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Wallace Leads Poll Of Demos

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Governor George Wallace of Alabama is currently the top choice of both Democratic and independent voters for the 1976 democratic presidential nomination.

Wallace is the choice of 22 per cent of Democrats in the latest nationwide Gallup survey, followed by Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota with 16 per cent, Senator Henry Jackson of Washington with 13 per cent, Senator George McGovern with 10 per cent and Senator Edmund Muskie with 9 per cent.

No other person in the survey receives more than 4 per cent of the vote. Senator Edward Kennedy (Mass.) was accorded a very heavy "write-in" vote, however, despite his disavowal of intention to seek the nomination.

Wallace also heads the field among independents, a large bloc of voters who are numerically stronger than the Republicans, winning 28 per cent of the vote. Jackson is second with 13 per cent followed by Humphrey with 9 per cent and McGovern and Muskie, each with 7 per cent.

To measure the strength of declared and potential candidates, all persons interviewed were handed a card with 13 names and asked which one they would like to see nominated as the democratic candidate in 1976.

These names were selected from a list used in an earlier survey which meas-

ured the strength of 31 persons who have been mentioned as possible democratic candidates in 1976. The basis for inclusion on the current list was (1) official announcement of candidacy or (2) the receipt of 3 per cent of the previous survey.

The following table shows the first choices of democrats today:

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| Wallace | 22% |
| Humphrey | 16 |
| Jackson | 13 |
| McGovern | 10 |
| Muskie | 9 |
| Julian Bond | 4 |
| Senator John Glenn | 4 |
| Senator Adlai Stevenson III | 3 |
| Rep. Morris Udall | 3 |
| Senator Lloyd Bentsen | 3 |
| John Lindsay | 2 |
| Jimmy Carter | 1 |
| Fred Harris | 1 |
| No preference-others | 9 |

To determine how the picture would change if Wallace does not run in 1976, those democratic voters who chose him were asked to make a second choice.

When the Wallace vote is distributed to the other men on the list, Humphrey emerges with the lead (21 per cent) followed by Jackson with 15 per cent, McGovern with 12 per cent and Muskie with 11 per cent. The others receive 6 per cent or less of the vote.

Humphrey's support was also distributed to the other candidates on the basis of second choices.

The new line-up shows Wallace leading with 23 per cent of the support of democrats to 15 per cent for runner-up Jackson. Next are Muskie and McGovern, each with 12 per cent.

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