

Democracy Corps Congressional Battleground - Republican Held Districts Frequency Questionnaire

October 6-9, 2008

1600 Likely Voters in 50 Republican-held battleground districts

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

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Yes	100	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	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Voted.....	93	94	93	93
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	4	3	4	5
Did not vote	3	3	4	2
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	0	.	-	0
(Refused).....	-	-	-	-
(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	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Almost certain.....	95	95	94	96
Probably	4	5	4	4
50-50	-	-	-	-
Will not vote.....	-	-	-	-
(Don't know)	-	-	-	-
(Already voted)	1	1	2	1
(Refused).....	-	-	-	-
(ref:CP3)				

[21 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	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
By mail.....	81	100	69	100
In person	19	-	31	-
(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	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Right direction	14	13	14	14
Wrong track.....	82	82	81	80
(Don't know/refused)	5	5	5	6
Right - Wrong.....	-68	-69	-68	-67
(ref:DIRECT)				

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

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Strongly approve	16	15	16	17
Somewhat approve	18	17	19	15
Somewhat disapprove.....	12	13	12	11
Strongly disapprove.....	50	50	48	52
(Don't know/refused)	4	4	4	4
Total approve.....	34	33	35	32
Total disapprove.....	62	63	61	64
Approve - disapprove	-29	-31	-26	-31
(ref:CANDAPP2)				

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

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Strongly approve	19	17	20	21
Somewhat approve	21	23	21	20
Somewhat disapprove	15	15	16	16
Strongly disapprove.....	20	21	20	21
(Don't know/refused)	24	25	24	22
Total approve.....	40	40	40	41
Total disapprove.....	36	36	35	37
Approve - disapprove	4	4	5	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	43.5	36	47	99
Tier 1	42.0	32	50	99
Tier 2	44.6	37	46	99
Tier 3	44.5	40	45	98
12 The Democratic Party	46.2	40	46	99
Tier 1	48.2	41	42	99
Tier 2	45.0	38	49	99
Tier 3	44.6	40	48	98
13 George W. Bush	36.3	31	57	100
Tier 1	36.3	31	58	100
Tier 2	36.1	30	58	100
Tier 3	36.7	35	55	100
[800 Respondents]				
14 (SPLIT A) The Congress.....	38.0	18	49	98
Tier 1	38.3	17	50	99
Tier 2	38.5	18	46	98
Tier 3	36.2	19	54	96
[800 Respondents]				
15 (SPLIT B) The Democratic Congress	41.7	33	49	97
Tier 1	44.4	36	45	97
Tier 2	40.2	31	52	98
Tier 3	39.5	31	49	96
16 Barack Obama	50.7	48	44	99
Tier 1	53.2	49	40	100
Tier 2	49.1	46	45	99
Tier 3	48.9	48	47	99
17 John McCain	49.3	46	42	100
Tier 1	48.1	44	43	99
Tier 2	50.2	46	41	99
Tier 3	49.8	49	43	100
18 The Republicans in Congress.....	40.5	29	51	98
Tier 1	38.9	26	53	98
Tier 2	42.1	31	49	98
Tier 3	40.5	31	51	96

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
19 Sarah Palin	47.2	42	46	97
Tier 1	46.1	42	48	97
Tier 2	47.0	41	46	97
Tier 3	50.0	45	41	95
20 Joe Biden	50.4	43	39	93
Tier 1	51.8	44	37	94
Tier 2	49.6	43	40	93
Tier 3	49.0	43	38	92
[1571 Respondents - Not Asked in Louisiana 04]				
21 (Democratic candidate) ²	45.2	21	26	62
Tier 1	45.1	22	28	65
Tier 2	45.7	22	26	63
Tier 3	44.2	19	23	53
[1571 Respondents - Not Asked in Louisiana 04]				
22 (Republican candidate)	47.9	28	31	76
Tier 1	44.0	24	34	72
Tier 2	49.5	29	30	77
Tier 3	51.5	35	30	80
23 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	53.5	44	34	94
Tier 1	53.7	46	35	95
Tier 2	51.8	42	35	94
Tier 3	56.3	47	31	94
24 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	48.7	39	41	97
Tier 1	47.8	37	42	97
Tier 2	48.2	38	42	98
Tier 3	51.5	43	39	97
25 NAFTA and international trade agreements	40.9	23	42	89
Tier 1	42.6	25	40	89
Tier 2	38.8	20	44	90
Tier 3	41.8	22	40	88
26 The Iraq War	37.8	33	54	98
Tier 1	37.1	32	56	99
Tier 2	38.5	34	53	98
Tier 3	37.7	32	54	97
27 Gay marriage	35.0	25	54	96
Tier 1	35.9	26	53	97
Tier 2	35.6	25	52	96
Tier 3	31.7	25	58	95

² For questions 21 and 22, the applicable candidate names were inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
28 Immigration into the country.....	40.3	24	45	95
Tier 1	42.8	27	41	94
Tier 2	38.7	22	48	94
Tier 3	38.3	23	49	96
29 Big corporations	38.5	24	48	96
Tier 1	38.6	22	48	96
Tier 2	39.0	25	46	96
Tier 3	37.4	25	51	96
30 The state of the economy	23.9	10	78	99
Tier 1	23.8	10	78	99
Tier 2	23.7	9	77	99
Tier 3	24.5	10	77	100
[800 Respondents]				
31 (SPLIT A) Social Security	57.2	48	31	97
Tier 1	57.2	48	33	98
Tier 2	56.2	47	32	97
Tier 3	59.2	48	26	95
[800 Respondents]				
32 (SPLIT B) Social Security Privatization.....	37.0	27	52	96
Tier 1	37.8	28	50	96
Tier 2	35.5	25	55	97
Tier 3	38.4	27	52	92

(ref: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	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
10	83	85	81	81
9	7	6	7	9
8	5	4	6	4
7	2	1	2	2
6	1	0	1	1
5	1	1	2	1
4	0	-	0	0
3	0	-	0	0
2	0	1	-	-
1	1	1	1	1
(Don't know/refused)	0	0	0	-
10	83	85	81	81
8-10	94	95	94	94
6-10	97	97	97	98
1-5	3	3	3	2
(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, Independent candidate Ralph Nader and Louisiana Taxpayer Party candidate Ron Paul, for whom would you vote?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Democrat Barack Obama	45	50	42	43
Lean Democrat Barack Obama	1	1	2	1
Republican John McCain	44	41	44	47
Lean Republican John McCain	2	1	3	2
(Other candidate)	0	1	-	0
Lean (Other candidate)	0	-	0	-
Ralph Nader	2	2	3	2
Lean Ralph Nader	1	0	1	1
Bob Barr	1	1	2	1
Lean Bob Barr	0	0	-	-
Ron Paul.....	0	0	0	0
Lean Ron Paul.....	-	-	-	-
(Undecided).....	1	1	2	1
(Refused).....	2	2	1	2
Total Democrat Barack Obama	47	51	44	43
Total Republican John McCain	45	42	47	49
Total Ralph Nader.....	3	2	4	3
Total Bob Barr	2	1	2	1
Total Ron Paul	0	0	0	0
Total (Other candidate)	0	1	0	0

(ref:PRES086)

Allocated Vote

Q.38 Well, if the election for President were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain, for whom would you vote?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Barack Obama	48	52	45	45
John McCain	47	43	50	50
(Undecided/Refused)	4	4	4	5

(ref:PRE2WAY)

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	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Democratic candidate.....	45	46	44	42
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3	3	2	3
Republican candidate.....	45	43	45	49
Lean Republican candidate.....	3	4	4	2
(Other candidate)	1	1	1	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0	0	0	0
(Undecided).....	2	1	2	2
(Refused).....	1	1	1	1
Total Democratic candidate	47	50	46	45
Total Republican candidate.....	48	46	49	51
Total (Other candidate).....	1	1	1	1

(ref:CONG06)

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	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Fair chance.....	6	6	6	7
A small chance.....	6	6	7	7
Just a very slight chance	8	8	8	6
No chance at all.....	30	28	29	33
(Don't know/Refused)	3	2	4	2
Democratic candidate Supporter	47	50	46	46

(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	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Fair chance.....	5	6	4	6
A small chance.....	6	5	7	7
Just a very slight chance	8	6	10	9
No chance at all.....	30	35	27	26
(Don't know/Refused)	2	1	3	1
Republican candidate Supporter	49	47	49	51

(ref:CONG06D)

³ For each district, the candidates' names were inserted, preceded by their party identification.

Q.45 Have you seen, heard, or read anything recently about (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)⁴?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Yes	69	70	69	68
No.....	30	30	30	32
(DK/refused).....	0	0	1	-
(ref:RRECALL)				

[1108 Respondents]

Q.46 (IF YES IN RRECALL) Thinking back to the last month or so, have the things you've seen, heard, or read about (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) made you feel more favorable or less favorable toward him/her, or haven't they made any difference?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
More favorable	23	20	24	26
Less favorable.....	30	31	30	27
(No difference).....	47	48	45	48
(DK/Refused).....	1	1	1	-
More favorable - Less favorable	-7	-11	-6	-1
(ref:RFAV)				

Q.47 Have you seen, heard, or read anything recently about (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE)?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Yes	61	65	61	52
No.....	39	35	38	47
(DK/refused).....	0	0	0	0
(ref:DRECALL)				

[973 Respondents]

Q.48 (IF YES IN DRECALL) Thinking back to the last month or so, have the things you've seen, heard, or read about (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) made you feel more favorable or less favorable toward him/her, or haven't they made any difference?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
More favorable	29	28	28	33
Less favorable.....	23	23	25	20
(No difference).....	47	49	45	45
(DK/Refused).....	1	1	2	2
More favorable - Less favorable	5	5	3	13
(ref:DFAV)				

⁴ For questions 45 through 48, the applicable candidate names were inserted without party identification.

[910 Respondents]

Q.49 (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)⁵ 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
49 Will bring the right kind of change.....	15	25	24	25	11	40	50	-10
Tier 1	12	22	23	30	13	34	53	-19
Tier 2	15	24	25	25	11	39	50	-11
Tier 3	19	29	24	21	8	48	45	3
50 Follows Bush's direction too much.....	26	20	25	14	15	46	39	8
Tier 1	28	19	21	15	17	47	35	12
Tier 2	24	22	28	11	15	46	39	7
Tier 3	27	20	24	18	12	46	42	4
51 Out of touch	19	17	26	27	12	36	52	-17
Tier 1	24	16	25	22	13	40	47	-7
Tier 2	15	19	25	27	13	34	52	-18
Tier 3	17	15	27	32	9	33	59	-26
52 Fights for people here	23	29	22	15	10	52	37	15
Tier 1	19	27	24	20	11	46	43	3
Tier 2	23	29	23	14	12	52	36	15
Tier 3	31	31	19	13	6	61	32	29
53 On your side.....	20	26	22	21	10	46	44	2
Tier 1	13	27	25	23	12	40	49	-9
Tier 2	22	24	23	19	11	46	42	4
Tier 3	26	27	17	23	7	53	40	13
54 Is effective in Congress.....	17	30	24	16	13	47	41	6
Tier 1	12	26	24	22	16	38	46	-7
Tier 2	17	31	27	13	12	48	40	8
Tier 3	23	33	21	15	9	55	36	20
55 Part of the mess in Washington	21	20	26	20	12	41	47	-5
Tier 1	27	17	25	18	13	44	43	1
Tier 2	18	23	24	23	13	40	47	-7
Tier 3	19	20	30	20	11	39	50	-11

(ref:ATRIB)

⁵ For each district, the incumbent's name was inserted without a partisan label.

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)⁶ 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	Rep Much More	Both	Nei ther	DK Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
56 The economy	23	18	16	21	0	3	18	41	37	4
Tier 1	25	19	17	20	0	3	15	44	37	7
Tier 2	20	20	16	21	0	3	19	40	37	3
Tier 3	23	14	15	23	0	4	21	37	38	-1
57 Taxes	19	17	16	25	1	2	20	36	41	-5
Tier 1	21	17	16	26	0	2	18	38	42	-4
Tier 2	17	17	18	23	1	2	21	35	41	-6
Tier 3	18	18	15	24	0	3	21	36	40	-4
58 Retirement and Social Security	23	16	15	19	1	3	24	39	34	4
Tier 1	26	16	16	19	0	2	21	42	35	7
Tier 2	22	17	14	19	1	3	24	38	33	5
Tier 3	20	13	16	19	0	4	28	33	35	-2
59 Handling illegal immigration	16	15	17	21	0	3	27	31	39	-8
Tier 1	18	16	17	23	0	3	23	34	40	-6
Tier 2	15	14	18	20	0	4	29	30	37	-8
Tier 3	14	12	18	22	0	3	30	26	40	-14
60 Bringing the right kind of change	25	16	16	19	0	4	19	41	35	6
Tier 1	28	17	15	19	0	4	16	45	34	11
Tier 2	23	16	16	20	1	4	21	38	36	2
Tier 3	23	17	16	19	1	4	21	40	35	5
61 Breaking the gridlock in Washington	20	17	16	16	0	6	25	36	32	4
Tier 1	21	18	16	16	0	6	23	39	32	7
Tier 2	19	16	16	16	1	7	25	35	32	3
Tier 3	19	15	16	17	0	5	27	34	33	1
62 Sharing your values	23	16	15	24	1	3	19	38	39	-1
Tier 1	24	17	15	24	1	3	17	41	38	3
Tier 2	21	16	13	25	1	3	21	37	39	-2
Tier 3	23	12	17	25	1	3	20	35	42	-7

⁶ For each district, the candidates' names were inserted, preceded by their party identification.

	Dem Much More	Dem Smwt More	Rep Smwt More	Rep Much More	Both	Nei ther	DK Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
63 Being effective in Congress.....	21	17	18	21	1	3	19	38	39	-1
Tier 1	23	18	18	20	1	3	17	41	38	3
Tier 2	21	16	18	21	1	4	20	37	39	-2
Tier 3	19	15	17	23	2	2	22	34	41	-7
64 Fighting for people here ...	24	16	16	21	1	3	18	40	38	3
Tier 1	28	17	15	22	1	2	14	45	38	7
Tier 2	22	16	15	21	1	4	22	38	36	2
Tier 3	20	17	19	21	2	2	19	36	41	-4
65 The financial crisis in the country	22	16	16	20	0	5	22	38	35	2
Tier 1	25	17	15	20	1	3	19	42	35	7
Tier 2	20	15	15	19	0	7	23	35	34	1
Tier 3	20	14	18	21	-	3	24	34	39	-5

(ref:BETJOB3)

Q.66 Now I'd like to ask you which congressional candidate has tried more to reach you in this campaign in different ways, (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)⁷

	Dem Much More	Dem Smwt More	Rep Smwt More	Rep Much More	Both	Nei ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
[800 Respondents]										
66 (SPLIT A) Received emails from the campaign or other political organizations.....										
	7	4	6	8	3	64	9	11	13	-2
Tier 1	8	4	4	8	2	66	8	12	11	1
Tier 2	7	3	7	6	3	63	9	11	14	-3
Tier 3	5	5	7	10	4	57	11	10	17	-7

[800 Respondents]										
67 (SPLIT B) Received information through watching advertisements on television										
	11	10	14	11	15	35	5	21	25	-4
Tier 1	11	12	11	8	19	34	5	23	19	4
Tier 2	12	8	15	13	12	35	4	20	28	-8
Tier 3	6	11	15	12	12	37	6	18	27	-9

[800 Respondents]										
68 (SPLIT A) Visited a campaign or candidate-sponsored website										
	8	5	5	5	2	63	11	13	11	2
Tier 1	9	7	5	5	1	63	10	16	10	6
Tier 2	7	4	5	5	3	64	11	11	11	1
Tier 3	6	5	6	7	1	62	13	11	12	-1

[800 Respondents]										
69 (SPLIT B) Received printed materials in the mail from the campaign or another political organization										
	9	7	10	15	11	44	5	16	24	-9
Tier 1	12	10	7	13	13	42	4	21	20	1
Tier 2	7	6	11	16	12	43	6	13	27	-14
Tier 3	7	4	12	15	7	47	8	11	27	-16

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	Dem Much More	Dem Smwt More	Rep Smwt More	Rep Much More	Both	Nei ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
[800 Respondents]										
70 (SPLIT B) Spoken with someone who came to your door from the campaign or another political organization										
	5	3	3	5	2	79	4	7	7	0
Tier 1	6	3	3	4	1	79	3	10	7	3
Tier 2	3	3	2	5	2	79	6	6	8	-2
Tier 3	5	1	3	4	3	80	5	6	6	.

	Dem Much More	Dem Smwt More	Rep Smwt More	Rep Much More	Both	Nei ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
[800 Respondents]										
71 (SPLIT A) Received phone calls from the campaign or other political organizations.....										
	9	6	7	13	4	55	6	15	20	-6
Tier 1	11	7	6	12	4	56	6	17	17	0
Tier 2	8	5	7	14	5	55	5	13	21	-8
Tier 3	6	6	9	15	3	54	6	12	25	-13
(ref:ASSOCAD3)										

Q.72 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.

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[910 Respondents]										
72 (IF NOT OPEN SEAT)										
In November, I CAN'T vote to reelect (HOUSE INCUMBENT) ⁸ 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	11	12	31	0	4	6	47	43	4
Tier 1	41	9	13	27	-	3	6	50	41	9
Tier 2	32	12	10	33	0	6	7	44	43	1
Tier 3	38	9	14	32	1	2	4	47	46	2

73 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) ⁹ because the new Democratic Congress is just business as usual and getting no more done than the last one.										
	40	9	8	34	0	5	3	49	42	7
Tier 1	42	10	7	33	-	6	3	51	40	11
Tier 2	39	9	8	34	0	6	3	48	42	6
Tier 3	38	9	10	34	-	3	5	48	44	3

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⁹ For each district, the candidate's names was inserted, preceded by his or her party identification.

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
74 I'm more concerned that (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) will continue the economic policies that have cost us jobs and caused higher prices.										
OR										
I'm more concerned that (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) will raise taxes and increase government spending.	34	11	9	35	1	5	5	45	44	1
Tier 1	35	10	9	35	1	5	5	45	44	1
Tier 2	33	13	8	34	1	5	6	46	43	3
Tier 3	33	11	11	35	0	4	6	44	46	-2

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75 (SPLIT A) When I saw that Congress passed the bailout plan I was relieved because I thought it might help the economy.										
OR										
When I saw that Congress passed the bailout plan I was upset because it bails out Wall Street and raises the deficit.....	21	17	11	42	1	4	5	38	53	-15
Tier 1	20	16	10	46	-	3	5	36	56	-21
Tier 2	23	17	12	38	1	4	5	40	50	-11
Tier 3	21	19	10	42	1	4	4	40	51	-11

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76 (SPLIT B) The Congress should now take action to help the economy get out of recession.										
OR										
After spending so much on the bailout, Congress can't afford to do more on the economy.	38	16	13	25	0	2	5	54	38	16
Tier 1	41	15	13	24	0	3	4	56	37	19
Tier 2	38	15	13	25	-	2	6	54	38	16
Tier 3	33	18	11	28	-	3	6	51	39	12

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[800 Respondents]										
77 (SPLIT A) The financial crisis and the sinking economy and what's happening in Washington is leading me to want to vote for Democrats.										
OR										
The financial crisis and the sinking economy and what's happening in Washington is leading me to want to vote for										
Republicans.....	44	6	8	35	0	5	1	50	43	7
Tier 1	43	9	7	36	-	3	2	52	43	9
Tier 2	46	5	9	33	1	5	1	51	42	9
Tier 3	41	4	10	38	-	6	1	46	47	-1

[800 Respondents]										
78 (SPLIT B) The financial crisis and the sinking economy and what's happening in Washington is leading me to want to vote against Republicans.										
OR										
The financial crisis and the sinking economy and what's happening in Washington is leading me to want to vote against										
Democrats.....	42	9	6	34	0	5	3	51	41	11
Tier 1	47	8	4	33	1	5	3	55	37	18
Tier 2	39	10	8	36	0	5	3	49	43	6
Tier 3	40	8	7	34	0	5	5	48	41	7
(ref:VALUES06)										

Q.79 Now I am going to read you a pair of statements that might be made by the congressional candidates about Social Security. Please tell me whether the Democrat's statement or the Republican's statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

(DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE)¹⁰ says that (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) supports George Bush's risky plan to privatize Social Security benefits, which would cut the guaranteed benefits that people worked a lifetime earning and gamble their retirement money on the volatile stock market. I'll fight any efforts to privatize Social Security and work to shore up the system by putting the Social Security Trust Fund off-limits so Congress can't raid it to fund new government spending.

OR

(REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) says if we don't reform Social Security the system won't be able to pay the benefits promised to our children. I am against privatization but we need to make Social Security solvent by giving younger Americans the choice of investing some of their payroll taxes into safe long-term investments while guaranteeing that older Americans won't see their benefits touched. (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE)'s only solution to fixing Social Security is to raise taxes on millions of Americans.

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Democratic statement strongly	29	29	30	26
Democratic statement somewhat	17	19	14	16
Republican statement somewhat	18	18	19	18
Republican statement strongly	29	28	29	32
(Both).....	0	-	0	1
(Neither)	3	3	3	2
(Don't know/refused)	4	3	3	5
Total Democratic Statement.....	46	49	45	42
Total Republican Statement.....	47	45	48	50
Democratic – Republican	-2	4	-4	-8

(ref:SSPAIR)

¹⁰ For questions 79 through 81, the candidate's name was inserted at the introduction of each statement with party identification and the opposing candidate's name was inserted in each statement without party identification.

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Q.80 (SPLIT C) Now I am going to read you a pair of statements that might be made by the congressional candidates about the economy. Please tell me whether the Democrat's statement or the Republican's statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

(DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) says George Bush's policies and greedy Wall Street investors have left our financial markets in turmoil, put our home values and retirement at risk and destroyed nearly a million American jobs this year alone. But (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) wants to continue the Bush policies of rewarding Wall Street and corporations that outsource with more tax breaks while giving next-to-no tax relief to middle class families. We need a new direction that gets our economy back on track by putting the middle class first.

OR

(REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) says I broke with President Bush and the Republican leadership to oppose the giant Wall Street bailout because I didn't think American taxpayers should be forced to bail out greedy banks that didn't play by the rules. We need to get our economy back on track by reigning in runaway spending and lowering taxes on American families and small businesses. (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) is a tax-and-spend liberal who will bloat the government and raise our taxes when we can least afford it.

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Democratic statement strongly	32	35	32	28
Democratic statement somewhat	14	11	17	15
Republican statement somewhat	16	18	15	15
Republican statement strongly	33	32	31	37
(Both).....	0	1	-	0
(Neither)	2	2	2	3
(Don't know/refused)	3	2	4	1
Total Democratic Statement.....	46	45	49	44
Total Republican Statement.....	49	49	46	52
Democratic – Republican	-2	-4	3	-8

(ref:ECONPAIR)

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Q.81 (SPLIT D) Now I am going to read you a pair of statements that might be made by the congressional candidates about the economy. Please tell me whether the Democrat's statement or the Republican's statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

(DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) says we need to get our economy back on track by cracking down on Wall Street greed, cutting taxes for the middle class, investing in alternative energy to create millions of high-quality jobs, eliminating tax breaks for companies that outsource jobs and instead giving them to companies that create jobs here. (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) wants to continue George Bush's policies that have left our financial markets in turmoil, put our retirement at risk and destroyed nearly a million American jobs.

OR

(REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) says I broke with President Bush and the Republican leadership to oppose the giant Wall Street bailout because I didn't think American taxpayers should be forced to bail out greedy banks that didn't play by the rules. We need to get our economy back on track by reigning in runaway spending and lowering taxes on American families and small businesses. (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) is tax-and-spend liberal who will bloat the government and raise our taxes when we can least afford it.

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Democratic statement strongly	37	36	38	34
Democratic statement somewhat	15	20	9	15
Republican statement somewhat	14	13	17	10
Republican statement strongly	28	25	28	37
(Both).....	0	-	-	1
(Neither)	4	3	4	2
(Don't know/refused)	3	2	4	2
Total Democratic Statement.....	51	56	47	49
Total Republican Statement.....	42	38	44	46
Democratic – Republican	9	18	3	2

(ref:ECOPAIR2)

Q.82 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	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
1 - 11th grade	3	2	4	3
High School graduate	23	24	21	24
Non-college post H.S.	1	1	1	1
Some college.....	27	27	27	27
College graduate	29	29	29	30
Post-graduate school	16	16	18	14
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1	1

(ref:EDUC)

Q.83 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Yes: Respondent belongs	11	13	9	12
Household member	8	10	7	8
No member belongs.....	80	77	83	79
(Don't know/Refused)	1	0	1	1
Union Household.....	20	23	17	20
(ref:UNION)				

Q.84 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Married	66	66	64	69
Single	15	14	17	11
Separated/Divorced.....	12	12	11	12
Widowed.....	7	7	6	7
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1	1
Sep/Div/Wid.....	18	19	18	19
(ref:MARITAL)				

Q.85 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Strong Democrat	27	29	27	23
Weak Democrat.....	10	10	9	13
Independent-lean Democrat.....	9	10	8	8
Independent	5	5	5	7
Independent-lean Republican	10	10	11	9
Weak Republican	14	14	15	13
Strong Republican.....	23	21	23	26
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1	1
(ref:PTYID1)				

Q.88 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Liberal.....	20	22	19	19
Moderate	37	38	36	38
Conservative	41	39	43	41
(Don't know/refused)	2	2	2	2
(ref:IDEO1)				

Q.89 What is your religion?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Protestant	51	49	50	57
Catholic	25	29	26	18
Jewish	1	1	1	1
Muslim	1	1	1	1
(Don't know/refused)	22	21	22	24
(ref:RELIG1)				

[812 Respondents]

Q.90 (IF PROTESTANT IN RELIG1) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Fundamentalist.....	11	8	12	14
Evangelical	26	25	24	30
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	12	14	10	12
Moderate to liberal.....	36	36	40	28
(Something else)	5	4	5	6
(Don't know/Refused)	11	12	9	11
(ref:RELIG3)				

Q.91 How often do you attend religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Every week.....	37	37	36	40
Once or twice a month	15	15	15	15
Several times a year.....	14	17	13	12
Hardly ever	24	22	26	23
(Never)	5	5	6	5
(Don't know/Refused)	4	4	4	6
(ref:RELIG2)				

[1490 Respondents]

Q.92 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE00) In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Democrat John Kerry	43	43	42	44
Republican George Bush	51	51	52	50
(Ralph Nader).....	0	0	1	-
(Other candidate)	1	2	1	2
(Don't know/Refused)	4	4	5	4
Kerry - Bush.....	-9	-8	-10	-6
(ref:VOTE2004)				

Q.93 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	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Voted	78	78	77	79
Did not vote	19	19	21	18
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	2	1	2	3
(Refused).....	1	1	1	1
(ref:VOTE06)				

[1245 Respondents]

Q.94 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE06) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (2006 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2006 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
House Democrat	33	33	33	30
House Republican	54	54	53	56
(Other candidate)	5	6	3	5
(Don't know/Refused)	9	6	12	8
Democrat - Republican	-21	-21	-20	-26
(ref:VOTE2006)				

Q.95 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
White	78	75	79	82
African-American or Black	7	9	5	7
Hispanic or Latino.....	9	11	10	5
Native American	1	1	1	1
Asian	1	1	1	1
(Other)	1	1	1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3	3	3
(ref:RACETHN)				

[135 Respondents]

Q.97 (ASK 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	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Mexican.....	25	28	21	38
Puerto Rican.....	13	14	15	-
Cuban.....	14	6	24	-
Dominican	4	6	1	-
Salvadoran	2	-	2	16
Other: Central America.....	5	3	6	11
Other: South America.....	9	10	6	21
Other	20	20	22	14
(Don't know/Refused).....	8	14	4	-

(ref:ORIGIN08)

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Male.....	47	47	47	47
Female	53	53	53	53

(ref:GENDER)

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
18 - 24	5	5	5	4
25 - 29	7	7	6	8
30 - 34	9	9	9	9
35 - 39	8	8	9	9
40 - 44	10	11	8	10
45 - 49	10	9	11	11
50 - 54	10	9	8	12
55 - 59	9	10	10	8
60 - 64	10	10	9	10
Over 64.....	20	20	22	18
(No answer).....	2	2	2	2

(ref:AGE)