



EDWARD KENNEDY      RONALD REAGAN  
The Democrat led the trial heat, 50 per cent to 43

## Gallup Poll

# '76 Test--Reagan Close to Kennedy

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In the latest nationwide presidential trial heat, Governor Ronald Reagan of California runs a close race against Senator Edward Kennedy (Dem.-Mass.) with Reagan receiving the support of 43 per cent of voters compared to 50 per cent for Kennedy.

Reagan is currently the top choice of Republican voters for the GOP nomination while Kennedy is the favorite of Democrats.

Here are the questions asked in the survey to determine the relative popularity of presidential candidates at this early stage of the race for 1976:

"Suppose the presidential election were being held today. If Governor Ronald Reagan were the Republican candidate and Senator Edward Kennedy were the

Democratic candidate, which would you like to see win?"

All those who indicated another preference or had no opinion were then asked:

"As of today, who do you lean more to, Reagan or Kennedy?"

Here are the national results:

Kennedy	50%
Reagan	43
Other responses	2
Undecided	5

The Gallup poll on October 20 reported that Reagan held a clear lead over the field of men who have been discussed as possible Republican nominees.

Reagan received the support of 29 per cent of Republicans in the survey, followed by Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York with 19 per cent and former Treasury Secretary John Connally with 16 per cent.

On the Democratic side, Kennedy was found to be far and away the top choice of Democratic voters for their party's nomination, as determined by a Gallup survey published in midsummer. Kennedy was selected by 40 per cent of Democrats, followed by Governor George Wallace of Alabama with 16 per cent.