

Gallup Poll on '76 Race

# Kennedy Still Tops Demos

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Senator Edward Kennedy continues to be the runaway first choice of the nation's Democratic voters for the 1976 presidential nomination.

Kennedy is selected by 41 per cent of Democrats, receiving more than twice the support given to the next highest vote-getter, Governor George Wallace of Alabama, who wins 15 per cent of the Democratic vote.

Following Wallace in the current rankings are Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine with 9 per cent, and Senator George McGovern of South Dakota and Senator Henry Jackson of Washington, each with 6 per cent. None of the other men on the list of 11 drew more than 4 per cent of the vote of the 627 Democrats in the survey.

Kennedy earlier this year indicated that he would announce his decision on candidacy shortly after the 1974

congressional elections. If for personal or other reasons he decides not to become a presidential candidate in 1976, who would then emerge as the top Democratic favorite?

To determine the frontrunner with Kennedy out of contention, Democrats in the latest survey who picked Kennedy as their first choice were asked to indicate a second choice. Kennedy's vote is found to go heavily to three men — McGovern, Muskie and Wallace. The new lineup shows Wallace in first place with 20 per cent, Muskie with 17 per cent, and McGovern with 16 per cent. Next in the new rankings are Jackson with 9 per cent and Senator Adlai Stevenson of Illinois with 7 per cent.

To gain insight into early preferences for the 1976 nomination prize, Democrats in the latest survey were asked to indicate their top nomination choice from a list of 11 who have been

mentioned as possible Democratic presidential candidates for 1976. Following are the question and results:

"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?"

Sen. Edward Kennedy (Mass.)	41
Gov. George Wallace (Ala.)	15
Sen. Edmund Muskie (Maine)	9
Sen. Henry Jackson (Wash.)	6
Sen. George McGovern (S.D.)	6
Sen. Adlai Stevenson (Ill.)	4
Sen. Birch Bayh (Ind.)	3
Sen. Walter Mondale (Minn.)	2
Sen. William Proxmire (Wis.)	2
Sen. Robert Byrd (W. Va.)	1
Sen. John Tunney (Calif.)	1
Undecided	10

The following table shows the choices when Kennedy's vote is distributed to the other candidates:

Wallace	20
Muskie	17
McGovern	16
Jackson	9
Stevenson	7
Bayh	5
Proxmire	4
Mondale	3
Tunney	3
Byrd	2
Undecided	14

The list used in the survey

includes the names of 11 persons who have figured prominently in speculation over future presidential races. Each person in the survey was given the opportunity to select someone whose name was not on the list.

None of these received more than 1 per cent. Those mentioned include (in alphabetical order): Governor Reubin Askew (Fla.), State Representative Julian Bond (Ga.), Governor Jimmy Carter (Ga.), Representative Shirley Chisholm (N.Y.), former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Senator Alan Cranston (Calif.), Senator Thomas Eagleton (Mo.), John Gardner (head of Common Cause), Senator Philip Hart (Mich.), Senator Walter Huddleston (Ky.), Senator Hubert Humphrey (Minn.), Senator Daniel Inouye (Hawaii), and Senator Mike Mansfield (Mont.).