

Will Huckabee poll numbers draw more cash?

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WASHINGTON - Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee's rise in primary election polls needs to translate into a comparable increase in campaign contributions. USA Today reported Friday that the dark horse candidate for the Republican presidential nomination is still far behind rival Rudy Giuliani when it comes to fund raising. The newspaper says at the end of September the former New York City mayor had \$16.6 million in the bank compared to Huckabee's \$651,000. In recent days Huckabee has moved into second place behind Giuliani in two national polls and is leading in Iowa a month before the Jan. 3 caucuses. Huckabee's campaign manager, Chip Saltsman, says his candidate's strong showing in Iowa and the national polls demonstrates how much can be accomplished on a tight budget. "We always knew that we were going to be outspent," he said. Saltsman says Huckabee collected more than \$2 million online in November and recently took in an additional \$250,000 over the Internet.

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