

Clinton widens lead in CBS poll

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NEW YORK -- The latest CBS News poll of Democratic primary voters indicated that Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., has widened her lead for the party's presidential nomination. In a hypothetical three-way contest between Clinton and her two closest primary rivals, CBS reported Friday that 51 percent of Democratic voters asked said they preferred Clinton as the nominee. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., was in second place with 21 percent followed by former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., with 13 percent. CBS said the results mark the highest percentage of voters choosing Clinton since it began polling last spring and represent an increase of 7 percentage points from September. If Clinton becomes the nominee, more than 70 percent of the Democratic primary voters polled said they would consider voting for her or would definitely vote for her in a general election. However, among overall registered voters more than one-third or 36 percent said they would definitely not vote for the former first lady, CBS reported. The telephone poll was conducted Oct. 12-16 among 456 Democratic primary voters with a margin of error of 5 percentage points and 1,282 adults nationwide with a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

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