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Poll Shows Ford Leads Kennedy

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Vice President Gerald Ford ran ahead of Democrats Senator Edward Kennedy and Senator Henry Jackson in a recent poll involving potential 1976 presidential candidates, the Harris Survey reports.

A cross-section of 1103 likely voters was asked: "If the 1976 elections were being held today, and you had to choose, would you vote for Gerald Ford on the Republican ticket for president or senators Edward Kennedy or Henry Jackson on the Democratic ticket?"

The results, with the number of undecided voters able to change the outcome, were: Ford, 48 per cent, Kennedy 44 per cent, 8 per cent not sure; Ford, 43 per cent, Jackson 41 per cent, 16 per cent not sure.

On a geographical basis, the survey said, Ford outran the Democratic senators in the South and Midwest but trailed them in both the East and the West.

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