

Kennedy Leads in Gallup Poll

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Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts is in first place in the latest Gallup survey as the top choice of Democratic voters for the 1972 nomination. Kennedy and Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine were tied in a July survey with Senator Hubert of Minnesota four points behind.

Kennedy is currently the choice of 26 per cent of Democrats to 22 per cent for Muskie and 13 per cent for Humphrey.

Lindsay's switch from the Republican to the Democratic party last month appears to have paid some dividends. He has increased his percentage of the vote from 3 per cent in the mid-July survey to 6 per cent in the latest survey conducted late August.

Senator George McGovern's progress in these nationwide "open primary" tests has been slow but his present 6 per cent puts him in a tie with Lindsay for fourth place.

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In conducting this survey, Gallup interviewers showed persons interviewed a card listing 13 men. Each person interviewed was asked the following question:

Which ONE of the men on this list would you like to see nominated as the Democratic candidate for President in 1972?

Interviewing was conducted August 20-23 with 1523 citizens 18 and older in more than 300 communities across the nation.*

Here are the top nomination choices of the 656 persons in the survey who classified themselves as Democrats:

Choices of Democrats

— Nationwide —

Edward Kennedy . . .	26%
Edmund Muskie . . .	22
Hubert Humphrey . .	13
John Lindsay	6
George McGovern . .	6
Eugene McCarthy . .	4
Others, no pref. . . .	23