

Democracy Corps Congressional Battleground Frequency Questionnaire

October 26-28, 2008

1050 Likely Voters in 35 Republican-Held Districts (1200 Unweighted)

600 Tier 2 (600 Unweighted)

450 Tier 3 (600 Unweighted)

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

	Total	Tier 2	Tier 3
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	Tier 2	Tier 3
Voted.....	92	91	92
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young.....	5	4	5
Did not vote.....	4	4	3
(Can't remember/Don't know)	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 2	Tier 3
Almost certain	83	82	83
Probably.....	2	2	2
50-50.....	-	-	-
Will not vote	-	-	-
(Don't know)	-	-	-
(Already voted).....	15	15	14
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:CP3)			

[157 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 2	Tier 3
By mail	49	58	35
In person	51	42	65
(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 2	Tier 3
Right direction	13	12	13
Wrong track.....	80	80	80
(Don't know/refused)	7	8	7
Right - Wrong	-68	-68	-67
(ref:DIRECT)			

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

	Total	Tier 2	Tier 3
Strongly approve	14	14	13
Somewhat approve	18	17	19
Somewhat disapprove	13	13	14
Strongly disapprove	49	50	49
(Don't know/refused)	6	6	4
Total approve	32	31	32
Total disapprove	63	62	64
(ref:CANDAPP2)			

[785 Respondents]

Q.10 (SKIP IF OPEN SEAT) 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 2	Tier 3
Strongly approve	21	18	23
Somewhat approve	22	21	23
Somewhat disapprove	13	14	12
Strongly disapprove	23	24	21
(Don't know/refused)	22	23	21
Total approve	43	39	46
Total disapprove	35	37	33
(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	46.1	38	45	98
Tier 2	45.8	37	45	98
Tier 3	46.5	39	46	99
12 The Democratic Party	47.9	42	43	98
Tier 2	48.6	44	43	98
Tier 3	47.0	40	42	98
13 George W. Bush	37.7	32	57	100
Tier 2	37.4	31	57	100
Tier 3	38.1	34	56	99
[525 Respondents]				
14 (SPLIT A) The Congress.....	39.9	23	46	96
Tier 2	41.4	27	42	96
Tier 3	38.0	18	51	96
[525 Respondents]				
15 (SPLIT B) The Democratic Congress	41.9	33	50	96
Tier 2	42.5	36	52	97
Tier 3	41.0	29	48	95
16 Barack Obama	51.8	49	41	99
Tier 2	52.8	50	42	99
Tier 3	50.5	46	40	98
17 John McCain	51.3	48	41	99
Tier 2	51.3	49	41	99
Tier 3	51.3	47	41	99
18 The Republicans in Congress.....	43.7	32	47	97
Tier 2	44.0	33	46	97
Tier 3	43.3	32	48	97
19 (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) ²	45.7	25	28	68
Tier 2	46.3	26	30	71
Tier 3	44.9	22	26	63
20 (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)	49.4	35	32	81
Tier 2	47.5	33	32	79
Tier 3	51.8	37	30	84

(ref:THERM04)

² For questions 19 and 20, the applicable candidate names were inserted without party identification.

Q.21 Now let me read you some more names. Please rate them on the same scale of 0 to 100.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
21 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	55.9	46	32	93
Tier 2	54.8	44	32	93
Tier 3	57.5	48	30	95
22 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	49.7	39	39	96
Tier 2	47.9	36	42	96
Tier 3	52.0	43	36	96
23 NAFTA and international trade agreements	41.4	21	40	89
Tier 2	41.1	20	40	88
Tier 3	41.6	24	41	89
24 The Iraq War	37.4	30	55	97
Tier 2	36.7	29	55	97
Tier 3	38.3	31	55	98
25 Gay marriage	35.4	26	53	96
Tier 2	36.8	27	51	95
Tier 3	33.6	23	55	97
26 Immigration into the country.....	39.5	24	47	94
Tier 2	39.7	23	46	94
Tier 3	39.2	25	48	94
27 Big corporations	41.3	26	46	96
Tier 2	41.2	26	45	96
Tier 3	41.4	27	48	95
28 The state of the economy	26.1	11	76	99
Tier 2	25.2	11	77	99
Tier 3	27.2	12	74	99

(ref:THERM204)

Q.29 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 2	Tier 3
10.....	82	84	80
9.....	6	6	5
8.....	5	5	6
7.....	2	1	4
6.....	0	1	0
5.....	2	1	4
4.....	0	0	0
3.....	0	0	0
2.....	0	1	0
1.....	1	1	0
(Don't know/refused).....	-	-	-
10.....	82	84	80
8-10.....	93	95	91
6-10.....	96	97	95
1-5.....	4	3	5
(ref:INTEREST)			

Q.32 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 2	Tier 3
Democrat Barack Obama	47	48	45
Lean Democrat Barack Obama	1	1	1
Republican John McCain	44	44	45
Lean Republican John McCain	2	1	2
Ralph Nader	1	1	2
Lean Ralph Nader	0	0	0
Bob Barr	1	1	1
Lean Bob Barr	0	-	0
(Other candidate)	1	1	0
Lean (Other candidate)	-	-	-
(Undecided)	1	1	1
(Refused)	2	2	2
Total Democrat Barack Obama.....	48	50	47
Total Republican John McCain.....	46	45	47
Total Ralph Nader	2	1	2
Total Bob Barr	1	1	1
Total (Other candidate).....	1	1	0

(ref:PRES086)

Allocated 2 Way Vote

Q.34 (ASK ONLY IF NADER, BARR,PAUL OR OTHER IN PRES086 OR PRES08B6) 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 2	Tier 3
Barack Obama	49	50	47
John McCain	46	45	48
(Undecided/Refused)	5	5	5

(ref:PRE2WAY)

Q.37 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)³ or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)?

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

(ref:CONG06)

Q.39 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 2	Tier 3
Fair chance	5	6	4
A small chance.....	7	7	7
Just a very slight chance.....	5	5	6
No chance at all	29	28	29
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	1	2
Democratic candidate Supporter	37	37	37
Already voted	15	15	14

(ref:CONG06C)

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

Q.40 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 2	Tier 3
Fair chance	3	3	3
A small chance.....	6	6	7
Just a very slight chance.....	8	8	7
No chance at all	24	24	23
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	1	1
Republican candidate Supporter.....	43	42	45
Already voted	15	15	14
(ref:CONG06D)			

Q.41 Have you seen, heard, or read anything recently about (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)⁴?

	Total	Tier 2	Tier 3
Yes.....	78	78	78
No	22	22	22
(DK/refused).....	0	1	0
(ref:RRECALL)			

Q.42 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 2	Tier 3
More favorable	18	17	19
Less favorable.....	24	25	23
(No difference)	36	36	36
(Don't know/refused)	0	1	0
More - Less	-6	-8	-4
Nothing seen/heard/DK	22	22	22
(ref:RFAV)			

Q.43 Have you seen, heard, or read anything recently about (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE)?

	Total	Tier 2	Tier 3
Yes.....	70	71	68
No	30	29	31
(DK/refused).....	0	0	0
(ref:DRECALL)			

⁴ For questions 41 through 44, the applicable candidate names were inserted without party identification.

Q.44 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 2	Tier 3
More favorable	21	19	22
Less favorable.....	18	17	18
(No difference)	31	34	27
(Don't know/refused)	0	0	0
More - Less	3	2	4
Nothing seen/heard/DK (ref:DFAV)	30	29	32

[785 Respondents]

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

(ref:ATRIB)

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

Q.51 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 Better	Dem Smwt Better	Rep Smwt Better	Rep Much Better	Both	Nei ther	DK Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
51 The economy	23	15	18	22	0	2	19	39	40	-1
Tier 2	25	15	18	21	0	3	19	40	39	1
Tier 3	21	16	17	24	0	2	20	37	41	-4
52 Taxes	21	14	15	27	0	2	21	35	42	-6
Tier 2	21	15	15	26	0	2	21	36	41	-4
Tier 3	22	13	15	28	1	1	21	34	43	-8
53 Handling illegal immigration	15	13	17	22	0	3	29	28	39	-11
Tier 2	14	14	16	22	1	4	29	29	38	-9
Tier 3	15	11	18	23	0	2	30	26	41	-15
54 Bringing the right kind of change	25	15	17	22	0	2	18	40	39	1
Tier 2	25	15	16	22	0	3	18	40	39	1
Tier 3	25	16	18	22	0	1	18	40	40	0
55 Sharing your values	24	15	16	27	0	2	16	39	43	-4
Tier 2	25	14	16	26	1	2	17	38	42	-3
Tier 3	23	16	16	28	0	2	15	39	44	-5
56 Being effective in Congress.....	21	15	17	24	1	2	20	36	42	-6
Tier 2	21	17	17	24	1	3	18	38	40	-2
Tier 3	21	12	18	26	0	1	22	33	44	-12
57 Fighting for people here... ..	22	16	17	24	1	1	19	38	41	-3
Tier 2	23	15	16	24	1	2	19	39	40	-1
Tier 3	21	16	19	24	0	1	20	37	43	-6
58 The financial crisis in the country	21	16	16	23	0	3	21	37	40	-3
Tier 2	22	17	15	23	0	3	19	39	38	1
Tier 3	19	15	17	24	0	3	22	34	41	-7

(ref:BETJOB3)

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

Q.59 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
[663 Respondents]										
59 (SKIP IF OPEN SEATS) (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) 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) ⁷ because he/she is doing a good job and addressing issues that are important to us.										
	37	11	12	34	-	2	4	48	45	3
Tier 2	37	13	11	33	-	2	4	50	44	7
Tier 3	36	9	12	35	-	2	5	46	47	-1

[525 Respondents]										
60 (SPLIT A) 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) ⁸ will raise taxes and increase government spending.										
	33	12	11	34	1	3	6	46	45	1
Tier 2	34	12	11	33	1	3	6	46	44	2
Tier 3	33	12	10	36	1	2	7	45	46	-1

⁷ For each district, the incumbent's name was inserted without a partisan label.

⁸ For each district, the candidates' names were 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
[893 Respondents]										
61 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) I've made up my mind and I'm ready to cast my vote for Congress.										
OR										
I'm waiting until Election Day to finally decide for whom I'll vote for Congress.....	68	4	6	21	-	-	1	72	27	44
Tier 2	66	4	5	23	-	-	1	70	29	42
Tier 3	70	4	7	19	-	-	1	74	26	48

[442 Respondents]										
62 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) (SPLIT B) With the election coming next week, I am thinking even more that I want to vote to change the leaders in the White House and the Congress.										
OR										
With the election coming next week, I am hesitating a little bit and want to make sure we don't make a mistake and get in untested leaders.	55	6	6	26	0	3	4	61	32	29
Tier 2	54	6	6	27	1	1	5	60	33	28
Tier 3	57	6	7	24	-	4	2	62	31	31

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[423 Respondents]										
63 (ASK ONLY IF SUPPORTING DEM OR UNDECIDED) (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) I'm not worried about Democrats having too much control in Washington and I'm not rethinking my vote for Congress.										
OR										
I'm beginning to think the Democrats are going to win too much control in Washington and I'm rethinking and may vote Republican now at least for Congress.										
	71	11	5	8	-	2	3	82	13	68
Tier 2	67	11	6	9	-	2	5	78	15	64
Tier 3	75	11	5	7	-	2	0	86	12	75

64 I am not really worried about the large number of African Americans voting early, alleged problems with fraudulent registration and all the black leaders backing Obama.										
OR										
When I see all the African Americans voting early, problems with fraudulent registration and all the black leaders backing Obama, I worry about what kind of government he will form if he's president.										
	45	14	4	23	0	5	9	59	27	31
Tier 2	44	14	4	24	0	4	9	58	28	30
Tier 3	47	12	5	22	0	5	8	60	27	33

(ref:VALUES06)

Q.65 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 2	Tier 3
1 - 11th grade.....	3	3	4
High School graduate	23	22	23
Non-college post H.S.	1	1	1
Some college	27	27	28
College graduate.....	28	30	25
Post-graduate school	17	16	18
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.66 Are you a member of a labor union?

	Total	Tier 2	Tier 3
Yes: Respondent belongs.....	11	12	9
Household member.....	8	8	9
No member belongs.....	80	79	81
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	1	1
Union Household	19	20	18
Non College Non Union	42	40	45
(ref:UNION)			

Q.67 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Tier 2	Tier 3
Married.....	67	67	67
Single	15	14	15
Separated/Divorced	9	9	9
Widowed	8	8	7
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1
Sep/Div/Wid	17	17	16
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.68 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Tier 2	Tier 3
Strong Democrat.....	26	27	25
Weak Democrat	10	9	11
Independent-lean Democrat	11	12	10
Independent.....	5	5	5
Independent-lean Republican	10	10	11
Weak Republican.....	12	12	12
Strong Republican	24	23	24
(Don't know/refused)	2	2	1
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.71 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Tier 2	Tier 3
Liberal	18	21	15
Moderate.....	37	36	38
Conservative.....	41	40	42
(Don't know/refused)	4	4	5
(ref:IDEO1)			

Q.72 What is your religion?

	Total	Tier 2	Tier 3
Protestant.....	54	49	59
Catholic.....	23	25	21
Jewish.....	2	2	1
Muslim.....	0	0	0
(Don't know/refused)	21	23	19
(ref:RELIG1)			

[562 Respondents]

Q.73 (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	Tier 2	Tier 3
Fundamentalist	11	11	12
Evangelical.....	21	18	24
Charismatic/Pentecostal	11	15	7
Moderate to liberal	40	38	42
(Something else).....	5	6	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	12	13	12
(ref:RELIG3)			

Q.74 How often do you attend religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total	Tier 2	Tier 3
Every week	38	37	41
Once or twice a month.....	15	15	14
Several times a year	15	14	16
Hardly ever.....	23	24	22
(Never).....	5	5	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	3
(ref:RELIG2)			

[961 Respondents]

Q.75 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE00) In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	Total	Tier 2	Tier 3
Democrat John Kerry	41	40	41
Republican George Bush.....	53	52	53
(Ralph Nader)	0	-	0
(Other candidate)	2	2	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	5	5	5
(ref:VOTE2004)			

Q.76 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 2	Tier 3
Voted.....	76	74	78
Did not vote.....	21	23	18
(Can't remember/Don't know)	2	2	2
(Refused)	2	1	2
(ref:VOTE06)			

[795 Respondents]

Q.77 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE06) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (2006 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2006 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)?

	Total	Tier 2	Tier 3
(2006 HOUSE DEMOCRAT)	34	33	35
(2006 HOUSE REPUBLICAN).....	55	53	57
(Other candidate)	4	5	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	8	9	5
(ref:VOTE2006)			

Q.78 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Tier 2	Tier 3
White.....	79	78	81
African-American or Black	6	6	7
Hispanic or Latino	8	10	5
Native American.....	1	1	2
Asian	1	1	0
(Other).....	1	1	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	3	4	3
(ref:RACETHN)			

[82 Respondents]

Q.80 (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	Tier 2	Tier 3
Mexican.....	29	24	39
Puerto Rican	13	9	21
Cuban	26	36	5
Dominican	-	-	-
Salvadoran.....	-	-	-
Other: Central America	2	2	-
Other: South America	3	4	-
Other	26	22	36
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	3	-

(ref:ORIGIN08)

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total	Tier 2	Tier 3
18 - 24.....	4	4	5
25 - 29.....	7	8	6
30 - 34.....	10	11	10
35 - 39.....	8	7	10
40 - 44.....	8	8	8
45 - 49.....	12	12	12
50 - 54.....	9	10	9
55 - 59.....	9	9	10
60 - 64.....	10	9	12
Over 64	20	22	19
(No answer)	1	1	2

(ref:AGE)

Q.2 Respondent's gender

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

(ref:GENDER)