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Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? It's Hillary!
Michigan Voters Prefer Clinton, Romney and Obama for Dinner Guests

LANSING, Mich. — Hillary Clinton, the likely winner of Michigan's January 15 Democratic Presidential Primary – assuming she can beat "Uncommitted" – is also voters' top choice for the candidate they'd most like to share dinner with.

According to the latest Rossman Group/MIRS/Denno-Noor survey, Hillary Clinton topped the dinner-date list (at 19 percent), followed by Mitt Romney (at 14 percent), Barack Obama (at 13 percent), Mike Huckabee (at 13 percent), John Edwards (at 10 percent), John McCain (at 10 percent) Rudy Giuliani (at four percent), Ron Paul (at four percent) and Fred Thompson (at four percent).

The question was worded as follows: "If you could invite one presidential candidate to your house for dinner, which one would you invite (**ROTATE**) Mitt Romney, Hillary Clinton, Rudy Giuliani, Barack Obama, Mike Huckabee, John Edwards, John McCain, Ron Paul, or Fred Thompson?"

"The top two dinner choices for Michigan's female voters were also the top two candidates in the polls – Hillary Clinton (at 22 percent) and Mike Huckabee (at 15 percent)" said Kelly Rossman-McKinney, CEO of The Rossman Group. "Polling is a snapshot of the real world – and guys, women would much rather eat with the winners!"

"Barack Obama is the top choice for dinner among 18 to 35 year-olds, while Clinton gets the early bird plate invitation from Michigan's seniors," said John T. Reurink, president of Michigan Information & Research Service Inc. (*MIRS* newsletter).

The statewide survey was conducted by Denno-Noor Research in partnership with The Rossman Group and Michigan Information & Research Services, Michigan's leading daily legislative and state government newsletter. The Rossman Group was recently named Lansing's Most Effective Public Relations Firm by a survey of political insiders, and MIRS and was recently voted the preferred newsletter of Lansing's political insiders.

"What's surprising is that so few voters would choose to have dinner with Rudy Giuliani," said Denno-Noor President Dennis Denno. "Seems the 'rising star' is no longer on the 'A' list."

Methodology:

This survey was part of the Rossman Group/MIRS/Denno-Noor Quarterly Survey of the Michigan electorate. Six hundred respondents were surveyed between January 6 and January 7, and the participation was stratified based on census data and past voter behavior. A screen was employed to include only those participants who said they intended on voting, either at the polls or by absentee ballot, in the January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary Election. The margin of error for these ballot tests is plus/minus 4 percent.