

Democracy Corps Battleground Frequency Questionnaire

June 10-14, 2007

1600 Swing District Likely Voters

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

	Total
Yes	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
Voted	98
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	2
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know)	-
(Refused)	-
(ref:VOTE00)	

Q.6 I know it's a long way off, but 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
Almost certain	93
Probably	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
Right direction	21
Wrong track.....	70
(Don't know/refused)	9
Right - Wrong	-49
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.8 Now, I am going to read you a list of concerns that people have. Please tell me which ONE of these you think the President and Congress should be paying the most attention to.

	Total	1st	2nd
The war in Iraq	43	27	16
Illegal immigration	26	13	13
Health care.....	25	11	14
Terrorism and national security	24	13	11
The economy and jobs.....	19	8	11
Energy and gas prices	18	7	12
Social Security and Medicare	15	7	8
Taxes and spending.....	11	4	7
Moral values.....	9	6	3
(None).....	1	1	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	3	3	3
(Other)	2	1	1
(ref:CONC1)			

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	18
Somewhat approve	17
Somewhat disapprove.....	14
Strongly disapprove	47
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
Total approve	35
Total disapprove	62
Approve - disapprove	-26
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.11 Do you approve or disapprove of the way (member of Congress)¹ is handling his/her job as a member of the U.S. Congress?

	Total
Strongly approve	18
Somewhat approve	28
Somewhat disapprove.....	13
Strongly disapprove	14
(Don't know/Refused).....	28
Total approve	45
Total disapprove	26
Approve - disapprove	19
(ref:CONGAPP)	

Q.12 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
12 The Republican Party.....	43.2	32	47	98
13 The Democratic Party	47.7	38	41	98
14 George W. Bush	39.5	35	55	99
15 Hillary Clinton.....	41.6	37	50	98
16 Nancy Pelosi - the Speaker of the House.....	44.0	34	40	88
17 The Congress	45.4	29	39	98
18 The Democratic Congress.....	46.3	37	42	98
20 John McCain	46.9	34	37	91
22 (Member of Congress)	52.8	36	24	81
23 John Boehner - the Republican leader of the House	41.1	14	26	57

¹ For each district, the member of Congress' name was inserted

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
24 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	48.4	38	40	96
25 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups	46.6	36	42	96
26 NAFTA (NAF-tuh) and international trade agreements.....	40.8	22	41	88
27 The Iraq war.....	34.6	27	58	98
28 Gay marriage	35.0	26	53	96
29 Immigration into the country	40.0	27	48	95

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.32 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the election in 2008, if the election for president were held today, for whom would you vote -- the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Total
Democratic candidate	46
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3
Republican candidate.....	34
Lean Republican candidate.....	5
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	1
(Undecided)	7
(Refused)	2
Total Democratic candidate.....	49
Total Republican candidate.....	40
Total (Other candidate).....	2
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate	9

(ref:PRES08)

Q.34 When you look at the whole group of Democratic presidential candidates. Does it make you more confident or less confident in the Democrats' ability to lead the country?

	Total
A lot more	26
A little more	24
A little less.....	14
A lot less	31
(Don't know/refused)	5
Total More.....	50
Total Less	45
More - Less	4

(ref:DCONF)

Q.35 When you look at the whole group of Republican presidential candidates. Does it make you more confident or less confident in the Republicans' ability to lead the country?

	Total
A lot more	14
A little more	24
A little less.....	23
A lot less	31
(Don't know/refused)	7
Total More	39
Total Less	54
More - Less	-16
(ref:RCONF)	

Q.36 Thinking about the election for Congress in 2008, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?²

	Total
Democratic candidate	45
Lean Democratic candidate.....	4
Republican candidate.....	37
Lean Republican candidate.....	4
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	6
(Refused)	2
Total Democratic candidate	50
Total Republican candidate	41
Total (Other candidate)	1
Democrat - Republican	9
(ref:CONG06)	

² For each district, the incumbent's name was inserted, and a generic candidate ("the Democratic candidate" or "the Republican candidate") was inserted for the opposition.

Q.38 Now I'd like to ask you which party you associate more with these terms, the Democrats or Republicans.

	Dems Much More	Dems Smwt More	Reps Smwt More	Reps Much More	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dems	Total Reps	Dems - Reps
38 Shares your values	28	19	19	23	2	5	4	47	42	5

[800 Respondents]

39 (SPLIT A) Future-oriented.....	22	26	20	15	2	6	10	48	35	13
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40 On your side.....	25	22	18	18	1	9	6	47	36	11
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[800 Respondents]

42 (SPLIT B) New ideas for addressing the country's problems	28	23	17	13	3	10	5	51	30	21
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43 Security and keeping people safe	18	17	20	30	3	8	5	35	50	-15
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44 Prosperity.....	20	20	23	22	2	7	6	40	45	-4
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46 Reform and change.....	28	28	18	10	1	10	5	56	27	29
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47 Making government accountable to people..... (ref:ASSOC)	27	22	19	14	2	12	4	49	33	16
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Q.48 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] 48 (SPLIT A) The current course cannot bring stability and 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.....	47	8	9	34	0	1	1	55	43	12

	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
49 President Bush is being divisive and partisan. OR The Democrats in Congress are being divisive and partisan.....	33	11	15	29	4	2	6	44	44	1
50 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	8	8	38	1	2	2	50	46	4
[800 Respondents]										
51 (SPLIT B) Congress should keep passing bills that require the President to reduce troop levels in Iraq and set a date for removing most U.S. forces, even if the president keeps vetoing these bills. OR The Congress isn't able to change policies in Iraq and should instead focus on other issues where it could get things done.	38	11	13	33	0	2	3	48	46	2
52 Democrats have made progress on the actions they pledged to take if they took control of Congress. OR Democrats have not made progress on the actions they pledged to take if they took control of Congress.	16	21	21	35	0	2	5	37	56	-19
(ref:VALUES06)										

[897 Respondents]

Q.53 (IF NO PROGRESS IN Q.52) Whom do you think is mainly to blame for the lack of progress: George Bush and the Republicans in Congress or Democrats in Congress?

	Total
George Bush and the Republicans in Congress	33
Democrats in Congress.....	52
(All)	10
(Other)	1
(Don't know/refused)	4
 George Bush/Republicans - Democrats	-20
(ref:BLAMECON)	

Q.54 Now, I'd like to read you some policies regarding Iraq. Even if neither is exactly right, which of the following policies best reflects your own views?

I want my member of Congress to vote for measures that will force the President to change policies and reduce troop levels in Iraq.

OR

I want my member of Congress to vote against measures that could undermine the President's policies in Iraq.

	Total
Vote for measures strongly	47
Vote for measures not so strongly	9
Vote against measures not so strongly.....	10
Vote against measures strongly	29
(Both)	0
(Neither)	3
(Don't know/refused)	2
 Total Vote for	57
Total Vote against	39
 Vote for - Vote against	18
(ref:IRQPTION)	

Q.55 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
55 On immigration, we need to get control of the border and bar illegal employment but allow the illegal immigrants who have been here working for a long time to get on a path to citizenship. OR On immigration, we need to get control of the border, require illegal immigrants to re-enter the country legally, and stop illegal immigrants from getting government benefits.	26	11	8	51	1	2	2	37	59	-21
(ref:VALUES09)										

Q.57 Based on what you have seen or read, overall, do you favor or oppose the comprehensive immigration reform plan being considered by the U.S. Senate?

Strongly favor	10
Somewhat favor	18
Somewhat oppose	17
Strongly oppose	31
(Don't know/refused)	24
Total favor.....	28
Total oppose.....	47
Favor - Oppose.....	-19
(ref:IMMFAV)	

Q.58 Now, I'd like to read you some of the details of the comprehensive immigration reform plan being considered by the U.S. Senate. The bill includes measures to:

Strengthen border security first by increasing the border fencing and the number of border patrol agents.

Implement a verification system to prevent employers from hiring illegal immigrants.

Allow up to 12 million illegal immigrants to enter a path for citizenship after paying a fine and fees.

Create a guest worker program that allows 200,000 immigrants a year to work mostly in unskilled labor and farm jobs.

Choose new immigrants based on skills and education levels needed here, and no longer choose them based on family ties and family unification.

Now let me ask you again, do you favor or oppose the comprehensive immigration reform proposal being considered by the Senate?

	Total
Strongly favor.....	14
Somewhat favor	31
Somewhat oppose	19
Strongly oppose	30
(Don't know/refused)	6
Total favor.....	45
Total oppose.....	49
Favor - Oppose.....	-4
(ref:IMMFAV2)	

Q.59 Now I am going to read you some positions taken by your member of Congress on the immigration issue. For each position, please tell me whether, if accurate, it raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about this member of Congress, (member of Congress).

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
59 (Member of Congress) supports allowing illegal immigrants who broke our laws, to stay and become citizens, giving them amnesty.	29	34	15	16	5	64	31
60 The Congress decided to declare English the official language of the United States, but (Member of Congress) voted against declaring English the official language.	33	31	13	20	3	64	33
61 (Member of Congress) supports illegal immigrants being permanent residents who can use our schools, health care system and also get other benefits.	26	34	17	19	4	60	37
62 (Member of Congress) supports allowing illegal immigrants who defied a deportation order to stay and become permanent residents.	25	35	20	16	4	60	36
63 The Congress decided that illegal immigrants who earn legal status should not be able to claim Social Security benefits for the time they worked illegally, but (Member of Congress) voted to allow them to get these Social Security benefits. (ref:IMMNEG)	31	35	15	16	3	66	30

Q.64 Now let me ask you again, do you favor or oppose the comprehensive immigration reform plan being considered by the U.S. Senate?

	Total
Strongly favor.....	10
Somewhat favor	25
Somewhat oppose	20
Strongly oppose	37
(Don't know/refused)	8
Total favor.....	35
Total oppose.....	57
Favor - Oppose.....	-22
(ref:REIMMFAV)	

Q.65 Now let me read you some of the actions that Democrats pledged to take if voters gave them control of the U.S. Congress in 2006. For each of them, please tell me whether you think it became a law, whether it was passed by the Congress but blocked by the President, whether it was passed by the House of Representatives but made no progress in the Senate or whether nothing at all happened.

	Be came Law	Block by Pres	Stall In Sen	No thing Happ	DK/ Ref
[800 Respondents] 65 (SPLIT A) Implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations that all air cargo and ship containers be inspected	23	8	11	35	24
[800 Respondents] 66 (SPLIT B) Raising the minimum wage.....	47	10	11	15	16
[800 Respondents] 67 (SPLIT A) Cutting student loan interests rates in half	9	8	10	43	29
[800 Respondents] 68 (SPLIT B) Repealing billions in tax breaks for oil companies and using the money to promote energy conservation and develop alternative fuels.....	7	9	12	43	29
[800 Respondents] 69 (SPLIT A) Lowering drug prices by allowing prescription drugs to be imported from Canada.....	7	16	16	41	21
[800 Respondents] 70 (SPLIT B) Broadening the types of stem cell research allowed with federal funds	6	36	13	26	19
[800 Respondents] 71 (SPLIT A) Banning gifts, meals and travel from lobbyists to members of Congress	14	6	12	38	29
[800 Respondents] 72 (SPLIT B) Setting a date for American troops to leave Iraq	1	46	12	32	9
[800 Respondents] 73 (SPLIT A) Eliminate earmarked budget allocations, which give money to members' pet projects and personally benefit their supporters	6	10	10	41	33
(ref:AGDASTAT)					

[800 Respondents]

Q.74 (SPLIT A) Now let me read you the list of proposals that Congress may take up this year. From this list, which TWO do you think are the most important for the Congress to focus on?

	Total
Expand health coverage to every child in the U.S. through the existing State Children's Health Insurance Program	48
Pass an immigration reform bill to increase border patrol agents and penalize employers for hiring illegal immigrants.	44
Require all cars and light trucks to get 40 miles to the gallon by 2017.....	24
Eliminate the Alternative Minimum Tax for those with joint incomes of less than \$250,000 and pay for it by increasing this tax for individuals with a joint income greater than \$500,000.....	21
Make sure all future trade agreements with other countries require higher labor and environmental standards	16
Require members of Congress and top staffers to wait two years after leaving Congress, double the current time, before being allowed to perform any lobbying activities.	14
(Other)	2
(None).....	1
(All)	1
(Don't know/refused)	4
(ref:AGDAPRIO)	

[800 Respondents]

Q.74 (SPLIT B) Now let me read you the list of proposals that Congress may take up this year. From this list, which TWO do you think are the most important for the Congress to focus on?

	Total
Expand health coverage to every child in the U.S. through the existing State Children's Health Insurance Program.....	47
Require 25 percent of all electricity in the U.S. to come from clean, alternative energy sources such as wind, solar and biomass by 2025.	34
Pass an immigration reform bill to register undocumented immigrants, require them to pay a fine and fees and allow them to get in a multi-year path to citizenship.	27
Eliminate the Alternative Minimum Tax for those with joint incomes of less than \$250,000 and pay for it by increasing this tax for individuals with a joint income greater than \$500,000.....	23
Require members of Congress and top staffers to wait two years after leaving Congress, double the current time, before being allowed to perform any lobbying activities.	17
Make sure all future trade agreements with other countries require higher labor and environmental standards.....	14
(Other)	1
(None).....	3
(All)	1
(Don't know/refused)	4
(ref:AGDAPRIO)	

Q.74 Combined

	Total
Expand health coverage to every child in the U.S. through the existing State Children's Health Insurance Program	47
Combined Immigration reform bill.....	36
Combined Energy proposal.....	29
Eliminate the Alternative Minimum Tax for those with joint incomes of less than \$250,000 and pay for it by increasing this tax for individuals with a joint income greater than \$500,000.....	22
Require members of Congress and top staffers to wait two years after leaving Congress, double the current time, before being allowed to perform any lobbying activities.....	15
Make sure all future trade agreements with other countries require higher labor and environmental standards	15
(Other)	2
(None).....	2
(All)	1
(Don't know/refused)	4
(ref:AGDAPRIO)	

Q.85 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
1 - 11th grade.....	4
High School graduate.....	25
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college	26
College graduate.....	27
Post-graduate school	17
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.86 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	12
Household member.....	8
No member belongs.....	78
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Union Household	21
Non College Non Union	43
Non union worker.....	31
(ref:UNION)	

Q.87 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married.....	62
Single.....	17
Separated/Divorced	12
Widowed	8
(Don't know/refused)	1
Sep/Div/Wid	20
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.89 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat.....	23
Weak Democrat	14
Independent-lean Democrat.....	11
Independent.....	6
Independent-lean Republican	10
Weak Republican.....	15
Strong Republican.....	20
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.92 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	19
Moderate.....	39
Conservative.....	39
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.93 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	50
Catholic.....	26
Jewish.....	2
Muslim	0
(Don't know/refused)	22
(ref:RELIG1)	

[796 Respondents]

Q.94 (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
Fundamentalist	14
Evangelical.....	23
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	10
Moderate to liberal	40
(Something else)	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	9
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.95 How often do you attend religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Every week	42
Once or twice a month	14
Several times a year	13
Hardly ever.....	24
(Never)	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:RELIG2)	

[1565 Respondents]

Q.96 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE00) In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	Total
Democrat John Kerry	44
Republican George Bush	50
(Ralph Nader)	0
(Other candidate)	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	4

Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush-6
(ref:VOTE2004)

Q.97 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
Voted	82
Did not vote.....	16
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	1
(Refused)	1
(ref:VOTE06)	

[1315 Respondents]

Q.98 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE06) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?³

	Total
Democratic candidate	46
Republican candidate.....	46
(Other candidate)	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
 Democrat - Republican	 0
(ref:VOTE2006)	

Q.99 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	Total
None	61
1-2	13
3-9	14
10 or more.....	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	8
(ref:GUNS)	

Q.100 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White.....	82
African-American or Black.....	7
Hispanic or Latino	6
Native American.....	1
Asian.....	0
(Other)	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

³ 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.

[93 Respondents]

Q.102 (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?

	Total
Mexican	27
Puerto Rican	28
Cuban	4
Dominican.....	1
Salvadoran.....	2
Other: Central America.....	2
Other: South America.....	8
Other.....	28
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:ORIGIN08)	

Q.104 Last year, that is in 2006, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	Total
Less than \$10K.....	3
\$10K to under \$20K.....	5
\$20K to under \$30K.....	10
\$30K to under \$50K.....	20
\$50K to under \$75K.....	17
\$75K to under \$100K.....	13
\$100K or more.....	17
(Refused).....	12
(Don't know).....	2
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

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

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24.....	5
25 - 29.....	6
30 - 34.....	7
35 - 39.....	7
40 - 44.....	9
45 - 49.....	11
50 - 54.....	11
55 - 59.....	11
60 - 64.....	9
Over 64.....	20
(No answer).....	2
(ref:AGE)	