
Lean Dem.	2	4	1
Democrat	1	0	1
Total	100	100	100

CAUCUS Have you ever attended an Iowa presidential caucus?

	2007 Republicans
	IA
Yes	56
No	44
Total	100

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... [READ]

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Very conservative	14	24	14	18
Conservative	53	49	46	50
Moderate	27	23	34	25
Liberal	2	2	4	3
Very liberal	2	0	0	1
DK/Refused	2	2	2	4
Total	100	100	100	100

Are you (or is your spouse) a veteran of the armed services?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Military household (NET)	29	24	27	29
Respondent only	20	16	20	18
Spouse only	8	7	7	10
Both	1	1	0	0
Non-military/DK	71	76	73	71
Non-military household	70	75	73	71
Don't know/Refused	1	0	0	0

Are you (or is your spouse) a member of a labor union?

	2007 Republicans			
	Natl.	IA	NH	SC
Union household (NET)	13	10	9	4
Respondent only	6	6	7	3
Spouse only	6	4	2	1
Both are members	1	0	0	0
Non-union/DK	87	90	91	96
Non-union HH	86	88	90	96
Don't know/Refused	1	1	0	0