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November is National Caregivers Month. And also this month this country will vote for a new presidential leader. With the 2008 presidential election just less than 3 days away (Nov. 4th), caregivers are voicing their choice on the candidates and the issues that are important to them. I found this survey from AgingCare.com website.

Caregiver Survey

Caregivers were asked: which of the candidates for president will best represent caregivers?

Hundreds of caregivers took the survey, and 50% say Barack Obama is the candidate who has caregivers' interests at heart. Another 31% picked John McCain, while 19% said they are undecided.

Of course, caregiving is not the only issue at hand. Many others – such as the economy, the war, abortion, etc. – come into play during election time. Just because survey respondents think Obama will be better for caregivers, doesn't necessarily mean they will vote for him – or does it?

AgingCare.com asked members: Which candidate are you going to vote for? The result: 48% say Obama will get their vote, 31.5% are voting for McCain, 18.5% are still undecided, and 2% say they won't vote.

But many survey respondents say neither candidate has adequately addressed caregivers' needs. One respondent said: "I would like to see candidates actually address the issues of eldercare and society. All other civilized countries seem to have systems that work."

The survey results support the uncertainty that caregivers express on where the candidates stand on issues that affect them. Here are the results when caregivers were asked:

“Which candidate has a more effective position on these issues?”

a. Health coverage for the uninsured

Obama 53.5%

McCain 30.0%

Undecided 17.0%

b. Medicare/Medicaid policies

Obama 48.7%

McCain 31.6%

Undecided 20.7%

c. Unfair treatment of caregivers at work

Obama 46.5%

McCain 22.2%

Undecided 33.8%

d. Pay/compensation for caregivers

Obama 43.1%

McCain 23.1%

Undecided 34.4%