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HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

The Los Angeles Times/CNN Poll contacted 3,769 adults in Arizona, South Carolina and Missouri, including 451 likely Democratic primary voters in Arizona, 448 in South Carolina and 545 in Missouri, by telephone Jan. 28 – 30, 2004. Telephone numbers were chosen from a list of all exchanges in each of these three states. Random digit dialing techniques were used so that listed and unlisted numbers were contacted. Each state sample of adults was weighted slightly to conform with census figures for sex, race, age and education in each of the three states. The margin of sampling error for likely Democratic primary voters in Arizona and South Carolina is plus or minus 5 percentage points; and for Missouri voters it is 4 points. For certain subgroups the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results can also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish in Arizona. Interviewing in Missouri was conducted by Interviewing Service of America, Inc., Van Nuys, Calif.

NOTES

All answer frequencies are given in percentages.
Totals may exceed 100% in questions where more than one response was accepted. Totals may be less than 100% where some answer categories are not shown.
" – " indicates less than 0.5%.
The wording of some questions has been abridged.

SELECTED RESULTS FROM THE TIMES/CNN SURVEY OF AZ., S.C., MO. January 28-30, 2004

(A full summary of results will be available at a later date through the Los Angeles Times Poll)

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Among likely Democratic primary voters

AZ Arizona likely Democratic primary voters
SC South Carolina likely Democratic primary voters
MO Missouri likely Democratic primary voters

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO PLAN TO VOTE IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY)

Q5. If the February 3rd Democratic primary for president were being held today and the candidates were retired general Wesley Clark, former Vermont Governor Howard Dean, North Carolina Senator John Edwards, Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman, and the Reverend Al Sharpton, for whom would you vote: Wesley Clark, or Howard Dean, or John Edwards, or John Kerry, or Dennis Kucinich, or Joe Lieberman or Al Sharpton? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	AZ	SC	MO
Wesley Clark	**22**	**8**	**6**
Howard Dean	**13**	**7**	**7**
John Edwards	**8**	**32**	**11**
John Kerry	**29**	**20**	**37**
Dennis Kucinich	**2**	**–**	**–**
Joe Lieberman	**3**	**4**	**6**
Al Sharpton	**1**	**5**	**2**
Someone else	**–**	**1**	**1**
Don't know	**22**	**23**	**30**

(IF ANY CANDIDATE MENTIONED)

Q6. Are you certain you're going to vote for that candidate, or is it possible that you might end up voting for somebody else?

	AZ	SC	MO
Certain	**62**	**62**	**56**
Might vote for somebody else	**37**	**37**	**40**
Don't know	**1**	**1**	**4**

Q7. Can you tell me the one particular reason why you are supporting your candidate? By that I mean, either a personal quality or trait, or stand or position your candidate holds that has most attracted you to him. (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES) (TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	AZ	SC	MO
Charisma	**12**	**10**	**9**
Can win in Nov.	**13**	**6**	**4**
Experience	**12**	**5**	**5**
Military background	**16**	**11**	**6**
Understands the South	**–**	**11**	**–**

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(ASKED OF ALL LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS)
(ORDER OF STATEMENTS IS ROTATED)

Q8. Generally speaking, which is more important to you in deciding which candidate for president you would vote for: a candidate who you think has the best chance of beating George W. Bush in November 2004, or a candidate who agrees with you on most of the issues you care about?

	AZ	SC	MO
Beating Bush	**43**	**31**	**32**
Agrees with me	**50**	**62**	**59**
Don't know	**7**	**7**	**9**

(ASKED OF DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS WHO CHOSE A CANDIDATE IN Q5)

Q9. You mentioned that you would vote for (MENTIONED CANDIDATE FROM Q5) **if the Democratic primary were held today. Thinking about your vote, did the outcome of the New Hampshire primary play any role in your decision to vote for your candidate, or did it not play any role in your decision?**

	AZ	SC	MO
Role	**18**	**16**	**20**
No role	**81**	**83**	**78**
Don't know	**1**	**1**	**2**

(ASKED OF ALL LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS)

Q10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Democratic leaders in Washington have failed to stand up aggressively enough to President Bush"?

	AZ	SC	MO
Agree	**63**	**58**	**53**
Disagree	**26**	**34**	**37**
Don't know	**11**	**8**	**10**

Q11. What issue or problem would you particularly like to hear discussed by the candidates running for president this year? (ACCEPTED UP TO TWO REPLIES) (TOP FIVE RESPONSES SHOWN)

	AZ	SC	MO
Iraq war	**28**	**20**	**10**
Economy	**24**	**20**	**17**
Health care	**23**	**21**	**24**
Education	**12**	**11**	**9**
Jobs	**8**	**23**	**9**

Q12. On another subject, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

	AZ	SC	MO
Approve	**18**	**30**	**38**
Disapprove	**76**	**66**	**56**
Don't know	**6**	**4**	**6**

Q13. Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

	AZ	SC	MO
Right direction	**16**	**28**	**29**
Wrong track	**78**	**66**	**61**
Don't know	**6**	**6**	**10**

(ORDER OF CANDIDATES IS ROTATED)

Q14. Regardless of your choice for president in the Democratic primary, who do you think is the most qualified to be Commander-in-Chief: Wesley Clark, Howard Dean, John Edwards, John Kerry, Dennis Kucinich, Joe Lieberman or Al Sharpton?

	AZ	SC	MO
None of them (Vol.)	**1**	**6**	**5**
Wesley Clark	**27**	**22**	**13**
Howard Dean	**9**	**6**	**5**
John Edwards	**5**	**14**	**8**
John Kerry	**29**	**22**	**36**
Dennis Kucinich	**1**	**–**	**–**
Joe Lieberman	**6**	**8**	**8**
Al Sharpton	**1**	**2**	**2**
All equally (Vol.)	**2**	**1**	**1**
Don't know	**19**	**19**	**22**

(ORDER OF CANDIDATES IS ROTATED)

Q14A. Regardless of your choice for president in the Democratic primary, who do you think has the best temperament to be president of the United States: Wesley Clark, Howard Dean, John Edwards, John Kerry, Dennis Kucinich, Joe Liberman or Al Sharpton?

	AZ	SC	MO
None of them (Vol.)	**–**	**2**	**4**
Wesley Clark	**19**	**10**	**6**
Howard Dean	**7**	**6**	**4**
John Edwards	**10**	**29**	**13**
John Kerry	**29**	**24**	**34**
Dennis Kucinich	**–**	**–**	**–**
Joe Lieberman	**9**	**11**	**11**
Al Sharpton	**2**	**2**	**1**
All equally (Vol.)	**4**	**1**	**1**
Don't know	**20**	**15**	**26**

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Q15. Regardless of your choice for president in the Democratic primary, which candidate do you think will substantially change the way things are done in Washington: Wesley Clark, Howard Dean, John Edwards, John Kerry, Dennis Kucinich, Joe Lieberman or Al Sharpton?

	AZ	SC	MO
None of them (Vol.)	**11**	**11**	**9**
Wesley Clark	**16**	**9**	**5**
Howard Dean	**12**	**13**	**9**
John Edwards	**7**	**20**	**10**
John Kerry	**22**	**20**	**28**
Dennis Kucinich	**3**	**1**	**1**
Joe Lieberman	**5**	**4**	**5**
Al Sharpton	**4**	**5**	**4**
All equally (Vol.)	**2**	**3**	**2**
Don't know	**18**	**14**	**27**

(ORDER OF STATEMENTS IS ROTATED)

Q16. As you may know, some Democratic candidates have proposed repealing all of the Bush tax cuts, including provisions to cut middle-class taxes, in order to pay for expanding access to healthcare. Some Democratic candidates have said they would only repeal the provisions of the tax cuts affecting higher income families. What do you think? Would you prefer a nominee who wants to repeal all of the Bush tax cuts or would you prefer a nominee that would only repeal provisions of the tax cuts affecting wealthy families?

	AZ	SC	MO
Repeal all of the tax cuts	**33**	**33**	**28**
Repeal provision affecting wealthy families	**53**	**47**	**47**
Don't repeal (Vol.)	**4**	**8**	**8**
Don't know	**10**	**12**	**17**

(ORDER OF STATEMENTS IS ROTATED)

Q17. Do you prefer a Democratic nominee who believes that trade agreements like the North American trade agreement between Mexico and Canada will benefit the U.S. economy and generate more jobs for the American people or do you prefer a Democratic nominee who believes that trade agreements like the North American trade agreement between Mexico and Canada will hurt the U.S. economy and take jobs away from the American people?

	AZ	SC	MO
Benefit economy	**36**	**25**	**31**
Hurt economy	**46**	**57**	**44**
No difference (Vol.)	**3**	**1**	**5**
Don't know	**15**	**17**	**20**

Q18. Do you prefer a Democratic nominee who would make it easier for illegal immigrants to become citizens of the United States, or would you prefer a Democratic nominee that would not make it easier for illegal immigrants to become citizens?

	AZ	SC	MO
Make it easier	**28**	**16**	**27**
Not make it easier	**62**	**75**	**60**
Don't know	**10**	**9**	**13**

Q19. Do you prefer a Democratic nominee who supports civil unions between same-sex couples that are not marriages, but would give similar legal protection in areas such as inheritance, taxes, health insurance and hospital visits, or a Democratic nominee who does not?

	AZ	SC	MO
Supports civil unions	**58**	**35**	**35**
Does not support civil unions	**31**	**56**	**55**
Don't know	**11**	**9**	**10**

Q20. As you may know, there are some Democratic candidates for president who opposed the U.S. war with Iraq because they did not believe Iraq posed an imminent threat to the United States. There are some Democratic candidates for president who supported the war with Iraq because they felt that Saddam Hussein was an imminent threat to the U.S. and that he had been stockpiling weapons of mass destruction. On balance, would you prefer a Democratic nominee who favored war with Iraq or one who opposed it?

	AZ	SC	MO
Favored war	**30**	**39**	**44**
Opposed war	**61**	**50**	**45**
Don't know	**9**	**11**	**11**

Q21. When voting in your state's primary on February 3rd, would you only vote for a candidate who agrees with your position on Iraq, or would you vote for a candidate who held a different position than you on the war, but agreed with you on most other issues?

	AZ	SC	MO
Must agree on Iraq	**20**	**20**	**25**
Vote for candidate who held different position on war	**71**	**72**	**59**
Don't know	**9**	**8**	**16**

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