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- 1) Cruz Ahead in Indiana**
- 2) Clinton Leads**
- 3) Young Edging Stutzman but Many Yet to Decide**

Summary

Hoosiers of any political stripe rarely have much to say in presidential primaries. 2016 is quite a departure with competition in both presidential primaries, including a neighboring state's governor swapping states with a competitor a week prior to voting, a vice presidential candidate nomination, and presidential candidates from both sides sweeping through the state. Because 2016 is different than any previous primary election, the electorate is difficult to predict for either the Democratic or Republican presidential primaries, as well as the U.S. Republican Senate seat.

The Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics commissioned a statewide poll to target likely voters in the Democratic and Republican primary elections on May 3, 2016. Following are the head-to-head race results as well as the strength of support and characteristics of candidates' supporters. It is important to note that the results reflect a snapshot in time of Hoosier attitudes in a period with very fluid campaign events. The poll's margin of error is 4.9%.

Republican Presidential Primary Horserace

Table 1 If you were to vote in the Republican primary and you were standing in the voting booth right now, would you vote for (names rotated)....		
	%	N
Ted Cruz	44.8 %	179
John Kasich	13.3 %	53
Donald Trump	29.0 %	116
Don't Know (voluntary)	13.0 %	52

Table 1 shows that Ted Cruz has a significant lead over Donald Trump in this poll, but 13% of likely Republican Hoosier electorate volunteered that they didn't know whom they would support yet and the poll has a margin of error of 4.9%.

Table 2 Strength of Republican Presidential Primary Vote Intention			
	Would you say your preference for this candidate was strong or not strong?		N
	Strong	Not Strong	
Ted Cruz	81.6 %	18.4 %	179
John Kasich	56.6 %	43.4 %	53
Donald Trump	70.7 %	29.3 %	116

As Table 2 demonstrates, the Republican primary electorate remains relatively open to changing their vote with 1/6th of Cruz supporters, three-in-ten Trump supporters, and over 43% of Kasich supporters saying their preference for their candidate is not strong.

Democratic Presidential Primary Horserace

Likely Democratic presidential primary voters are more certain of their choice with less than five percent saying they don't know who they will support. Hillary Clinton holds a substantial lead over Bernie Sanders at this point according to our results.

Table 3 If you were to vote in the Democratic primary and you were standing in the voting booth right now, would you vote for (names rotated)....		
	%	N
Hillary Clinton	55.0 %	220
Bernie Sanders	40.3 %	161
Don't Know (voluntary)	4.8 %	19

While Clinton may have a lead, it should be remembered that Sanders has closed substantial leads in other states such as neighboring Michigan. With this in mind, Table 4 indicates, Clinton's support is stronger than Sanders' support at this time.

	Would you say your preference for this candidate was strong or not strong?		N
	Strong	Not Strong	
Hillary Clinton	91.8 %	8.2 %	220
Bernie Sanders	75.2 %	24.8 %	161

Republican U.S. Senate Primary Horserace

Todd Young leads Marlin Stutzman among likely Republican primary voters for the open U.S. Senate seat. Young's lead is eight points which is right at the margin of error and a quarter of likely Republican voters volunteered that they still did not know who they would support.

	%	N
Marlin Stutzman	33.5 %	134
Todd Young	41.8 %	167
Don't Know (voluntary)	24.8 %	99

Further, Stutzman's support is somewhat stronger than Young's, though only 60% of Stutzman's supporters and half of Young's are strong supporters. This race remains fluid.

	Would you say your preference for this candidate was strong or not strong?			N
	Strong	Not Strong	Don't Know	
Marlin Stutzman	61.9 %	17.2 %	20.9 %	134
Todd Young	50.9 %	32.9 %	16.2 %	167

Statement of Methodology

Research Solution Center completed interviews with a random sample of 400 registered voters who said they were very likely to vote in the 2016 Republican primary and 400 registered voters who said they were very likely to vote in the 2016 Democratic primary election in Indiana.¹ The sample for this survey was purchased from National List. The calling was done on April 13 – 27, 2016. The calls were made from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Eastern on weekdays and 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Eastern on Saturday. Approximately 75 percent of the surveys were completed on landlines and 25 percent were completed on mobile phones.

The margin of error associated with the 400 completed interviews of likely voters is 4.9 percent at the 95 percent level of confidence. This means that with a sample of 400 valid surveys of registered voters, it can be said that if the survey was repeated 100 times, in 95 out of the 100 times, the research findings would, at most, vary by plus or minus 4.9 percent.

There were no weights applied to these results.

It should be noted that there are several possible sources of error that may influence the results of this survey beyond the aforementioned sampling error. These include self-selection out of the survey (i.e., refusing to be interviewed, refusing to answer a call from an unknown phone number), question phrasing, question ordering, the tone conveyed by a questioner, alteration of the data via weighting procedures, and the manner in which respondents were filtered out (for example, determining who is a likely voter). Error that may result from these factors should be kept in mind when reviewing the results of this survey.

Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics

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¹ Question: On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being certain not to vote and 10 being certain to vote, how likely are you to vote in the primary election? Respondents had to respond 7 or higher to be included.
Question: Are you more like to vote in the (ROTATE PARTIES) Republican or Democratic primary or have you not decided in which primary you will be voting