

## Gallup Poll

# Demo Race-- Minus Kennedy

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Senator Edward Kennedy's decision to remove himself from presidential contention has left Alabama Governor George Wallace as the top choice of Democrats for their party's presidential nomination in 1976.

In the latest Gallup survey, completed just before Kennedy's announcement, the Massachusetts senator was the top choice among Democratic voters with 46 per cent of the vote. With Kennedy out of the running, Wallace emerges as the leader of a divided Democratic field, carrying 27 per cent of the vote. In second place are Senators George McGovern and Edmund Muskie with 17 per cent, followed by Senator Henry Jackson, who received 14 per cent.

Kennedy's decision has altered the Democratic picture considerably, leaving half the rank-and-file to cast about for another candidate to support."

To determine how his supporters would vote with Kennedy out of the running, those who selected him were asked to indicate their second choice.

With Kennedy's vote redistributed, results show that no one candidate has a lock on his former Democratic constituency, with four men splitting most of that bloc. Chief beneficiaries of Kennedy's decision are McGovern and Wallace who draw 25 and 23 per cent of Kennedy's former supporters, respectively. Muskie receives 18 per cent while another 10 per cent goes to Jackson.

The questions asked:

"Here is a list of people who have been mentioned as

possible presidential candidates for the Democratic Party in 1976. Which one would you like to see nominated as the Democratic candidate for president in 1976?"

(with Kennedy out of the race)

Gov. George Wallace (Ala.)	27%
Sen. George McGovern (S.D.)	17%
Sen. Edmund Muskie (Me.)	17%
Sen. Henry Jackson (Wash.)	14%
Eugene McCarthy	7%
Sen. William Proxmire (Wis.)	5%
Sen. Walter Mondale (Minn.)	2%
Undecided	11%

While Kennedy was the runaway choice of Democrats in all regions of the nation, the same is not true of Wallace. Outside his home region, Wallace drops into a virtual three-way tie for the lead with Muskie and McGovern.

Here are the choices of Democrats outside the south with Kennedy out of the race:

#### Non-South Democratic Nomination choices

(with Kennedy out of the race)

Wallace	21%
Muskie	18%
McGovern	18%
Jackson	14%
McCarthy	8%
Proxmire	6%
Mondale	3%
Undecided	11%

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## Flournoy, Brown Preparing for Today's Debate

Sacramento

Gubernatorial candidates Edmund Brown Jr. and Houston Flournoy suspended campaigning yesterday in preparation for their second debate today.

Democrat Brown was reported at his home in Los Angeles for a full day of briefings by campaign manager Tom Quinn and his educational advisers.

Flournoy was in Sacramento at a meeting with his campaign manager, Douglas Kranwinkle, and his specialists on educational matters.

The two candidates will confront each other at noon today for their second of six scheduled debates during the gubernatorial campaign. They will debate at the Irvine Campus of the University of California. The subject will be education.

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