



# What Ohioans Think About

## The Presidential Candidate Who Is Best on Healthcare Issues



Results From The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati

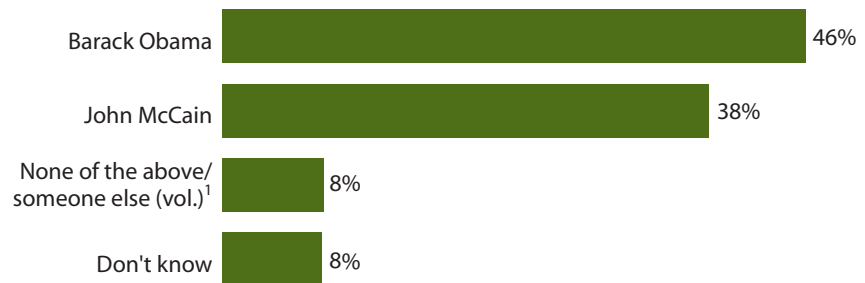


Three-quarters of Ohio adults (76%) would describe the U.S. healthcare system as being in a state of crisis (19%) or as having major problems (57%), according to the Fall 2008 *Ohio Health Issues Poll*. This is down slightly from the Spring 2008 *Poll*, when 82% of Ohioans described the system as being in a state of crisis (22%) or as having major problems (60%).

Given how Ohioans feel about the state of the healthcare system, who do they think will do the best job on healthcare issues as president? The Fall 2008 *Ohio Health Issues Poll* asked Ohio adults which of the two presidential candidates they thought would do the best job on healthcare issues. The two candidates Ohioans could choose from were (in alphabetical order) Senator John McCain and Senator Barack Obama.

About 46% of Ohio adults said Senator Obama would do the best job on healthcare issues as president, while 38% of Ohio adults said Senator McCain would do the best job. Another 8% of Ohio adults said they didn't know, 6% said neither candidate would do the best job, and 2% volunteered someone besides the two major-party candidates.

### Which 2008 presidential candidate do you think would do the best job on healthcare issues as president...John McCain or Barack Obama?



<sup>1</sup> This category includes people who voluntarily stated "none of the above" or provided the name of a candidate other than the two choices given.

Among respondents, those more likely to say Senator Obama would do the best job on healthcare issues included Ohioans who:

- are African American (93%)
- identify themselves as Democrat (75%)
- are ages 18–29 (57%)
- describe the U.S. healthcare system as in a state of crisis or has major problems (52%)

Among respondents, those more likely to say Senator McCain would do the best job on healthcare issues included Ohioans who:

- identify themselves as Republican (69%)
- describe the U.S. healthcare system as having minor problems (59%)
- are ages 65 and over (45%)