

Democracy Corps Congressional Battleground Frequency Questionnaire

September 18-23, 2008

1794 Likely Voters (1600 weighted)

1394 Likely Voters in GOP Held Districts (1280 weighted)

400 Likely Voters in Dem. Held Districts (320 weighted)

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

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Yes.....	100	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	Dem Held	Rep Held
Voted.....	93	95	93
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young.....	3	1	3
Did not vote.....	4	4	4
(Can't remember/Don't know)	0	0	0
(Refused)	0	-	0
(ref:VOTE00)			

Q.6 What are the chances of you voting in the election for president in 2008: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Almost certain	96	97	96
Probably.....	4	3	4
50-50.....	-	-	-
Will not vote	-	-	-
(Don't know)	-	-	-
(Already voted).....	0	-	0
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:CP3)			

[2 Respondents]

Q.7 (IF ALREADY VOTED IN CP3) When you voted by absentee ballot or through early voting, did you vote by mail or in person?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
By mail	100	-	100
In person	-	-	-
(Don't know/Refused).....	-	-	-
(ref:ABSENT4)			

Q.8 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	Dem Held	Rep Held
Right direction	15	18	14
Wrong track.....	76	73	77
(Don't know/refused)	9	9	9
Right - Wrong	-61	-55	-63
(ref:DIRECT)			

Q.9 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Strongly approve	16	18	15
Somewhat approve	18	20	18
Somewhat disapprove	13	13	12
Strongly disapprove	49	45	50
(Don't know/refused)	5	5	5
Total approve	34	37	33
Total disapprove	61	58	62
Approve - disapprove	-28	-21	-29
(ref:CANDAPP2)			

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the way (HOUSE INCUMBENT) is handling his/her job as a member of the U.S. Congress?¹

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Strongly approve	17	21	17
Somewhat approve	22	25	22
Somewhat disapprove	14	14	14
Strongly disapprove	19	14	20
(Don't know/refused)	27	27	27
Total approve	40	46	38
Total disapprove	33	27	34
Approve - disapprove	7	18	4
(ref:CONGAPP)			

¹ For each district, the incumbent's name was inserted without a partisan label.

Q.11 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with 100 meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and 50 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
11 The Republican Party	45	38	46	98
Dem. Held	49	41	41	98
Rep. Held	44	37	47	98
12 The Democratic Party	49	42	42	98
Dem. Held	48	38	42	98
Rep. Held	49	43	42	98
13 George W. Bush	38	34	55	99
Dem. Held	42	35	51	99
Rep. Held	37	34	56	99
[800 Respondents]				
14 (SPLIT A) The Congress.....	41	24	46	97
Dem. Held	40	23	50	98
Rep. Held	41	24	45	97
[800 Respondents]				
15 (SPLIT B) The Democratic Congress	43	35	45	97
Dem. Held	46	36	44	97
Rep. Held	43	34	45	97
16 Barack Obama	50	45	43	99
Dem. Held	48	42	45	99
Rep. Held	51	46	42	99
17 John McCain	53	50	37	99
Dem. Held	55	53	35	99
Rep. Held	52	49	38	99
18 The Republicans in Congress.....	42	32	47	96
Dem. Held	45	32	42	96
Rep. Held	42	32	49	96
19 Sarah Palin	51	46	39	92
Dem. Held	53	48	37	92
Rep. Held	51	45	39	92
20 Joe Biden	48	35	38	87
Dem. Held	49	37	38	88
Rep. Held	48	35	38	87

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
[1571 Respondents]				
21 (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) ²	51	26	21	60
Dem. Held	52	33	25	79
Rep. Held	50	24	20	55
[1571 Respondents]				
22 (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)	49	26	25	67
Dem. Held	52	25	18	59
Rep. Held	48	26	27	69
23 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	54	46	33	96
Dem. Held	56	49	30	97
Rep. Held	54	46	34	96
24 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	49	38	41	96
Dem. Held	52	40	37	96
Rep. Held	48	37	41	96
25 NAFTA and international trade agreements	42	25	42	91
Dem. Held	41	22	45	94
Rep. Held	42	26	42	91
26 The Iraq War	37	31	54	98
Dem. Held	39	33	52	99
Rep. Held	37	31	55	98
27 Gay marriage	35	25	54	96
Dem. Held	34	26	55	97
Rep. Held	35	25	54	96
28 Immigration into the country.....	42	25	43	94
Dem. Held	41	23	46	95
Rep. Held	42	25	43	94
29 Big corporations	41	24	48	96
Dem. Held	43	25	45	97
Rep. Held	40	23	49	96
30 The state of the economy	29	15	71	99
Dem. Held	30	16	69	99
Rep. Held	29	15	72	100
[800 Respondents]				
31 (SPLIT A) Offshore drilling	61	55	27	97
Dem. Held	65	60	23	98
Rep. Held	60	54	28	97

² For questions 21 and 22, the applicable candidate names were inserted without party identification. Data for this question does not include LA-4, where the candidates are not yet official.

[800 Respondents]

32 (SPLIT B) Alternative energy	77	77	10	98
Dem. Held	76	76	13	98
Rep. Held	77	78	10	98

(ref: THERM04/THERM204)

Q.33 As you know, there will be elections in November for President and other offices. On a scale of one to ten, with one meaning NOT AT ALL interested and ten meaning VERY INTERESTED, please tell me how interested you are in this year's elections?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
10	82	84	81
9	6	8	6
8	6	3	6
7	2	1	3
6	1	1	1
5	2	1	2
4	0	-	0
3	-	0
2	0	1	0
1	0	1	0
(Don't know/refused)	0	1	.
10	82	84	81
8-10	94	95	94
6-10	97	97	97
1-5	3	3	3

(ref:INTEREST)

Q.36 Thinking about the 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 or Independent candidate Ralph Nader, for whom would you vote?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Democrat Barack Obama	43	41	43
Lean Democrat Barack Obama	2	1	2
Republican John McCain	47	51	46
Lean Republican John McCain	2	2	2
(Other candidate)	1	0	1
Lean (Other candidate)	-	0
Ralph Nader	1	2	1
Lean Ralph Nader	0	-	0
Bob Barr	1	1	1
Lean Bob Barr	0	-	0
(Undecided)	2	2	2
(Refused)	1	1	1
Total Democrat Barack Obama.....	45	42	45
Total Republican John McCain.....	49	53	48
Total Ralph Nader	2	2	1
Total Bob Barr	1	1	1
Total (Other candidate).....	1	0	1

(ref:PRES086)

Q.41 Thinking about the election for Congress in November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)?³

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Democratic candidate	47	46	47
Lean Democratic candidate	3	2	3
Republican candidate	42	44	41
Lean Republican candidate	4	4	4
(Other candidate)	1	0	1
Lean (Other candidate)	-	-	-
(Undecided)	3	2	3
(Refused)	2	1	2
Total Democratic candidate	49	48	49
Total Republican candidate	46	48	45
Total (Other candidate).....	1	0	1

(ref:CONG06)

³ For each district, the candidates' names were inserted, preceded by their party identification. In LA-4, where the candidates are not yet official, generic candidates ("the Democratic candidate" and "the Republican candidate") were inserted.

Q.43 Even though you are not supporting (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) now, what are the chances that you might support (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) in the election for Congress 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	Dem Held	Rep Held
Fair chance	8	7	8
A small chance.....	8	11	7
Just a very slight chance.....	9	8	10
No chance at all	23	22	24
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	3	2
Democratic Candidate Supporter	49	48	49
(ref:CONG06C)			

Q.44 Even though you are not supporting (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) now, what are the chances that you might support (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) in the election for Congress 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	Dem Held	Rep Held
Fair chance	7	6	7
A small chance.....	7	8	7
Just a very slight chance.....	10	10	9
No chance at all	29	27	30
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	1	2
Republican Candidate Supporter	46	48	45
(ref:CONG06D)			

Q.45 (SKIP IF OPEN SEAT) 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 (HOUSE INCUMBENT) 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
[947 Respondents]								
45 Independent, does not toe a party line	9	21	26	25	19	30	51	-21
Dem. Held	10	20	26	21	23	30	47	-16
Rep. Held	9	21	27	26	17	30	53	-23
[478 Respondents]								
46 (SPLIT A) Honest and trustworthy	20	30	17	17	16	49	35	15
Dem. Held	21	33	11	14	20	55	26	29
Rep. Held	19	28	20	19	14	47	38	9
[947 Respondents]								
47 Will bring the right kind of change	13	23	23	25	16	36	48	-12
Dem. Held	16	26	17	21	20	42	38	4
Rep. Held	12	21	26	27	14	33	53	-19
[669 Respondents]								
48 (ONLY IN GOP DISTRICTS) Follows Bush's direction too much	25	24	23	14	14	49	37	12
Dem. Held	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Held	25	24	23	14	14	49	37	12
[478 Respondents]								
49 (SPLIT A) Has been in Washington too long	20	14	25	26	16	34	50	-16
Dem. Held	14	11	20	30	25	25	50	-25
Rep. Held	22	15	26	24	12	38	50	-13
[478 Respondents]								
50 (SPLIT A) Out of touch	17	16	27	26	15	32	53	-21
Dem. Held	15	11	27	27	20	26	54	-28
Rep. Held	18	17	27	25	13	35	52	-17
[469 Respondents]								
51 (SPLIT B) Too close to big business special interests	18	21	24	14	23	39	38	1
Dem. Held	14	18	27	14	27	31	41	-10
Rep. Held	20	22	23	13	22	42	36	6
[947 Respondents]								
52 Fights for people here	19	31	19	17	15	50	35	15
Dem. Held	22	30	16	13	19	52	29	24
Rep. Held	18	31	20	18	13	49	38	11

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[947 Respondents]								
53 On your side.....	16	24	23	21	15	40	45	-5
Dem. Held	18	25	22	16	20	43	38	5
Rep. Held	16	23	24	24	14	39	48	-9

[469 Respondents]								
54 (SPLIT B) Is effective in Congress.....	12	29	25	16	17	42	41	1
Dem. Held	15	28	25	12	19	43	38	6
Rep. Held	11	30	25	17	16	41	43	-1

[469 Respondents]								
55 (SPLIT B) Part of the mess in Washington.....	20	18	27	19	17	37	45	-8
Dem. Held	16	17	29	20	19	33	48	-15
Rep. Held	21	18	26	18	16	40	44	-5

(ref:ATRIB)

Q.56 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 (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) 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 More	Dem Smwt More	Rep Smwt More	JM Much More	Both	Neither	DK Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
56 The economy	24	16	16	17	0	2	24	40	33	6
Dem. Held	25	16	16	18	-	3	23	40	34	6
Rep. Held	24	16	16	17	0	2	24	40	33	7
57 Taxes	20	17	15	23	1	2	23	37	38	-1
Dem. Held	20	17	17	22	-	2	22	37	40	-3
Rep. Held	20	17	15	23	1	2	23	37	37	-1
58 The situation in Iraq	24	14	14	21	0	3	25	38	34	4
Dem. Held	22	16	14	20	0	3	25	39	33	5
Rep. Held	24	14	13	21	0	3	25	38	34	4

[800 Respondents]										
59 (SPLIT A) Handling illegal immigration	18	14	16	19	1	3	30	32	35	-3
Dem. Held	15	13	18	23	0	4	28	27	41	-14
Rep. Held	19	14	15	18	1	2	30	33	34	-1

[800 Respondents]										
60 (SPLIT B) Bringing the right kind of change.....	23	17	15	20	1	2	21	40	35	5
Dem. Held	25	13	17	22	-	2	21	38	39	-1
Rep. Held	23	18	15	19	1	2	22	41	34	7

	Dem Much More	Dem Smwt More	Rep Smwt More	JM Much More	Both	Nei ther	DK Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
61 Breaking the gridlock in										
Washington	20	16	15	15	1	5	28	36	30	6
Dem. Held	18	17	16	18	0	7	23	35	34	1
Rep. Held	21	16	15	14	1	5	29	37	29	8
62 Sharing your values										
.....	25	14	14	23	1	2	22	39	37	2
Dem. Held	24	14	14	25	1	2	20	38	39	-2
Rep. Held	25	14	14	23	1	2	22	39	36	3
63 Being effective in										
Congress.....	23	16	17	19	1	2	22	39	36	3
Dem. Held	25	15	17	19	-	2	22	40	35	5
Rep. Held	22	17	17	19	1	2	22	38	36	2
64 Fighting for people here ...										
.....	26	16	16	18	1	1	21	42	34	8
Dem. Held	27	14	19	18	1	2	20	41	37	4
Rep. Held	26	16	15	18	2	1	22	42	34	9
[800 Respondents]										
65 (SPLIT A) Addressing										
gas prices.....	22	17	15	15	1	4	27	38	29	9
Dem. Held	16	20	14	16	-	5	29	37	29	7
Rep. Held	23	16	15	15	1	4	27	39	29	9
[800 Respondents]										
66 (SPLIT B) Reducing										
our dependence on foreign										
oil	21	15	15	20	1	3	26	36	35	1
Dem. Held	21	15	13	24	1	3	23	36	37	-1
Rep. Held	21	15	15	19	1	3	26	36	34	2
(ref:BETJOB3)										

Q.67 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	1 st - 2 nd
[800 Respondents]										
67 (SPLIT A) 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.....										
	50	3	7	37	0	0	1	54	44	9
Dem. Held	46	6	9	37	-	1	1	52	46	7
Rep. Held	51	3	7	37	1	0	1	54	44	10

[800 Respondents]										
68 (SPLIT B) 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.....										
	41	5	7	42	0	3	2	46	49	-3
Dem. Held	44	4	6	42	1	1	1	48	49	-1
Rep. Held	40	6	8	42	0	3	2	45	49	-4

[478 Respondents]										
69 (DO NOT ASK IN OPEN SEATS) (SPLIT A)										
In November, I CAN'T vote to reelect (HOUSE INCUMBENT) because we need new people that will work to bring the changes we need.										
OR										
In November, I WILL vote to reelect (HOUSE INCUMBENT) because he/she is doing a good job and addressing issues that are important to us.....										
	36	10	15	27	-	4	8	46	42	4
Dem. Held	23	18	16	29	-	3	12	40	45	-5
Rep. Held	41	7	15	26	-	4	7	48	41	7

	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	1 st - 2 nd
[800 Respondents]										
70 (SPLIT B) In November I really want to be able to vote for a Democrat for Congress because at least he or she will fight for change.										
OR										
In November I will vote for (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) because the new Democratic Congress is just business as usual and getting no more done than the last one.										
	40	9	9	34	0	4	4	49	44	5
Dem. Held	41	8	9	34	0	3	4	49	43	5
Rep. Held	40	9	9	34	0	4	4	49	44	5

[800 Respondents]										
71 (SPLIT A) The new energy bill in Congress is a good compromise because it allows responsible new drilling offshore while repealing tax giveaways for Big Oil and investing in alternative energy.										
OR										
The new energy bill in Congress is a hoax because it doesn't allow us to drill where the oil is, puts trillions of barrels of American oil off limits and raises taxes on energy.....										
	31	22	9	29	-	2	7	53	37	16
Dem. Held	32	15	13	31	-	2	8	47	44	3
Rep. Held	31	23	8	28	-	2	7	55	36	19

	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	1 st - 2 nd
[800 Respondents]										
72 (SPLIT B) Republicans are trying to block a compromise energy bill that allows more offshore drilling because they want to protect the tax giveaways for Big Oil and oppose alternative energy. OR Democrats are pushing a hoax energy bill that doesn't allow us to drill where the oil is, puts trillions of barrels of American oil off limits and raises taxes on energy.....	31	14	11	30	0	6	6	45	41	4
Dem. Held	26	15	13	35	1	5	6	41	48	-8
Rep. Held	33	14	11	29	0	7	7	46	40	7
(ref:VALUES06)										

Q.73 Now let me read you a series of statements about (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE). For each statement, please tell me whether this description, if accurate, raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE).⁴

Very						Total	Ser
Ser	Ser	Minor	Real	DK/	Total	Not	-
Dbts	Dbts	Dbts	Dbts	Ref	Ser	Ser	Not

[INCUMBENT DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES]

[278 Respondents]

73 (DRILLING)(ASK IF INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT) Even with gas prices near four dollars a gallon, (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) has repeatedly voted against bipartisan plans to produce more oil here in America. (HE/SHE) opposes increasing drilling for oil, and has not proposed a single alternative that will provide relief for (STATE) families now. ...

18	33	19	24	6	50	44	7	
Dem. Held	18	33	19	24	6	50	44	7
Rep. Held	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

[278 Respondents]

74 (TAXES)(ASK IF INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT) (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) is a tax and spender who supports Barack Obama's plan for the largest tax increase in American history. (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) has voted for out-of-control budgets that expand liberal social programs without making any real cuts in government spending, and (HE/SHE) supports Obama's trillion dollar tax plan that would raise taxes on everyone from seniors to married couples to job-creating small businesses.

25	28	16	23	7	53	40	14	
Dem. Held	25	28	16	23	7	53	40	14
Rep. Held	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

⁴ For each district, the Democratic candidate's name was inserted. Party identification preceded the candidate's name in the introduction, but not in the wording of the messages.

	Very		No			Total	Ser
	Ser	Ser	Minor	Real	DK/	Total	-
	Dbts	Dbts	Dbts	Dbts	Ref	Ser	Not
						Ser	Not

[NON-INCUMBENT DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES]

[662 Respondents]

75 (DRILLING)(SPLIT C)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT) Even with gas prices near four dollars a gallon, (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) opposes bipartisan plans to produce more oil here in America. (HE/SHE) says no to new drilling off the coast and no to drilling in Alaska, and (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) wants to put new taxes on energy so you'll pay even more at the pump and America will stay dependent on foreign oil.....

.....25	33	16	20	6	58	36	22	
Dem. Held	37	15	-	31	16	52	31	21
Rep. Held	25	33	16	20	6	58	36	22

[662 Respondents]

76 (TAXES)(SPLIT C)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT) (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) is a tax and spender who supports Barack Obama's plan for the largest tax increase in American history. (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) wants to expand liberal social programs without making any real cuts in government spending, and (HE/SHE) supports Obama's trillion dollar tax plan that would raise taxes on everyone from seniors to married couples to job-

creating small businesses.....25	29	15	25	6	54	40	14	
Dem. Held	31	23	-	37	8	54	37	17
Rep. Held	24	30	16	24	6	54	40	14

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser	Ser - Not
[660 Respondents]								
77 (IMMIGRATION)(SPLIT D)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT) (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) supports amnesty for illegal immigrants who take jobs from American workers and drive wages down at home. (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE)'s policies would reward illegal immigrants for breaking the law and give them government services that law abiding citizens have to pay for.								
	22	30	17	20	11	52	37	15
Dem. Held	30	28	10	18	13	58	28	30
Rep. Held	21	30	18	20	10	52	38	14

[660 Respondents]								
78 (IRAQ)(SPLIT D)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT) (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) would cut off funding for our troops in Iraq leaving them without the funding needed to protect themselves and defend our country. His/her plan will leave chaos in Iraq and provide Al Qaeda with a launching pad for terrorism.....								
	23	31	12	22	12	54	34	21
Dem. Held	17	43	14	17	9	60	31	29
Rep. Held	24	30	12	22	12	54	34	20
(ref:DEMDBTS)								

Q.79 Now let me read you a series of statements about (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE). For each statement, please tell me whether this description, if accurate, raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE).⁵

Very						Total	Ser
Ser	Ser	Minor	Real	DK/	Total	Not	-
Dbts	Dbts	Dbts	Dbts	Ref	Ser	Ser	Not

[NON-INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES]

[931 Respondents]

79 (BUSH ECONOMY)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN) (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) is a strong supporter of the failed Bush policies that have left the middle class behind and led to the skyrocketing cost of food and gas and the highest unemployment rate in nearly five years. In Congress, (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) will continue Bush's direction by giving huge tax breaks to big oil companies who make record profits and companies that ship jobs overseas, while doing nothing for regular families.....

.....	24	29	18	24	5	53	42	11
Dem. Held	26	25	17	26	6	51	43	8
Rep. Held	23	31	19	23	5	54	41	12

[466 Respondents]

80 (OUTSOURCING)(SPLIT C)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN) (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) has accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars from special interests that support shipping American jobs overseas and is being supported by billionaire casino owner Sheldon Adelson, who is the largest American investor in China - a country that steals our jobs. No wonder (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) supports the Bush agenda of job-killing trade deals and tax cuts for companies that outsource American jobs.

.....	22	30	22	20	6	53	41	11
Dem. Held	23	31	17	22	8	54	38	16
Rep. Held	22	30	24	19	5	52	43	9

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	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser	Ser - Not
[466 Respondents]								
81 (OIL COMPANIES)(SPLIT C)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN)								
While gas prices are skyrocketing and regular Americans are paying nearly four dollars a gallon at the pump, the oil and gas industry has given								
(REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) thousands of dollars in campaign contributions because they know (HE/SHE) will continue to support the giant tax breaks that have led to their record profits instead of investing in								
alternative energy.	20	33	21	20	5	53	42	11
Dem. Held	23	26	19	23	9	49	42	8
Rep. Held	19	36	23	19	3	55	42	13

[465 Respondents]								
82 (SOCIAL SECURITY)(SPLIT D)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN) (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) supports George Bush's risky plan to privatize Social Security, cutting guaranteed benefits that American seniors worked a lifetime to earn and gambling their retirement money in the volatile stock market.								
27	28	16	23	7	55	38	16	
Dem. Held	22	27	17	26	8	49	43	6
Rep. Held	29	29	15	21	6	58	36	22

[465 Respondents]								
83 (IRAQ PRIORITIES)(SPLIT D)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN)								
George Bush's war in Iraq that has already lasted five years, cost four thousand American lives and over a trillion dollars. Even though Iraq now has an 80 billion dollar surplus, (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE), like Bush, wants to continue spending 10 billion dollars a month in Iraq indefinitely instead of using it to create jobs and provide economic relief for middle class (STATE) families.								
26	33	13	23	5	59	36	23	
Dem. Held	27	31	12	24	5	59	36	23
Rep. Held	26	33	13	22	6	59	35	24

	Very		No			Total	Ser
	Ser	Ser	Minor	Real	DK/	Total	Not
	Dbts	Dbts	Dbts	Dbts	Ref	Ser	Ser
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							Not

[INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES]

[669 Respondents]

84 (BUSH ECONOMY)(ASK IF INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN) (Republican House Candidate) is out of touch with middle class families when it comes to the economy, and (HE/SHE) supports George Bush's failed economic agenda that wastes money and benefits big corporations while leaving regular people behind. Despite the rising costs of gas, food and health care, (HE/SHE) has voted with Bush to give tax breaks to big corporations while voting against tax cuts for the middle class.28

Dem. Held	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Held	28	28	18	19	6	57	37	20

[669 Respondents]

85 (OUTSOURCING)(ASK IF INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN) (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) has repeatedly voted for trade agreements that cost (STATE) jobs. NAFTA has cost the U.S. over a million jobs, but (HE/SHE) voted to expand the NAFTA trade deal to Central America. (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) also voted to normalize our trade relationship with China even though America has lost more than 2 million jobs due to trade with China.21

Dem. Held	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Held	21	33	19	18	8	55	38	17

	Very		No			Total	Ser
	Ser	Minor	Real	DK/	Total	Not	-
	Dbts	Dbts	Dbts	Ref	Ser	Ser	Not

[669 Respondents]

86 (OIL COMPANIES)(ASK IF INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN) While gas prices have tripled to nearly four dollars a gallon, (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) has repeatedly voted against cracking down on gas price gouging while accepting thousands of dollars in political contributions from oil and gas interests. And (HE/SHE) voted to give billions in tax breaks and subsidies to the big oil companies instead of investing that money in alternative energy to end our

dependence on foreign oil.....	27	34	16	16	7	60	33	28
Dem. Held	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Held	27	34	16	16	7	60	33	28

(ref:REPDBTS)

[669 Respondents]

Q.87 Now let me read you a series of statements that could be used to describe (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE). For each statement, please tell me whether this description is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, a little convincing or not at all convincing reason to support (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE).⁶

		A	Not		Very/	Lttle/
Very	Smwt	Lttle	at	DK/	Smwt	Not
Conv	Conv	Conv	All	Ref	Conv	Conv

[INCUMBENT DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES]

[278 Respondents]

87 (ENERGY)(ASK IF INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT) (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) is working to take on the big oil companies, reduce gas prices and end our dependence on foreign oil. (HE/SHE) helped pass a law to increase mileage standards for cars, and is backing bipartisan legislation to allow more offshore drilling, end tax giveaways for Big Oil and invest in renewable energy so we can create good jobs here in America.

.....	27	33	10	26	4	60	36
Dem. Held	27	33	10	26	4	60	36
Rep. Held	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

⁶ For each district, the Democratic candidate's name was inserted. Party identification preceded the candidate's name in the introduction, but not in the wording of the messages.

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Lttle Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Lttle/ Not Conv
[278 Respondents]							
88 (ETHICS)(ASK IF INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT) (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) is working to fix a broken system in Washington. (HE/SHE) helped write the groundbreaking ethics bill that banned members of Congress from taking gifts from lobbyists, and increased transparency in government spending. (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) knows that this is just a start, and if reelected will keep working to make sure that Congress puts the American people first, not special interests.	27	33	14	22	3	61	36
Dem. Held	27	33	14	22	3	61	36
Rep. Held	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[278 Respondents]							
92 (VETERANS)(ASK IF INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT) (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) helped dramatically increase funding for veterans' health care, including for traumatic brain injuries and post traumatic stress disorder. And (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) sponsored the new GI bill which expands college benefits for returning veterans, to help them graduate and get good jobs	38	35	10	13	5	73	23
Dem. Held	38	35	10	13	5	73	23
Rep. Held	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[NON-INCUMBENT DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES]

[662 Respondents]							
89 (ENERGY)(SPLIT C)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT) (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) believes it is time to take our country back from the Washington politicians and big oil companies. In Congress, he will push to eliminate huge tax breaks for big oil companies and invest that money into developing clean, alternative energy like solar, wind and biofuels that will create new businesses and jobs here in (STATE) and reduce gas prices.....	32	32	12	23	2	63	35
Dem. Held	38	16	19	27	-	54	46
Rep. Held	31	32	12	23	2	63	35

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
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[662 Respondents]

90 (ECONOMY)(SPLIT C)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT) (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) supports efforts to jumpstart the economy and create jobs now. He supports cutting taxes for the middle class, and he will fight to eliminate tax breaks for companies that outsource jobs and instead use those tax breaks to help companies create jobs here in (STATE) and the U.S. And (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) will always stand up for workers by opposing unfair trade policies.

unfair trade policies.....	29	34	16	19	2	63	35
Dem. Held	42	12	20	26	-	54	46
Rep. Held	29	34	16	19	2	63	35

[660 Respondents]

91 (CHANGE/REFORM)(SPLIT D)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT) For too long, Washington has been dominated by life-long politicians who put partisan bickering and the special interests ahead of finding real solutions for the American people.

(DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) will work to reform Washington, reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interests, and (HE/SHE) will work across the aisle to help break the gridlock in Congress and find bipartisan solutions to America's problems.

solutions to America's problems.	26	34	10	27	2	60	37
Dem. Held	24	30	11	29	6	54	40
Rep. Held	26	34	10	26	2	61	37

[660 Respondents]

93 (VETERANS)(SPLIT D)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT) (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) believes we need to do a better job taking care of our veterans.

(HE/SHE) supports the new GI bill, which would help returning veterans afford college and get good jobs. (HE/SHE) also supports better veterans' benefits for health care because our veterans shouldn't have to wait

a year to see a doctor	50	27	8	12	3	77	20
Dem. Held	42	30	10	12	6	72	22
Rep. Held	51	27	8	12	3	77	20

(ref:DEMPOS)

Q.94 Now let me read you a series of statements that could be used to describe (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE). For each statement, please tell me whether this description is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, a little convincing or not at all convincing reason to support (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE).⁷

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
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[NON-INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES]

[931 Respondents]

94 (DRILLING)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN) (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) believes we need to do everything possible to lower energy prices and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. That means investing in renewable energy and lifting the ban on offshore drilling so we can produce more oil and gas right here in America. (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) wants to use our resources to create jobs for American workers and to make sure we can't be held hostage by countries that don't like us.

.....	38	30	11	19	3	68	29
Dem. Held	38	29	10	19	4	67	29
Rep. Held	38	30	12	18	2	68	30

[465 Respondents]

95 (TAXES)(SPLIT D)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN) (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) is committed to keeping taxes low. (HE/SHE) will fight to extend President Bush's tax cuts and permanently end the death tax. (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) will cut taxes on middle class families, reduce the capital gains tax so small businesses, the engines of our economy, can thrive, and cut business taxes so American companies can better compete and create more jobs here at home.

.....	31	27	11	28	3	58	39
Dem. Held	31	26	10	29	5	56	39
Rep. Held	31	28	11	27	3	59	38

⁷ For each district, the Republican candidate's name was inserted. Party identification preceded the candidate's name in the introduction, but not in the wording of the messages.

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[466 Respondents]							
96 (REFORM)(SPLIT C)(ASK IF NOT INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN) (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) will work with John McCain to reform Washington by ending the disgraceful earmark process that leads to so much wasteful pork spending and keeps taxes too high. And he/she'll take on the lobbyists and special interests and make sure that Congress puts the American people first for a change.	25	27	15	30	2	52	45
Dem. Held	24	27	16	28	4	51	44
Rep. Held	25	27	14	32	2	52	46

[INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES]

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[669 Respondents]							
97 (DRILLING)(ASK IF INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN) Gas prices are high and American families are hurting but Congress doesn't seem to get it. (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) is fighting for change in Congress. (HE/SHE) is pushing to expand domestic production so we can bring gas prices down now and invest in renewables like wind and solar so we can end our dependence on foreign oil.....	27	33	13	25	2	60	38
Dem. Held	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Held	27	33	13	25	2	60	38

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[669 Respondents]							
98 (TAXES)(ASK IF INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN) With American families struggling to pay the rising cost of gas and groceries, they can't afford more taxes. That's why (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) has fought to keep taxes low, voting repeatedly against the Democrats' efforts to raise taxes. (HE/SHE) says we need to jumpstart our economy by cutting taxes on the middle class, cutting the capital gains tax and lowering taxes on American businesses so they can create more jobs.....	31	29	12	26	2	60	38
Dem. Held	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Held	31	29	12	26	2	60	38

		A	Not		Very/	Little/
Very	Smwt	Little	at	DK/	Smwt	Not
Conv	Conv	Conv	All	Ref	Conv	Conv

[669 Respondents]

99 (BIPARTISAN)(ASK IF INCUMBENT
 REPUBLICAN) In Congress, (REPUBLICAN
 CANDIDATE) has crossed party lines to get
 things done. By building bipartisan coalitions,
 (HE/SHE) helped secure funding for roads
 and bridges across (STATE), increased
 benefits for our troops returning from Iraq,
 boosted aid for college students and helped
 improve after school programs.

(REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) understands
 that it's not about partisan games, it's about
 getting results for (STATE).

.....	28	34	12	23	3	62	35
Dem. Held	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. Held	28	34	12	23	3	62	35

(ref:REPP0S)

Q.100 Now let me ask you again about your vote for Congress in November. If the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Democratic candidate	44	42	44
Lean Democratic candidate	3	2	4
Republican candidate	44	48	43
Lean Republican candidate	3	3	4
(Other candidate)	0	0	0
Lean (Other candidate)	0	-	0
(Undecided)	3	3	3
(Refused)	2	1	2
Total Democratic candidate	47	45	47
Total Republican candidate	48	51	47
Total (Other candidate)	1	0	1
INITIAL Democratic candidate	49	48	49
INITIAL Republican candidate	46	48	45
INITIAL (Other candidate)	1	0	1

(ref:RECONG06)

Q.101 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	Dem Held	Rep Held
1 - 11th grade.....	4	4	4
High School graduate	23	22	24
Non-college post H.S.	2	3	1
Some college	25	24	26
College graduate.....	27	29	27
Post-graduate school	18	17	18
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.102 Are you a member of a labor union?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Yes: Respondent belongs.....	13	11	13
Household member.....	9	7	9
No member belongs.....	78	80	77
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	2	1
(ref:UNION)			

Q.103 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Married.....	66	69	65
Single	15	12	16
Separated/Divorced	10	10	10
Widowed	7	7	8
(Don't know/refused)	1	2	1
Sep/Div/Wid	17	17	18
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.104 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Strong Democrat.....	26	25	26
Weak Democrat	11	12	11
Independent-lean Democrat	9	8	9
Independent	6	4	6
Independent-lean Republican	9	9	10
Weak Republican.....	12	11	12
Strong Republican	26	28	25
(Don't know/refused)	1	2	1
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.107 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Liberal	19	16	19
Moderate.....	36	34	36
Conservative.....	42	46	42
(Don't know/refused)	3	4	3
(ref:IDEO1)			

Q.108 What is your religion?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Protestant.....	51	54	51
Catholic.....	25	27	24
Jewish.....	2	1	2
Muslim.....	0	0	0
(Don't know/refused)	21	17	22
(ref:RELIG1)			

[822 Respondents]

Q.109 (ASK IF PROTESTANT IN RELIG1) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Fundamentalist	13	12	13
Evangelical.....	23	24	23
Charismatic/Pentecostal	9	9	9
Moderate to liberal	38	35	39
(Something else).....	7	6	8
(Don't know/Refused).....	10	14	8
(ref:RELIG3)			

Q.110 How often do you attend religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Every week	38	41	38
Once or twice a month.....	16	19	16
Several times a year	15	17	15
Hardly ever.....	21	15	22
(Never).....	5	4	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	3	4
(ref:RELIG2)			

[1487 Respondents]

Q.111 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE00) In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Democrat John Kerry	41	38	41
Republican George Bush	52	55	51
(Ralph Nader)	0	-	0
(Other candidate)	2	2	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	5	5	5
(ref:VOTE2004)			

Q.112 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	Dem Held	Rep Held
Voted.....	79	81	79
Did not vote.....	17	14	18
(Can't remember/Don't know)	2	4	2
(Refused)	1	1	1
(ref:VOTE06)			

[1266 Respondents]

Q.113 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE06) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (2006 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2006 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
House Democrat	38	48	36
House Republican.....	49	40	52
(Other candidate)	3	3	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	9	9	9
(ref:VOTE2006)			

Q.114 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
White.....	77	77	77
African-American or Black	7	7	7
Hispanic or Latino	10	10	10
Native American.....	1	1	1
Asian	1	1	1
(Other).....	1	1	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	3	2	3
(ref:RACETHN)			

Q.115 (ASK IF HISPANIC OR LATINO IN RACETHN OR IF YES IN RACETHN2) 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	Dem Held	Rep Held
Mexican.....	35	35	35
Puerto Rican	14	8	15
Cuban	10	10	11
Dominican	-	-	-
Salvadoran.....	-	-	-
Other: Central America	5	-	7
Other: South America	8	10	7
Other	26	32	24
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	5	1
(ref:ORIGIN08)			

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
Male	47	47	47
Female	53	53	53
(ref:GENDER)			

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total	Dem Held	Rep Held
18 - 24.....	4	1	4
25 - 29.....	6	7	6
30 - 34.....	9	9	9
35 - 39.....	8	8	8
40 - 44.....	8	9	8
45 - 49.....	13	13	13
50 - 54.....	9	11	9
55 - 59.....	11	10	11
60 - 64.....	9	12	9
Over 64	20	18	21
(No answer)	2	2	2
(ref:AGE)			