

## Republican Caucus Attendees' Views On the Upcoming Sioux City Issues Forum<sup>1</sup>

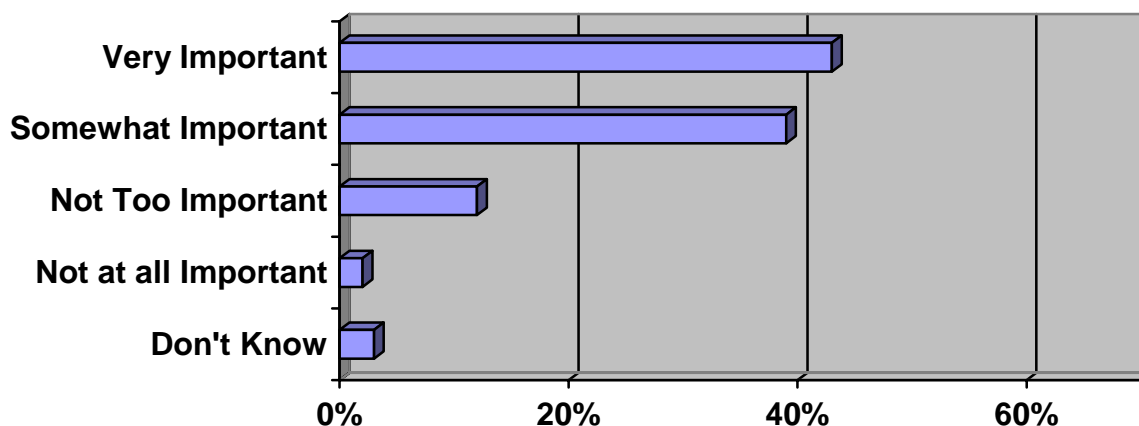


AARP commissioned this election issues survey of 502 Iowa AARP members who attended Republican caucuses in the past and who will absolutely, very likely, or possibly attend the 2008 Republican presidential caucus<sup>2</sup>. The telephone survey was conducted between October 10 and October 12, 2007 by Woelfel Research, Inc. The margin of error for potential caucus attendees is  $\pm 4.4$  percent.

### Key Findings

- At this point in the election cycle, over eight in ten likely Republican caucus attendees in Iowa are following the candidate coverage closely (33% very closely and 53% somewhat closely).
- Over eight in ten likely Republican caucus attendees feel it is very (43%) or somewhat (39%) important that all Republican candidates for President participate and share their ideas in the nationally-televised health and financial security issues forum to be held in Sioux City on October 25.

**Figure 1:** How important is it to you that all Republican candidates for President participate and share their ideas in the nationally-televised health and financial security issues forum to be held in Sioux City on October 25<sup>th</sup>?



- Almost all likely Republican caucus attendees say that issues related to financial security such as incentives for savings and investment, pension protection, and Social Security will be very (51%) or somewhat (41%) important to their vote.
- Over eight in ten likely Republican caucus attendees say that health care reform will be important to their 2008 voting decision (33% very important and 51% somewhat important).

<sup>1</sup> AARP neither endorses candidates for public office nor makes political contributions.

<sup>2</sup> Surveys were conducted with a random sample of members drawn from AARP's member database who had attended any Republican caucus since 1988 according to records obtained from the Iowa Republican Party. Members were screened on both voter registration and intention to attend the presidential caucus for 2008. To qualify, a member needed to be a currently registered voter who was possibly (40%), very likely (42%), or absolutely certain (19%) to participate in Iowa's 2008 presidential caucuses.

# IOWA Republican Caucus Short Survey

**Sample size is 502**

**Sampling Error=+/-4.4%**

**Percentages may total more than 100% due to rounding**

1. Even though the Iowa caucuses are next year, how closely have you been following the coverage of your party's presidential candidates?

502		
<u>%</u>		
33	1.	Very closely
53	2.	Somewhat closely
11	3.	Not too closely
3	4.	Not at all closely
-	9.	DK/Refused [VOLUNTEERED]

2. In 2008, Iowa will hold statewide caucuses so that each party can select its own candidate for President. How likely are you to attend one of these caucuses?

502		
<u>%</u>		
19	1.	Absolutely certain
42	2.	Very likely
40	3.	Possibly
-	4.	Not very likely TERMINATE
-	5.	Not at all likely TERMINATE
-	6.	Don't know TERMINATE

3. In the Iowa caucuses for 2008, do you plan to participate as Democrat, or as a Republican?

502		
<u>%</u>		
-	1.	Democrat [TERMINATE]
100	2.	Republican
-	3.	Don't know / no plan to vote (DO NOT READ) [TERMINATE]

4. In making your decision about who to vote for in 2008, will the issue of health care reform be very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important?

502		
<u>%</u>		
33	1.	Very important
51	2.	Somewhat important
11	3.	Not too important
4	4.	Not at all important
1	9.	Don't know [VOLUNTEERED]

5. In making your decision about who to vote for in 2008, will issues related to financial security such as incentives for savings and investment, pension protection, and Social Security be very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important?

502		
<u>%</u>		
51	1.	Very important
41	2.	Somewhat important
7	3.	Not too important
1	4.	Not at all important
<1	9.	Don't know [VOLUNTEERED]

6. How important is it to you that all Republican candidates for president participate and share their ideas in the nationally-televised health and financial security issues forum to be held in Sioux City on October 25<sup>th</sup>? Is it...

502		
<u>%</u>		
43	1.	Very important
39	2.	Somewhat important
12	3.	Not too important
2	4.	Not at all important
3	9.	Don't know [VOLUNTEERED]

D1. What is your age as of your last birthday? [RECORD IN YEARS]

502		
<u>%</u>		
<1	1.	Under 50
16	2.	50-59
47	3.	60-74
34	4.	75+
29	5.	50-64
69	6.	65+
2	7.	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D2. What is the highest level of education you have completed? [READ LIST]

502		
<u>%</u>		
1	1.	Less than high school
20	2.	High school graduate or equivalent
30	3.	Some college or technical training beyond high school
27	4.	College graduate
22	5.	Or, Post-graduate or professional degree
1	6.	Don't know [DO NOT READ]
<1	7.	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D3. For statistical purposes only, please stop me when I get to the category That includes your household's income before taxes in 2006. Was it... [READ LIST]

502		
<u>%</u>		
1	1.	Less than \$10,000
4	2.	\$10,000 but less than \$20,000
8	3.	\$20,000 but less than \$30,000
13	4.	\$30,000 but less than \$40,000
8	5.	\$40,000 but less than \$50,000
19	6.	\$50,000 but less than \$75,000
10	7.	\$75,000 but less than \$100,000
9	8.	\$100,000 or more
6	9.	Don't know [DO NOT READ]
22	10.	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D4. Which of the following groups best describes your race? [READ LIST]

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%

98	1.	White
-	2.	Black or African-American
-	3.	Asian
-	4.	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
-	5.	American Indian or Alaska Native
<1	6.	Other
<1	7.	Don't know
1	8.	Refused

D5. What is your gender?

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%

48	1.	Male
52	2.	Female

D6. Finally, what is your 5-digit zip code?