

Poll: Obama gains ground in Iowa

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WASHINGTON -- Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Rodham Clinton has lost some momentum to rival Barack Obama in a new poll on the upcoming Iowa caucus. The Washington Post-ABC News poll indicates Obama drew support from 30 percent of likely Democratic voters interviewed in Iowa while Clinton drew 26 percent and John Edwards, a former senator from North Carolina, received 22 percent. New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson drew 11 percent. The poll released Tuesday indicates Clinton, a senator from New York, lost support to Obama, a senator from Illinois, on questions of experience and which candidate is best prepared to deal with the war in Iraq, the Post reported. Of those interviewed, 55 percent said a "new direction and new ideas" were their top priority, compared with 33 percent who named "strength and experience" as their top priority. The telephone poll interviewed 500 Iowa adults likely to vote in the caucus and had a plus or minus 4 percentage-point margin of error.

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