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Dodd Successful in Early Straw Poll

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Dodd wins in S.C. poll:

Two days after he visited South Carolina, York County Democrats took a straw poll Sunday and Dodd won 28 percent of the approximately 100 people voting. Runnerup was Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois at 24 percent, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York at 18 percent; 2004 vice presidential nominee John Edwards at 11 percent and Delaware Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. at 5.5 percent. Former Vice President Al Gore, running as a write-in, got 8 percent. (Lightman)

The reason for Dodd's victory was that he actually went to York County and met with the people there. However, it is telling, as the article says, that people wanted to vote for him once they had met him. Dodd does well with this style of campaigning.

It's hard to do it on a national scale, of course. But remember that Bill Clinton came out of nowhere to place second in New Hampshire in 1992—mainly because he went out and met the people who would vote for him.

Not to say that Dodd is Bill Clinton, or that he doesn't have Olympus Mons in front of him to climb. But this result should be a bright spot for a campaign that has had relatively few of them so far.

Source

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