

Rockefeller Makes Better Showing

Nixon, Rockefeller Lead All 3 Democratic Candidates In Latest 'Test Election' Races

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PRINCETON, N. J., May 11 — Both Richard Nixon and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller lead the top three Democratic Presidential candidates—Vice President Hubert Humphrey, Sen. Robert Kennedy and Sen. Eugene McCarthy — in the latest nationwide test elections.

These findings are based on a national survey of registered voters completed just prior to last Tuesday's Indiana primary and following Rockefeller's entry into the race.

Of the two rival Republicans tested, Governor Rockefeller makes the better showing.



On the Democratic side, McCarthy and Humphrey show about equal strength against their GOP rivals and make a better run than Senator Kennedy. It should be borne in mind, however, that interviewing was completed before Kennedy's victory in Indiana.

Today's findings are based on a survey conducted between May 4 and 8 in which 1139 registered voters were interviewed in person in over 300 localities across the nation. The question asked for the 6 "test elections:"

"Suppose the Presidential election were being held today. If (Richard Nixon/Nelson Rockefeller) were the Republican candidate and (Hubert

Both Defeat Top Democrats (Latest National Trial Heats)



Rockefeller



Nixon

Richard Nixon and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller each defeats Vice President Humphrey, Sen. Robert Kennedy and Sen. Eugene McCarthy in the latest trial heats, which also includes George Wallace. Rockefeller currently shows greater strength than Nixon.

Humphrey/Robert Kennedy/Eugene McCarthy) were the Democratic candidate and George Wallace of Alabama were the candidate of a third party, which one would you like to see win?"

Wallace Vote Is Growing

Wallace's support in the 6 trial heats ranges from 14 per cent to 18 per cent and averages 16 per cent. This represents a definite gain for Wallace since the previous survey in April.

Wallace wins a greater share of the vote in trial heats against Gov. Rockefeller than against Richard Nixon. As a matter of fact, the 18 per cent who chose Wallace in preference to Rockefeller or Senator Kennedy is the highest vote obtained by Wallace in any trial heat to date.

Humphrey Has Gained on Nixon

Vice President Humphrey has gained on Nixon since the early April survey — conducted before Humphrey's entry into the race — and now trails by only 3 percentage points.

Governor Rockefeller, on the other

hand, currently enjoys a 7-point lead over Humphrey in the first test of the relative strength of the two men since Rockefeller entered the race.

The following tables show the latest results and trend:

	May	April
Nixon	39%	43%
Humphrey ...	36	34
Wallace	14	9
Undecided ...	11	14

Rockefeller ...	40%
Humphrey ...	33
Wallace	16
Undecided ...	11

RFK Loses Ground

Senator Kennedy has lost ground to Nixon since the early April test and now trails the former Vice President by 10 points. The margin between the two men in April was only 3 percentage points.

Rockefeller again demonstrates greater strength than Nixon, defeating Kennedy by 14 points, as seen below:

	May	April
Nixon	42%	41%
Kennedy	32	38
Wallace	15	10
Undecided ...	11	11

Rockefeller ...	42%
Kennedy	28
Wallace	18
Undecided ...	12

McCarthy-Nixon Race Is Close

Nixon holds a slim two-point lead over Sen. Eugene McCarthy (it was 3 points in April), but Rockefeller holds a 9-point lead over McCarthy. The results:

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Wallace	14	10
Undecided ...	10	11

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