

CBS NEWS POLL
For immediate release

TWO DAYS TO GO
(October 30 - November 1, 2008)

With two days to go before the 2008 presidential election, the CBS News Poll finds Democrats Barack Obama and Joe Biden continuing to lead Republicans John McCain and Sarah Palin by 13 points among likely voters, including those who lean toward a candidate - no different than late last week. Only 4% remain undecided.

CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT

(Among likely voters including leaners)

	Now	11/1	10/30
Obama-Biden	54%	54%	52%
McCain-Palin	41	41	41
Undecided	4	4	5

As the number of undecided voters has dwindled, so has the number that says their minds can still change. More than nine in 10 of each candidate's voters now say they have made up their minds about who to vote for and are not likely to change.

IS YOUR MIND MADE UP?

(Among likely voters with a candidate choice)

	Obama voters	McCain voters
Yes	93%	92%
No, too soon	7	8

With two days to go, only 8% of likely voters are uncommitted - either they have not yet chosen a candidate, or their minds could still change. Nearly all of these uncommitted voters say they plan to vote. Only a few - about 5% of them - say they will probably not.

In the CBS News/New York Times Poll conducted in the final days before the 2004 election, about 10% of voters said they were uncommitted. At the same time in 2000, more -- 16% -- were uncommitted.

Today's uncommitted voters are mostly white, and more than half are age 45 or older. Just over half are men, and most live in the Midwest and South. Half describe themselves as moderate, and many are not partisan - four in 10 are independents.

PROFILE OF UNCOMMITTED VOTERS

(Among likely uncommitted voters)

Republican	24%
Democrat	31
Independent	39
Liberal	24%
Moderate	51
Conservative	22
Northeast	24%
Midwest	33
South	35
West	8

EARLY VOTING

State after state that offers early voting has reported massive turnout so far. In our poll, about one in four registered voters says they have already cast their vote early - either in person or through the mail - and it appears they have given Obama a built-in lead heading into Election Day. Obama leads among voters who have already cast their ballot by 15 points.

CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT

(Among early voters)

Obama-Biden	56%
McCain-Palin	41

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 908 adults nationwide, including 804 registered voters, interviewed by telephone October 30-November 1, 2008. Phone numbers were dialed from RDD samples of both standard land-lines and cell phones. The error due to sampling for results based on the sample of registered voters could be plus or minus four percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher.

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents:	908	
Total Registered Voters:	804	750
Effective Likely Voters		607