



# What Ohioans Think About The Presidential Candidates and Healthcare Issues



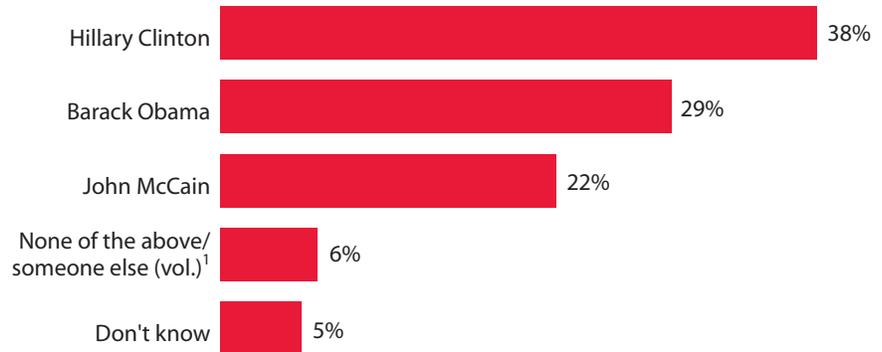
Results From The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati 

Over 80% of Ohioans would describe the U.S. healthcare system as being in a state of crisis (22%) or as having major problems (60%), according to the 2008 *Ohio Health Issues Poll*. This is up from 2006, when 72% of Ohioans described the system as being in a state of crisis (19%) or as having major problems (53%). Also in 2008, 17% of Ohio adults would describe the U.S. healthcare system as having minor or no problems, down from 28% in 2006.

Given that healthcare is one of the more popular topics in the 2008 campaigns for U.S. President, the *Ohio Health Issues Poll* asked Ohio adults which of three presidential candidates they thought would do the best job on healthcare issues as president, regardless of how they intend to vote. The three candidates Ohioans could choose from were (in alphabetical order): Senator Hillary Clinton, Senator John McCain, and Senator Barack Obama.

Almost 40% of Ohio adults said Senator Clinton (38%) would do the best job on healthcare issues as president, 29% said Senator Obama would do the best job, and 22% said Senator McCain would do the best job. Another 11% of Ohio adults volunteered someone else or none of the three or didn't know who they would choose.

## Regardless of how you intend to vote in 2008, which 2008 presidential candidate do you think would do the best job on healthcare issues as president...Hillary Clinton, 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 three choices given.

Ohioans more likely to report Senator Clinton would do the best job on healthcare issues as president, regardless of how they intend to vote, included Ohioans:

- who would describe the U.S. healthcare system as being in a state of crisis or as having major problems (84%)
- who identified themselves as Democrat (54%)
- living between 100–200% of the federal poverty guidelines<sup>1</sup> (FPG; 53%)
- with less than a high school education (53%)
- living below 100% FPG (47%)

<sup>1</sup> 100% of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG) in 2007 was an annual income of \$20,650 for a family of 4.

Ohioans more likely to report Senator Obama would do the best job on healthcare issues as president, regardless of how they intend to vote, included Ohioans:

- who are African American (63%)
- who are uninsured (46%)
- ages 18–29 (45%)

Ohioans more likely to report Senator McCain would do the best job on healthcare issues as president, regardless of how they intend to vote, included Ohioans:

- who would describe the U.S. healthcare system as having no problems or minor problems (82%)
- who identified themselves as Republican (56%)