

September 25, 2008

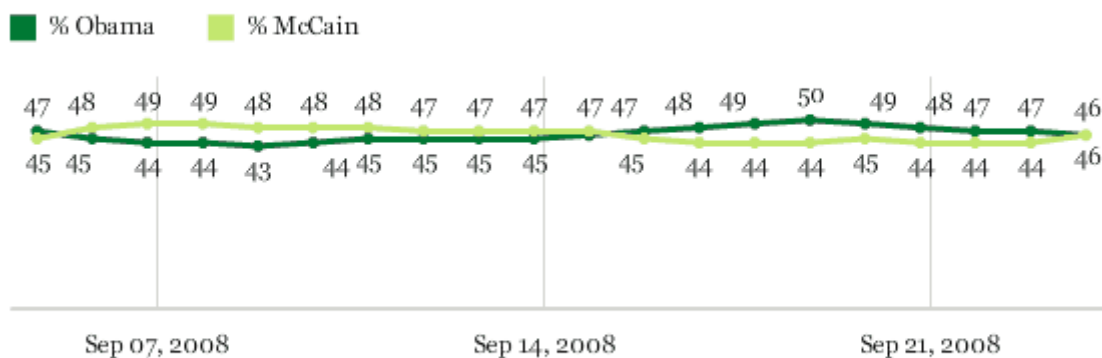
Gallup Daily: Race Back to a Tie at 46% Each

McCain now on equal footing with Obama

PRINCETON, NJ -- John McCain has gained ground and is now tied with Barack Obama among registered voters in the latest [Gallup Poll Daily tracking](#) update for Sept. 22-24, with each candidate getting 46% support.

Gallup Daily Election Polling Results for the Presidential General Election, Obama vs. McCain, trend since Sept. 3-5, 2008

National registered voters



Based on three-day rolling averages.

GALLUP POLL

This update covers interviewing conducted Monday through Wednesday, and as such includes one night after McCain's announcement that he was suspending election campaigning and flying to Washington to help seek a bipartisan solution to the financial crisis. A night by night analysis of interviewing results, however, does not suggest that McCain had a dramatically better night against Obama on Wednesday. Instead, the data show that McCain has been doing slightly better for the last three days than he had in the previous week, and with some strong Obama days falling off of the rolling average, the race has moved to its current tied position. This is the first report since Sept. 13-15, in which Obama did not have at least a one percentage point edge.

As was true during the two weeks in which the candidates selected their vice presidential running mates and held their conventions, this appears to be a time period with much going on that can affect the candidates' standings, including whatever happens regarding the three planned presidential debates and the one vice presidential debate.

-- Frank Newport

(To view the complete trend since March 7, 2008, [click here](#).)

Gallup Daily Election Polling Results for the General Election, Sept. 22-24, 2008

Based on a three-day rolling average of national registered voters

Candidate	%
Obama	46
McCain	46
Other (vol.)	1
Neither (vol.)	3
No opinion	4
Number of interviews	2,731

* Less than 0.5%

GALLUP POLL

([Click here](#) to see how the race currently breaks down by demographic subgroup.)

Survey Methods

For the Gallup Poll Daily tracking survey, Gallup is interviewing no fewer than 1,000 U.S. adults nationwide each day during 2008.

The general election results are based on combined data from Sept. 22-24, 2008. For results based on this sample of 2,731 registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 2 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only).

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.