

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

May 13-15, 2008
1014 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? (IF NO) Is that because you were too young or not registered to vote, or for some other reason?

	Total
Voted	91
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	4
Did not vote	5
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	0
(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 November: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total
Almost certain.....	92
Probably	8
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	17
Wrong track.....	75
(Don't know/refused)	8
Right - Wrong.....	-58
(ref:DIRECT)	

[759 Respondents]

Q.8 (IF WRONG TRACK) Now, I am going to read you a list of phrases that people use to describe why our country is going in the wrong direction. After I read the list, please tell me which TWO come closest to your own views of why the country is going in the wrong direction.

	Total
America is bogged down and spending billions in Iraq	36
The rising cost of living including gas prices and groceries	35
Washington dominated by special interests and corruption	20
Jobs and work being outsourced to China and India	15
High taxes, pork-barrel spending and government not under control	15
Our dependence on foreign oil and about global warming..	14
Our leaders doing nothing about the health care problem ..	13
Our borders left unprotected and illegal immigration is growing.....	12
The middle class squeezed while the economy is weakening	12
(Other)	3
(None)	1
(All)	12
(Don't know/ refused)	1
(ref:WRGTRCK)	

[175 Respondents]

Q.9 (IF RIGHT DIRECTION) Now I am going to read you a list of phrases that people use to describe why our country is going in the right direction. After I read the list, please tell me which TWO come closest to your own views of why the country is going in the right direction.

	Total
We are making progress in the war in Iraq.....	38
Tax cuts keep the economy on the right track.....	28
America pro-active in the fight against terrorism	27
Technology is making life better.....	25
National leaders today have good family values and respect for religious faith	24
Less regulation and people are freer and have more choices	16
Businesses are prospering.....	12
Individuals' financial situations are improving	5
(Other)	1
(None)	2
(All).....	4
(Don't know/ refused)	5

(ref:RIGTRCK)

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

	Total
Strongly approve	14
Somewhat approve	18
Somewhat disapprove.....	12
Strongly disapprove.....	53
(Don't know/refused)	4
Total approve.....	31
Total disapprove.....	65
Approve - disapprove	-34

(ref:CANDAPP2)

Q.11 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	
11 The Republican Party	41.5	32	48	98
12 The Democratic Party	50.1	43	38	98
13 George W. Bush	35.2	30	58	99

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
14 Hillary Clinton.....	44.9	38	48	99
15 The Democratic Congress	45.8	34	41	96
16 Barack Obama.....	50.1	44	42	97
17 John McCain.....	46.4	40	40	98
[500 Respondents]				
18 Democratic Incumbent Member of Congress	57.1	38	19	71
[514 Respondents]				
18 Republican Incumbent Member of Congress.....	51.9	33	25	73
19 Republicans in Congress.....	39.5	26	51	97
20 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	50.7	42	36	93
21 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	47.4	37	42	95
22 NAFTA and international trade agreements	39.8	22	45	90
23 The Iraq War	31.1	24	62	99
24 Big corporations.....	41.6	28	45	95
25 Gay marriage	34.5	25	54	95
26 Immigration into the country.....	39.6	24	49	96
27 The state of the economy	30.8	17	69	99

(ref:THERM04/THERMCOR/THERM204)

Q.28 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the election for president in November, if the election were held today, for whom would you vote -- the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	51
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3
Republican candidate.....	37
Lean Republican candidate.....	3
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	4
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic candidate	54
Total Republican candidate.....	40
Total (Other candidate).....	1
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 13
(ref:PRES08)	

Q.30 Now let me ask you again about your vote for president, but with candidate names. I know it is a long way off, but if the election for president were held today and the candidates were -- Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican John McCain, for whom would you vote?

	Total
Democrat Hillary Clinton.....	47
Lean Democrat Hillary Clinton.....	1
Republican John McCain	46
Lean Republican John McCain	1
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	1
(Refused).....	2
Total Democrat Hillary Clinton.....	49
Total Republican John McCain	47
Total (Other candidate).....	2
 Democrat Hillary Clinton - Republican John McCain	 2
(ref:PRES08N)	

Q.32 Now let me ask you again about your vote for president, but with different candidates. I know it is a long way off, but 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
Democrat Barack Obama.....	47
Lean Democrat Barack Obama.....	1
Republican John McCain.....	45
Lean Republican John McCain.....	1
(Other candidate).....	2
Lean (Other candidate).....	0
(Undecided).....	3
(Refused).....	1
Total Democrat Barack Obama.....	48
Total Republican John McCain.....	46
Total (Other candidate).....	2
Democrat Barack Obama - Republican John McCain.....	2
(ref:PRES083)	

Q.34 Even though you are not supporting Democrat Barack Obama now, what are the chances that you might support Democrat Barack Obama in the election for President in November -- is there a fair chance that you might support that candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total
Fair chance.....	5
A small chance.....	5
Very slight chance.....	8
No chance at all.....	32
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Obama Supporter.....	48
(ref:VCSOM1)	

Q.35 Even though you are not supporting Republican John McCain now, what are the chances that you might support Republican John McCain in the election for President in November -- is there a fair chance that you might support that candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total
Fair chance.....	6
A small chance.....	6
Very slight chance.....	9
No chance at all.....	31
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
McCain Supporter.....	46
(ref:VCSOM2)	

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)?¹

	Total
Democratic House candidate	50
Lean Democratic House candidate	2
Republican House candidate	39
Lean Republican House candidate	3
(Other candidate)	0
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	4
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic House candidate	52
Total Republican House candidate.....	42
Total (Other candidate).....	0
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 10

[500 Respondents]

Q.36 (DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT)

	Total
Democratic House candidate	61
Lean Democratic House candidate	2
Republican House candidate	28
Lean Republican House candidate	3
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	-
(Undecided)	5
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic House candidate	62
Total Republican House candidate.....	31
Total (Other candidate).....	1
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 31

¹ 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.

[514 Respondents]

Q.36 (REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT)

	Total
Democratic House candidate	40
Lean Democratic House candidate	3
Republican House candidate	49
Lean Republican House candidate	4
(Other candidate)	0
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	4
(Refused).....	0
Total Democratic House candidate	43
Total Republican House candidate.....	53
Total (Other candidate).....	0
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 -10
(ref:CONG06)	

Q.38 Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes Barack Obama very well, well, not too well, or not well at all.

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/ Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[507 Respondents]								
38 (SPLIT B) Strong leader.....	31	29	18	20	2	61	38	23
39 Has what it takes to be President	27	25	22	24	1	52	46	6
[507 Respondents]								
40 (SPLIT A) Cares about people like you	26	32	18	21	2	58	39	19
41 Honest and trustworthy	29	31	19	17	4	60	36	24
42 Will bring the right kind of change	28	24	23	23	2	51	46	5
43 Patriotic.....	31	29	16	20	4	60	36	24
[507 Respondents]								
44 (SPLIT B) On your side.....	27	28	19	24	3	55	42	13
[507 Respondents]								
45 (SPLIT A) Will keep America strong	24	27	24	23	3	51	46	5
46 Makes me feel hopeful about the future.....	30	22	23	25	1	52	47	4

47 Too liberal	29	22	26	19	3	51	46	5
48 Too willing to withdraw from Iraq	37	25	19	14	4	62	33	29
49 Will raise my taxes	29	21	25	19	6	50	44	7
50 Just too many questions to take a chance on him as president	32	17	22	26	3	49	47	2

(ref:BOPOS/BONEG)

Q.51 Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes John McCain very well, well, not too well, or not well at all.

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
51 Cares about people like you	18	30	28	21	2	49	49	-1
52 Honest and trustworthy	28	35	18	16	3	63	34	29
53 Will bring the right kind of change	13	27	30	28	2	40	58	-19
54 On your side	16	28	29	24	2	44	54	-10
55 Will keep America strong	28	31	22	17	2	58	39	19

[507 Respondents]

56 (SPLIT A) Will stay in Iraq too long	38	21	23	14	5	58	37	21
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[507 Respondents]

57 (SPLIT B) Too eager to go to war	31	19	29	18	3	50	47	3
58 Part of the mess in Washington	20	26	33	16	4	47	50	-3
59 Too close to Bush	32	20	29	15	3	53	44	8

(ref:JMPOS/JMNEG)

Q.60 Now I am going to ask you something different. I am going to read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think Barack Obama or John McCain would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	Obama Much	Obama Smwt	McCain Smwt	McCain Much	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total Obama	Total McCain	Obama - McCain
60 The economy	31	16	24	18	0	5	6	48	41	6
61 National security	18	15	22	36	1	2	6	33	58	-25
62 The situation in Iraq	32	13	19	28	0	3	5	45	47	-2

63 Bringing the right kind of change	36	15	22	17	0	5	6	51	38	13
64 Sharing your values	33	12	21	24	1	4	5	45	45	0
65 Breaking the gridlock in Washington	30	18	20	14	1	7	11	48	34	14

(ref:BTJOBPRZ)

Q.66 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
[507 Respondents]										
66 (SPLIT A) I'm more concerned that the Republicans will wait too long to withdraw our troops from Iraq. OR I'm more concerned that the Democrats will leave Iraq too quickly.....	43	9	8	37	1	2	1	52	45	7

[507 Respondents]										
67 (SPLIT B) We need to start reducing the number of U.S. troops in Iraq. OR We must stay the course to achieve stability and finish the job in Iraq.....	56	5	7	30	0	1	1	62	37	25

(ref:VALUES06)

Q.68 Now I'm going to read you some more 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
[507 Respondents]										
68 (SPLIT C) For my vote in 2008, the Iraq war and national security are more important.										
OR										
For my vote in 2008, the economy is more important.	28	8	8	51	2	1	1	36	59	-23

[507 Respondents]										
69 (SPLIT C) For my vote in 2008, the Iraq war and national security are more important.										
OR										
For my vote in 2008, making government work for the people instead of special interests is more important.	34	8	8	47	2	0	1	42	54	-12

[507 Respondents]										
70 (SPLIT C) For my vote in 2008, making government work for the people instead of special interests is more important.										
OR										
For my vote in 2008, the economy is more important.	38	6	8	45	1	0	2	44	53	-10

[507 Respondents]										
71 (SPLIT D) I will vote for a president who will be a strong commander-in-chief.										
OR										
I will vote for a president who will overcome all the political bickering and unite the country.	41	6	7	44	1	0	1	47	51	-4

	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
[507 Respondents]										
72 (SPLIT D) I will vote for a president who will be a strong commander-in-chief.										
OR										
I will vote for a president who will inspire change in America.....	42	5	6	44	2	1	1	47	49	-2

	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
[507 Respondents]										
73 (SPLIT D) I will vote for a president who will overcome all the political bickering and unite the country.										
OR										
I will vote for a president who will inspire change in America.....	38	11	11	36	1	2	2	49	46	3
(ref:PRIORIT)										

Q.74 Now, I am going to read you what some people say are some differences between Barack Obama and John McCain. For each one, please tell me if it is a difference that makes you MUCH MORE LIKELY to vote for Barack Obama, SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY, or NO MORE LIKELY to vote for Barack Obama, or is it NOT A REAL DIFFERENCE between Barack Obama and John McCain.

	Much More Lkly	Smwt More Lkly	Not More Lkly	Not Real Diff	DK/ Ref	Total More Lkly	Total Not More	More - Not
74 McCain is the past. Obama is the future.....	34	12	28	23	3	46	51	-6
[507 Respondents]								
75 (SPLIT A) McCain will govern for big business and the wealthiest. Obama will govern for all.	35	15	25	21	5	50	45	4
[507 Respondents]								
76 (SPLIT B) McCain will govern for big business and wealthiest. Obama will govern for the middle class.	38	15	24	20	4	53	43	10
[507 Respondents]								
77 (SPLIT A) McCain will continue Bush's direction. Obama will bring change.	42	14	24	17	3	56	41	15
[507 Respondents]								
78 (SPLIT B) McCain will continue Bush's direction on Iraq and the economy. Obama will bring change.....	44	10	25	19	2	54	44	10
79 McCain will continue the same old divisions. Obama will unite the country.	35	16	24	20	5	51	45	6
80 McCain is pessimistic. Obama is optimistic..... (ref:DCHOICE)	27	18	27	24	4	45	51	-7

Q.81 Now, I am going to read you what some people say are some differences between Barack Obama and John McCain. For each one, please tell me if it is a difference that makes you MUCH MORE LIKELY to vote for John McCain, SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY, or NO MORE LIKELY to vote for John McCain, or is it NOT A REAL DIFFERENCE between Barack Obama and John McCain.

	Much More Lkly	Smwmt More Lkly	Not More Lkly	Not Real Diff	DK/ Ref	Total More Lkly	Total Not More	More - Not
81 Obama is not up to the job. McCain has the experience to be commander-in-chief.	31	17	29	21	2	48	50	-1
82 Obama is just too liberal. McCain holds mainstream values.	30	16	30	22	3	45	52	-6
83 Obama will raise your taxes. McCain will cut your taxes.	28	15	29	23	4	43	53	-9
84 Obama is not feared by our enemies. McCain will keep America safe.	28	16	27	25	3	45	52	-8
85 Obama is a party man. McCain is independent of his own party. (ref:RCHOICE)	19	18	30	30	4	37	60	-23

Q.86 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	3
High School graduate.....	25
Non-college post H.S.	2
Some college.....	25
College graduate	27
Post-graduate school	17
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.87 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	13
Household member	7
No member belongs	79
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:UNION)	

Q.88 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	65
Single	17
Separated/Divorced.....	8
Widowed.....	9
(Don't know/refused)	1
Separated/Divorced/Widowed.....	17
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.89 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total
Yes	36
No.....	64
(Don't know/Refused).....	0
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.90 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	28
Weak Democrat.....	16
Independent-lean Democrat.....	10
Independent	4
Independent-lean Republican	10
Weak Republican	15
Strong Republican.....	17
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.93 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	20
Moderate	41
Conservative	37
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.94 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	54
Catholic	23
Jewish	2
Muslim	0
(Other/none/refused)	21
(ref:RELIG1)	

[546 Respondents]

Q.95 (IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total
Fundamentalist.....	11
Evangelical.....	24
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	10
Moderate to liberal.....	42
(Something else).....	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	8
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.96 How often do you attend religious services -- more than once a week, every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
More than once a week.....	5
Every week.....	37
Once or twice a month.....	15
Several times a year.....	13
Hardly ever.....	23
(Never).....	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:RELIG2)	

[921 Respondents]

Q.97 (IF VOTED IN 2004) In the 2004 election for president, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	Total
Democrat John Kerry.....	45
Republican George Bush.....	49
(Ralph Nader).....	1
(Other candidate).....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....	-4
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.98 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.....	79
Did not vote.....	19
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	2
(Refused).....	0
(ref:VOTE06)	

[803 Respondents]

Q.99 (IF VOTED IN 2006) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?²

	Total
House Democrat	45
House Republican	43
(Other candidate)	3
(Don't know/Refused)	9
House Democrat - House Republican	3
(ref:VOTE2006)	

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

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

[91 Respondents]

Q.101 (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
Mexican	35
Puerto Rican.....	16
Cuban.....	11
Dominican	3
Salvadoran	-
Other: Central America.....	6
Other: South America.....	18
Other	8
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:ORIGIN08)	

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

Q.102 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	Total
None.....	57
1-2	14
3-9	13
10 or more	7
(Don't know/Refused).....	9
(ref:GUNS)	

Q.103 Do you know someone who is currently serving, or has recently served in the military in Iraq or Afghanistan? (IF YES) Is that person you, a family member, a friend, or just someone you know?

	Total
Yes - respondent.....	2
Yes - family member	24
Yes - friend.....	27
Yes - someone you know.....	17
No.....	29
(Don't know/refused)	1
Total Yes	70
(ref:IRQSERV)	

Q.2 Respondent's gender

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

Q.5 In what year were you born?

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