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## Cornyn has Significant Lead Over Noriega in U.S. Senate Race

A survey of N=1,005 registered voters in Texas conducted May 20-25, 2008 by Baselice & Associates, Inc. shows John Cornyn (49%) with a sixteen-point lead over Rick Noriega (33%) in the race for U.S. Senate.

If the election for U.S. Senate were held today, for which candidate would you vote? **(Rotate choices)**

49% John Cornyn, Republican  
33% Rick Noriega, Democrat  
2% Other **(vol)**  
16% Unsure / refused **(vol)**

In this survey, 48% of respondents indicate they usually vote for Republican candidates versus 40% who usually vote Democrat. These responses include six percent who lean in favor of Republican candidates and four percent who lean in favor of Democrat candidates.

These responses are similar to the results of a statewide survey of N=801 registered voters in Texas conducted by Baselice & Associates, Inc. four weeks ago. In that survey, John Cornyn held a 49% to 34% lead over Rick Noriega. The margin of error to the responses of N=801 voters is +/- 3.5% at the .95 confidence interval.

Regional breakouts to the U.S. Senate ballot test from the current survey are shown below.

|                       | U.S. SENATE BALLOT |         |       |                    | Cornyn -<br>Noriega | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|
|                       | Cornyn             | Noriega | Other | Unsure/<br>refused |                     |       |
| TOTAL                 | 49%                | 33%     | 2%    | 16%                | 17%                 | 1005  |
| TEXAS MEDIA MARKETS   |                    |         |       |                    |                     |       |
| Dallas-Ft. Worth      | 48%                | 34%     | 1%    | 17%                | 14%                 | 292   |
| Houston               | 45%                | 34%     | 4%    | 17%                | 11%                 | 240   |
| Austin/Waco/Bryan     | 49%                | 35%     | 1%    | 15%                | 14%                 | 119   |
| San Ant/South/El Paso | 49%                | 35%     | 3%    | 14%                | 14%                 | 195   |
| West Texas markets    | 63%                | 21%     | 4%    | 12%                | 42%                 | 88    |
| East Texas markets    | 54%                | 26%     |       | 20%                | 29%                 | 71    |

Partisan and racial/ethnic breakouts to the U.S. Senate ballot test are shown below.

|                          | U.S. SENATE BALLOT |         |       |                    | Cornyn -<br>Noriega | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|
|                          | Cornyn             | Noriega | Other | Unsure/<br>refused |                     |       |
| TOTAL                    | 49%                | 33%     | 2%    | 16%                | 17%                 | 1005  |
| USUAL VOTE BEHAVIOR      |                    |         |       |                    |                     |       |
| Republicans              | 82%                | 7%      | 1%    | 11%                | 75%                 | 426   |
| Indeps. (incl. leaners)  | 46%                | 24%     | 4%    | 25%                | 21%                 | 219   |
| Democrats                | 13%                | 68%     | 3%    | 16%                | -55%                | 359   |
| IDEOLOGY / VOTE BEHAVIOR |                    |         |       |                    |                     |       |
| Consrv Republicans       | 85%                | 4%      | 1%    | 10%                | 81%                 | 323   |
| Mod/Lib Republicans      | 71%                | 16%     |       | 13%                | 55%                 | 103   |
| Consrv Independents      | 58%                | 16%     | 4%    | 22%                | 41%                 | 103   |
| Mod/Lib Independents     | 35%                | 32%     | 4%    | 29%                | 3%                  | 116   |
| Consrv Democrats         | 19%                | 65%     | 1%    | 15%                | -47%                | 99    |
| Mod/Lib Democrats        | 11%                | 69%     | 3%    | 16%                | -58%                | 260   |
| RACE / ETHNICITY         |                    |         |       |                    |                     |       |
| Anglo                    | 59%                | 24%     | 2%    | 16%                | 36%                 | 681   |
| African-American         | 15%                | 62%     | 3%    | 20%                | -47%                | 131   |
| Hispanic                 | 34%                | 46%     | 5%    | 15%                | -11%                | 159   |
| Other                    | 54%                | 38%     |       | 9%                 | 16%                 | 34    |

Respondents to the current survey were interviewed May 20-25, 2008 among randomly generated and selected telephone numbers, including 17% who indicated they had an unlisted telephone number. The margin of error to the responses of N=1,005 voters is +/- 3.1% at the .95 confidence interval.

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