

McCain, Clinton Win Florida Primaries

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MIAMI. -- Senator John McCain won a breakthrough triumph in the Florida primary, seizing the upper hand in the Republican presidential race ahead of next week's contests and lining up a quick endorsement from soon-to-be dropout Rudy Giuliani.



McCain eased past chief rival Mitt Romney on Tuesday night following a tough battle in which the two traded accusations and insults. "Washington is fundamentally broken," Romney said. "We're not going to change Washington just by sending the same people back just to sit in different



chairs." The exchanges between McCain and Romney were heated. McCain repeated an accusation he had used effectively against Romney in Florida, saying Romney had once favored a timetable for withdrawing troops from Iraq. McCain, who cultivates an image as a maverick, has been in the senate for four terms after two terms as a U.S. congressman.

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton won the Democratic primary, an event that drew no campaigning by any of the contenders -- and awarded no delegates to the winner because of a dispute between the state and national parties over the date of the primary. Republicans penalized the state as well, but took away only half of their 114 delegates. Turnout was high for the Democratic race even though no delegates were at stake. Florida Sen. Bill Nelson said about 2.5 million voters cast ballots, and nearly 400,000 people cast early or absentee ballots ahead of the primary. Even so, Clinton sought to emphasize her performance in the state, holding a victory rally as the polls were closing. Nearly complete returns showed Clinton with 50 percent, followed by Senator Barack Obama with 33 percent and former senator John Edwards with 14 percent. Edwards was to announce his exit from the presidential race yesterday. He notified a close circle of senior advisers that he planned to make the announcement at a 1pm event in New Orleans that had been billed as a speech on poverty, two of his advisers said.

Former New York mayor Giuliani ran third. It was Giuliani's best showing of the campaign, but not nearly good enough for the one-time front-runner who decided to make his last stand in a state that is home to tens of thousands of transplanted New Yorkers. Republican officials said that Giuliani was expected to endorse McCain later yesterday in California. They spoke on condition of anonymity in advance of the public announcement. Romney, who has spent millions of dollars of his personal fortune to run for the White House, vowed to stay in the race. "It's also raging in paid advertising on TV and radio. Romney has spent \$30 million on TV ads in Florida this year," said CNN political correspondent Dana Bash. That's five times as much as the McCain campaign, which is now using less expensive radio commercials to directly question Romney's credibility on the economy.

The Florida victory was worth 57 Republican National Convention delegates for McCain, a winner-take-all haul that catapulted him ahead of Romney for the overall delegate lead. More than 1,000 Republican delegates will be awarded on Feb. 5 in 21 primaries and caucuses. A total of 1,191 delegates are needed to secure the nomination at this summer's Republican national convention. Returns from 99 percent of the state's precincts showed McCain with 36 percent of the vote and Romney with 31 percent. Giuliani trailed with 15 percent. Former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee finished fourth with 13 percent.

1. In paragraph form, identify the current method in place for one to secure the party nomination at this summer's national convention. Additionally, explain why Clinton did not receive any delegates despite the fact that she was victorious in the Florida primary elections.
2. What is the monetary difference in funds invested specifically on Florida television ads by the McCain and Romney campaign? Did the results of the election accurately reflect candidate spending? Explain.
3. Organize all of the presidential candidates' percentages of votes a) on a number line and identify the half way point between each point, b) a box-and-whisker plot and identify the interquartile range, c) determine the mean, median, mode, range, and outlier, and d) plot the data on a double-line graph (Republicans and Democrats).
4. Assuming there was an equal split amongst all voters, how many votes would each candidate received?
5. Upon completion of this assignment, how far have we progressed through the 2007-08 series of *The Daughtry Times*[®]? Express your answer as a fraction, decimal, percentage, and pie chart.
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8. In complete sentences, using contextual clues only, explain the meaning of the italicized words: *cultivates*, *anonymity*, and *catapulted*. Additionally, use each in a sentence to demonstrate further comprehension.
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