

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

July 21-24, 2008

1004 Likely Voters

735 Likely Voters in presidential battleground states

Q.3 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total	Battle-ground
Yes	100	100
No	-	-
(Refused)	-	-
(ref:SCREEN1)		

Q.4 Many people weren't able to vote in the 2004 election for president between George Bush and John Kerry. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total	Battle-ground
Voted	89	89
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	5	5
Did not vote	5	5
(Can't remember/Don't know)	0	0
(Refused)	0	-
(ref:VOTE00)		

Q.6 What are the chances of you voting in the election for president in November: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total	Battle-ground
Almost certain	95	93
Probably	5	7
50-50	-	-
Will not vote	-	-
(Don't know)	-	-
(Refused)	-	-
(ref:CP3)		

Q.7 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total	Battle-ground
Right direction.....	16	16
Wrong track	78	76
(Don't know/refused).....	6	8
(ref:DIRECT)		

Q.8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?

	Total	Battle-ground
Strongly approve	14	14
Somewhat approve.....	16	17
Somewhat disapprove	13	13
Strongly disapprove	52	49
(Don't know/refused).....	5	6
Total approve	29	32
Total disapprove.....	65	63
(ref:CANDAPP2)		

Q.9 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or organization, please say so.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
9 The Republican Party	43.0	32	46	97
Battleground	43.2	33	46	97
10 The Democratic Party	49.2	42	39	98
Battleground	49.3	41	39	97
11 George W. Bush	36.5	32	57	99
Battleground	37.9	35	55	99
12 The Democratic Congress	45.7	37	43	96
Battleground	44.8	36	43	95
13 Barack Obama	52.1	47	37	97
Battleground	50.7	44	38	97
14 John McCain	50.8	43	33	98
Battleground	51.6	44	33	97
[480 Respondents; 324 Battleground Respondents]				
15 Democratic Incumbent Member of Congress	58.1	39	19	73
Battleground	54.1	34	21	72
[524 Respondents; 411 Battleground Respondents]				
15 Republican Incumbent Member of Congress.....	55.5	36	19	70
Battleground	54.6	37	22	73
16 Republicans in Congress	41.5	28	47	96
Battleground	41.2	29	46	95
17 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	54.7	43	30	93
Battleground	55.6	43	31	95
18 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	49.9	39	38	95
Battleground	50.5	39	38	96
19 NAFTA and international trade agreements	37.7	19	48	87
Battleground	38.3	20	45	89
20 The Iraq War	34.8	27	57	98
Battleground	36.0	29	55	97
21 Big corporations	40.4	23	46	94
Battleground	40.4	23	47	94

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
22 Gay marriage	36.8	27	51	94
Battleground	35.4	25	52	94
23 Immigration into the country.....	39.3	24	49	95
Battleground	38.4	22	51	95
24 The state of the economy	29.8	14	72	99
Battleground	29.7	15	70	99

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.25 Thinking about the election for president in November, if the election were held today, for whom would you vote -- the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Total	Battle-ground
Democratic candidate	47	46
Lean Democratic candidate	4	3
Republican candidate	40	40
Lean Republican candidate	3	4
(Other candidate).....	3	2
Lean (Other candidate).....	0	0
(Undecided)	3	3
(Refused).....	1	1
Total Democratic candidate	50	49
Total Republican candidate	43	44
Total (Other candidate)	3	2

(ref:PRES08)

Q.27 Now thinking about the presidential election in November. If the election for president were held today and the candidates were -- Democrat Barack Obama, Republican John McCain, Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr and Independent candidate Ralph Nader -- for whom would you vote?

	Total	Battle-ground
Democrat Barack Obama	48	46
Lean Democrat Barack Obama	1	1
Republican John McCain.....	42	45
Lean Republican John McCain.....	1	1
Independent Ralph Nader.....	1	1
Lean Independent Ralph Nader.....	0	-
Libertarian Bob Barr.....	2	2
Lean Libertarian Bob Barr.....	0	0
(Other candidate).....	1	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	0	0
(Undecided)	1	2
(Refused).....	1	1
Total Democrat Barack Obama	49	47
Total Republican John McCain	43	46
Total Independent Ralph Nader.....	1	1
Total Libertarian Bob Barr	3	3
Total (Other candidate)	1	1

(ref:PRES083)

Q.29 Even though you are not supporting Democrat Barack Obama now, what are the chances that you might support Democrat Barack Obama in the election for President in November -- is there a fair chance that you might support that candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total	Battle-ground
Fair chance	4	5
A small chance	6	6
Very slight chance	7	8
No chance at all	32	33
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
Obama Supporter	50	48
(ref:VCSOM1)		

Q.30 Even though you are not supporting Republican John McCain now, what are the chances that you might support Republican John McCain in the election for President in November -- is there a fair chance that you might support that candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total	Battle-ground
Fair chance	5	6
A small chance	8	7
Very slight chance	11	8
No chance at all	30	30
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
McCain Supporter	45	47
(ref:VCSOM2)		

Q.31 Thinking about the election for Congress, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?¹

	Total	Battle-ground
Democratic House candidate.....	47	47
Lean Democratic House candidate.....	3	2
Republican House candidate.....	39	40
Lean Republican House candidate.....	4	4
(Other candidate).....	1	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	0	0
(Undecided)	5	4
(Refused).....	1	1
Total Democratic House candidate.....	50	49
Total Republican House candidate.....	42	44
Total (Other candidate)	1	1

¹ For each district, the candidates' names were inserted; in districts that do not yet have two named candidates, the incumbent was used with a generic candidate ("the Democratic candidate" or "the Republican candidate") inserted for the opposition.

[480 Respondents; 324 Battleground Respondents]

Q.31 (DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT)

	Total	Battle-ground
Democratic House candidate.....	64	61
Lean Democratic House candidate.....	2	3
Republican House candidate.....	22	27
Lean Republican House candidate.....	3	3
(Other candidate).....	1	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	0	0
(Undecided)	5	4
(Refused).....	1	2
Total Democratic House candidate.....	67	64
Total Republican House candidate.....	25	30
Total (Other candidate)	2	1

[524 Respondents; 411 Battleground Respondents]

Q.31 (REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT)

	Total	Battle-ground
Democratic House candidate.....	32	35
Lean Democratic House candidate.....	3	2
Republican House candidate.....	53	51
Lean Republican House candidate.....	5	5
(Other candidate).....	1	0
Lean (Other candidate).....	1	0
(Undecided)	5	5
(Refused).....	1	1
Total Democratic House candidate.....	35	37
Total Republican House candidate.....	58	56
Total (Other candidate)	1	1
(ref:CONG06)		

Q.32 (NATIONAL SAMPLE ONLY) Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes Barack Obama very well, well, not too well, or not well at all.

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/ Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well – Not
32 Strong leader	27	30	16	23	3	58	39	19
33 Has what it takes to be President	26	27	19	25	3	53	44	9
34 Will bring the right kind of change	26	24	21	25	4	50	46	4
35 On your side.....	25	28	19	24	4	54	43	11
36 Will keep America strong	24	30	19	24	3	53	44	10
37 Makes me feel hopeful about the future.....	30	23	18	27	2	53	45	8
38 Too liberal	27	22	24	22	5	49	46	3
39 Too willing to withdraw from Iraq	37	23	19	18	4	60	37	23
40 Just too many questions to take a chance on him as president.....	31	15	23	27	4	45	50	-5
41 Will put the interests of black Americans ahead of others	16	15	30	33	7	31	62	-32
(ref:BOPOS/BONEG)								

Q.42 (NATIONAL SAMPLE ONLY) Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes John McCain very well, well, not too well, or not well at all.

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
42 Cares about people like you	20	31	26	20	3	51	46	6
43 Independent	21	32	26	17	4	53	43	10
44 On your side	18	30	29	20	4	47	48	-1
45 Will keep America strong	30	34	18	13	3	65	32	33
[502 Respondents]								
46 (SPLIT A) Will stay in Iraq too long	32	19	27	16	6	51	43	8
[502 Respondents]								
47 (SPLIT B) Too eager to go to war	24	19	33	20	3	44	54	-10
48 Too close to Bush	29	20	29	20	3	49	49	0
49 Is too old for the job	19	19	30	28	4	38	58	-21
(ref:JMPOS/JMNEG)								

[502 Respondents]

Q.50 (SPLIT C) (NATIONAL SAMPLE ONLY) Now I am going to ask you something different. I am going to read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think Barack Obama or John McCain would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	BO Much Btr	BO Smwt Btr	JM Smwt Btr	JM Much Btr	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total BO	Total JM	BO - JM
50 The economy	30	18	21	17	1	4	9	48	38	10
51 National security	15	16	20	37	1	2	8	31	57	-26
[460 Respondents]										
52 (SPLIT A) The situation in Iraq	28	14	15	32	1	2	7	42	48	-6
53 The right kind of new energy policy	29	18	18	14	1	3	17	47	32	15
54 The budget deficit	27	17	20	17	1	6	12	44	37	7
55 Relates to people like me	32	17	17	19	2	5	7	50	36	14
(ref:BTJOBPRZ)										

[502 Respondents]

Q.56 (SPLIT C) (NATIONAL SAMPLE ONLY) Now for something slightly different, I am going to read you a phrase and I want you to tell me whether that phrase better describes Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain.

	BO Much Btrr	BO Smwt Btrr	JM Smwt Btrr	JM Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total BO	Total JM	BO - JM
56 Too negative in his campaign	11	13	21	16	3	22	15	23	37	-14
57 Saying what people want to hear, not what he believes in	31	16	14	17	10	6	7	47	31	16

(ref:BTJOBPR2)

[502 Respondents]

Q.58 (SPLIT D) (NATIONAL SAMPLE ONLY) Now I am going to ask you something different. I am going to read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think the Democrats or the Republicans would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	Dem Much Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
58 The economy	34	19	18	16	1	7	6	53	34	19
59 National security	19	16	17	31	2	5	9	35	49	-14

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60 The situation in Iraq	32	14	15	28	-	2	8	46	43	3
61 The right kind of new energy policy	33	19	15	16	1	5	10	52	32	21
62 The budget deficit	30	20	18	14	1	8	8	50	32	18

[460 Respondents]

63 (SPLIT B) The situation in Afghanistan	22	17	15	26	2	5	13	40	41	-1
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(ref:BETJOB)

Q.64 (NATIONAL SAMPLE ONLY) Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. After I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1st - 2 nd
[502 Respondents] 64 (SPLIT A) I'm more concerned that the Republicans will wait too long to withdraw our troops from Iraq. OR I'm more concerned that the Democrats will leave Iraq too quickly.....	39	8	7	40	1	3	2	47	46	0

[502 Respondents] 65 (SPLIT B) We need to start reducing the number of U.S. troops in Iraq. OR We must stay the course to achieve stability and finish the job in Iraq.....	49	7	6	35	1	0	2	56	41	15
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[502 Respondents] 66 (SPLIT A) Our highest priority for security should be Afghanistan. OR Our highest priority for security should be Iraq.....	41	12	11	18	5	7	6	53	29	24
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[502 Respondents] 67 (SPLIT B) We should be reducing our troop commitment in Iraq in order to defeat the Taliban and Al Qaeda in Afghanistan. OR We should carry on to victory in Iraq to defeat Al Qaeda there and send what troops are necessary for Afghanistan..... (ref:VALUES06)	40	12	8	31	1	3	4	52	40	12
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[502 Respondents]

Q.68 (SPLIT A) (NATIONAL SAMPLE ONLY) Now I'm going to read you some more pairs of statements from the presidential candidates. After I read each pair, regardless of who you would vote for, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

Barack Obama says that the war in Iraq is costing us trillions and distracting us from the bigger threat of Afghanistan. As president Obama will put our overall security first, end the war in Iraq and reorient America's priorities to address the threat from Afghanistan as well as problems here at home.

OR

John McCain says that the surge strategy is succeeding in reducing violence in Iraq - the central front in the war on terror. John McCain knows how to win wars. He supported the surge strategy from the start and will turn around the war in Afghanistan once victory in Iraq has been achieved.

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

	Total
Obama statement strongly.....	39
Obama statement not so strongly.....	12
McCain statement not so strongly	12
McCain statement strongly	30
(Both).....	0
(Neither).....	3
(Don't know/refused).....	3
Total Obama statement.....	51
Total McCain statement	42
(ref:BHOMCIQ1)	

[502 Respondents]

Q.69 (SPLIT B) (NATIONAL SAMPLE ONLY) Now I'm going to read you some more pairs of statements from the presidential candidates. After I read each pair, regardless of who you would vote for, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

Barack Obama says that we need to work with the Iraqi government to develop a plan with clear goals to get our troops out of Iraq so that we can refocus our efforts and resources toward the greater threat of Afghanistan and toward solving our problems here at home. Even the prime minister of Iraq said he supports a short term plan to remove US troops from Iraq over McCain's plan for a prolonged US presence in Iraq.

OR

John McCain says that Iraq is the central battleground of the war against terrorism. McCain a condition-based withdraw from Iraq is only a possibility because the surge Obama voted and campaigned against has succeeded. At this critical time in the war we have a choice, we can not afford to set a fixed timetable for the withdrawal of our troops that will embolden our enemies and increase the risks faced on our soil.

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

	Total
Obama statement strongly.....	49
Obama statement not so strongly.....	8
McCain statement not so strongly	9
McCain statement strongly	29
(Both).....	1
(Neither).....	2
(Don't know/refused).....	3
Total Obama statement.....	57
Total McCain statement	38
(ref:BHOMCIQ2)	

Q.70 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total	Battle-ground
1 - 11th grade	4	3
High School graduate	23	26
Non-college post H.S.....	2	2
Some college	27	26
College graduate	29	28
Post-graduate school.....	15	14
(Don't know/refused).....	0	0
(ref:EDUC)		

Q.71 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total	Battle-ground
Yes: Respondent belongs	11	10
Household member	9	8
No member belongs	79	82
(Don't know/Refused)	0	0
Union household	20	18
(ref:UNION)		

Q.72 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Battle-ground
Married	65	65
Single.....	17	15
Separated/Divorced	10	11
Widowed.....	8	8
(Don't know/refused).....	0	0
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	18	19
(ref:MARITAL)		

Q.73 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total	Battle-ground
Yes	37	35
No	63	65
(Don't know/Refused)	0	0
(ref:KIDS)		

Q.74 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Battle-ground
Strong Democrat	25	27
Weak Democrat	15	13
Independent-lean Democrat	11	10
Independent.....	6	6
Independent-lean Republican.....	11	10
Weak Republican	14	14
Strong Republican	18	19
(Don't know/refused).....	0	1
(ref:PTYID1)		

Q.75 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Battle-ground
Liberal.....	18	17
Moderate	41	40
Conservative.....	38	39
(Don't know/refused).....	3	4
(ref:IDEO1)		

Q.76 What is your religion?

	Total	Battle-ground
Protestant	53	54
Catholic.....	22	24
Jewish.....	1	0
Muslim	0	0
(Other/none/refused)	24	21
(ref:RELIG1)		

[534 Respondents; 394 Battleground Respondents]

Q.77 (IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total	Battle-ground
Fundamentalist	10	9
Evangelical	20	19
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	15	12
Moderate to liberal	41	41
(Something else).....	7	8
(Don't know/Refused)	7	11
(ref:RELIG3)		

Q.78 How often do you attend religious services -- more than once a week, every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total	Battle-ground
Once or twice a month.....	13	16
Several times a year	13	15
Hardly ever	22	21
(Never).....	5	5
(Don't know/Refused)	3	2
More than once a week	14	10
Once a week.....	28	31
(ref:RELIG2)		

[896 Respondents; 658 Battleground Respondents]

Q.79 (IF VOTED IN 2004) In the 2004 election for president, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	Total	Battle-ground
Democrat John Kerry.....	44	43
Republican George Bush.....	50	50
(Ralph Nader)	1	1
(Other candidate).....	1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	4	5
(ref:VOTE2004)		

Q.80 As you know, there was an election for Congress and other offices in November 2006. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total	Battle-ground
Voted	76	75
Did not vote	19	19
(Can't remember/Don't know)	4	5
(Refused).....	0	1
(ref:VOTE06)		

[763 Respondents; 551 Battleground Respondents]

Q.81 (IF VOTED IN 2006) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?²

	Total	Battle-ground
House Democrat.....	45	42
House Republican	42	45
(Other candidate).....	4	6
(Don't know/Refused)	8	7
(ref:VOTE2006)		

² For each district, the candidates' actual names on the ballot were inserted. In Florida's 16th district, Republican Joe Negron's name was inserted though Republican Mark Foley appeared on the ballot. In Texas' 22nd district, Republican Shelley Sekula-Gibbs' name was inserted though she ran as a write-in and there was no Republican on the ballot.

Q.82 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Battle-ground
White	76	81
African-American or Black	11	7
Hispanic or Latino	9	6
Native American	1	1
Asian.....	0	1
(Other)	1	2
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2
(ref:RACETHN)		

[90 Respondents; 44 Battleground Respondents]

Q.83 (IF HISPANIC OR LATINO) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Salvadoran or are you and your ancestors from another country? (IF FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY) Are you and your ancestors from Central America, South America or somewhere else?

	Total	Battle-ground
Mexican	36	7
Puerto Rican	13	8
Cuban	9	29
Dominican.....	2	3
Salvadoran	-	-
Other: Central America	6	3
Other: South America	8	14
Other.....	23	33
(Don't know/Refused)	4	2
(ref:ORIGIN08)		

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	Total	BG
Male.....	47	47
Female.....	53	53
(ref:GENDER)		

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total	Battle-ground
18 - 24	6	6
25 - 29	8	8
30 - 34	5	6
35 - 39	10	9
40 - 44	8	7
45 - 49	12	13
50 - 54	9	9
55 - 59	10	10
60 - 64	10	9
Over 64.....	20	23
(No answer)	2	1
(ref:AGE)		