

62% Say Political Parties Need Better Way to Nominate Presidential Candidates

For political junkies, the 2007 warm-up to next year's Presidential election has been a wonderful time with lots of debates, public finance reports, early television ads, and candidates crisscrossing the nation.

However, most voters are less impressed. Sixty-two percent (62%) say that the political parties need to find a better way to nominate their Presidential candidates. Sixty-four percent (64%) of Democrats say a better approach is needed along with 54% of Republicans and 68% of those not affiliated with either major party. Younger voters are less likely than their elders to say that change is needed.

As pundits assess the various campaign strategies aimed at Iowa and New Hampshire, few American voters are committed to these states first in the nation status. Just 21% believe that Iowa should always have the first Presidential caucus and just 22% believe New Hampshire should always have the first Presidential Primary. Men are more comfortable than women with allowing these states to retain their special status, but solid pluralities are opposed.

Currently, [Hillary Clinton](#) and [Mitt Romney](#) lead their party's Primaries in New Hampshire. Clinton and Rudy Giuliani lead the [national polls](#)

An earlier Rasmussen Reports survey found a similar disconnect between the politically obsessed and most Americans. Just [15% of voters find the Presidential debates exciting while 58% said they are boring](#)

Today, while the new strategy game involves the ever changing dates of Election 2008 Primaries, just 35% say they know the date of their state's Primary Election. Just 20% of voters are following news stories about the Presidential Primaries Very Closely. Another 36% say they're following the stories Somewhat Closely.

This desire for changing the Presidential nomination process comes at a time when most Americans are frustrated with the political system generally. Fifty-seven percent (57%) of Americans say they're [better off than they were just 20 years ago](#) but just 26% say the nomination is

better off.

Just 8% of Americans say it's Very Likely that [Congress will seriously address the important issues](#) facing the nation this year.

Earlier this year, the Senate attempted to pass an unpopular immigration bill that failed because [voters didn't believe the Senators](#) when it came to enforcing the border.

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