

Democratic National Convention

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State Democratic Chmn.

Ed Campbell[^] - Re Culver. "He's our number one priority in the fall.

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Clark Rasmussen[^] said of Culver. "I'm an optimist and I think he can win. But he'll probably lose. If he loses it won't be because he can't raise the money, or because he has poor media, or because we don't have a VIP program. He'll lose because it isn't there. He's our number one priority. Our VIP project doesn't even mention the president. We are asking about Senator, Congress and local representatives. We are trying to identify the people who are soft on Culver or soft on Grassley. I don't think voter turnout will be a problem in a presidential year. So people will come out. Our job is to convince them to vote for Democrats other than ~~Senator~~^{President}. We won't do much work for Carter. The split in the delegation here will not hurt Culver. If there's any one thing that will bring the Iowa delegation together, it's Culver."