

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

June 22-25, 2008
2000 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	93
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	3
Did not vote	4
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	0
(Refused).....	0
(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	15
Wrong track.....	78
(Don't know/refused)	7
Right - Wrong.....	-63
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	16
Somewhat approve	18
Somewhat disapprove.....	11
Strongly disapprove.....	50
(Don't know/refused)	5
Total approve.....	34
Total disapprove.....	61
Approve - disapprove	-27
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.9 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
9 The Republican Party	44.4	34	44	98
10 The Democratic Party	50.6	43	37	98
11 George W. Bush	37.9	34	56	99
12 The Democratic Congress	47.2	37	39	95
13 Barack Obama	50.8	46	38	97
14 John McCain	49.3	42	37	97
[974 Respondents]				
15 Democratic Incumbent Member of Congress	55.3	36	22	73
[1024 Respondents]				
15 Republican Incumbent Member of Congress.....	53.5	35	22	73
16 Republicans in Congress	42.5	29	46	95
17 Bill Clinton	48.1	43	42	98
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	51.2	41	35	94
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	48.6	37	40	96
20 NAFTA and international trade agreements	40.7	20	40	86
21 The Iraq War	32.7	25	60	98
22 Big corporations	42.0	25	45	94
23 Gay marriage	33.9	25	56	96
24 Immigration into the country.....	38.5	23	49	94
25 The state of the economy	30.3	16	70	99
(ref:THERM04/THERM204)				

Q.26 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.....	47
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3
Republican candidate.....	39
Lean Republican candidate.....	4
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	4
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic candidate	50
Total Republican candidate.....	43
Total (Other candidate).....	2
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	8
(ref:PRES08)	

Q.28 Now thinking about the presidential election in November. 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.....	48
Lean Democrat Barack Obama.....	1
Republican John McCain	44
Lean Republican John McCain	1
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Bob Barr).....	0
(Undecided).....	3
(Refused).....	1
Total Democrat Barack Obama.....	49
Total Republican John McCain	45
Total (Other candidate).....	2
Democrat Barack Obama - Republican John McCain.....	4
(ref:PRES083)	

Q.30 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.....	6
A small chance	6
Very slight chance	7
No chance at all.....	30
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
 Obama Supporter	 49
(ref:VCSOM1)	

Q.31 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	7
Very slight chance	10
No chance at all.....	31
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
 McCain Supporter	 45
(ref:VCSOM2)	

Q.32 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	47
Lean Democratic House candidate	3
Republican House candidate	38
Lean Republican House candidate	4
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)
(Undecided)	6
(Refused).....	2
Total Democratic House candidate	50
Total Republican House candidate.....	42
Total (Other candidate).....	1
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 8

[974 Respondents]

Q.32 (DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT)

	Total
Democratic House candidate	57
Lean Democratic House candidate	4
Republican House candidate	27
Lean Republican House candidate	3
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	-
(Undecided)	6
(Refused).....	2
Total Democratic House candidate	60
Total Republican House candidate.....	30
Total (Other candidate).....	1
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 30

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.

[1024 Respondents]

Q.32 (REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT)

	Total
Democratic House candidate	38
Lean Democratic House candidate	2
Republican House candidate	49
Lean Republican House candidate	4
(Other candidate)	0
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	6
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic House candidate	40
Total Republican House candidate.....	53
Total (Other candidate).....	1
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 -13
(ref:CONG06)	

[1000 Respondents]

Q.88 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.

	1st	1st	2nd	2nd				Total	Total	1st
	1st	Not	Not	2nd	Both	Nthr	Dk/	1st	2nd	-
	Strng	Strng	Strng	Strng			Ref	Stmt	Stmt	2nd

[500 Respondents]

88 (SPLIT A) For my vote in 2008, doing something about gas prices is more important.

OR

For my vote in 2008, the economy is more important.

	19	2	6	70	2	1	2	20	75	-55
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[500 Respondents]

89 (SPLIT B) For my vote in 2008, reducing global warming and energy conservation are more important.

OR

For my vote in 2008, reducing gas prices is more important.....

	34	6	8	48	3	0	1	40	56	-16
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	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
[500 Respondents]										
90 (SPLIT A) In order to lower gas prices, the most important things are conserving energy and investing in alternative fuels.	43	8	7	37	2	1	1	51	45	7
OR										
In order to lower gas prices, the most important things are increasing domestic production of oil and investing in alternative fuels.										

[500 Respondents]										
91 (SPLIT B) Allowing oil companies to drill off our nation's coasts would not bring down the price of gas for many years and is not worth the environmental damage it would cause. We need to focus on developing alternative fuels to end our dependence on oil.										
OR										
Increasing domestic oil and natural gas production would lower gas prices and make America less dependent on foreign sources of oil. We need to boost domestic production while also investing in alternative fuels.	36	5	9	47	2	0	0	41	56	-15
(ref:PRIORIT)										

[500 Respondents]

Q.93 (SPLIT A) Given the high price of gas, would you favor or oppose allowing oil drilling in U.S. coastal areas and wilderness areas that are currently protected by the federal government?

	Total
Strongly Favor	38
Somewhat Favor	17
Somewhat Oppose.....	13
Strongly Oppose.....	25
(Don't know/refused)	6
Total Favor	56
Total Oppose	39
Favor - Oppose.....	17
(ref:FAVORDRL)	

[500 Respondents]

Q.94 (SPLIT B) As you may have heard, the Republican Nominee, John McCain has proposed allowing oil drilling in some U.S. coastal regions to help lower the price of gas. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Total
Strongly Favor	39
Somewhat Favor	22
Somewhat Oppose.....	10
Strongly Oppose.....	25
(Don't know/refused)	5
Total Favor	61
Total Oppose	35
Favor - Oppose.....	26
(ref:MCCANDRL)	

[500 Respondents]

Q.95 (SPLIT A) Now I'm going to read you some more pairs of statements. After I read each pair, regardless of who you would vote for, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

When it comes to the economy, Barack Obama says we have forgotten about the middle class. His plan cuts taxes for 95 percent of American families, and also eliminates special tax breaks for big corporations and invests in companies that create American jobs. In addition, he will renegotiate trade treaties to protect American workers from unfair trade practices, invest in research and education to create the jobs of tomorrow and invest in new energy sources to bring down the cost of gas.

John McCain says we need to cut taxes for middle class families, as well as for American businesses and corporations, which face the highest tax rates in the industrialized world. We need simpler, fairer tax code without thousands of pages of rules and regulations from the IRS. We need to maintain free trade, which lowers costs for American consumers and creates jobs. We also need to root out government waste and pork-barrel spending in Washington.

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

	Total
First statement strongly	32
First statement somewhat	13
Second statement somewhat	13
Second statement strongly	38
(Both).....	1
(Neither)	1
(Don't know/refused)	3
Total First statement	45
Total Second statement.....	50
First statement - Second statement	-5
(ref:BHOMCTAX)	

[478 Respondents]

Q.96 (SPLIT B) Now I'm going to read you some more pairs of statements. After I read each pair, regardless of who you would vote for, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

When it comes to the economy, Barack Obama says that John McCain's economic plan is too much like the failed policy of George Bush. Like Bush, McCain favors tax cuts for the wealthy and big corporations, including oil companies. Like Bush, he would continue to spend billions a month in Iraq, money which could be invested here at home. In addition, McCain's plan would cut 160 billion dollars from early education, student loans, affordable housing, and transportation, just when Americans need these programs the most.

John McCain says Barack Obama's plan represents the wrong kind of change. Obama has called for higher income taxes, Social Security taxes, capital gains and dividend taxes and even new taxes on energy, amounting to a trillion dollars in new taxes. In addition, he has proposed a massive increase in federal spending, including a federal takeover of health care, which is one-sixth of the U.S. economy and the reneging on U.S. trade agreements, which will increase costs to consumers and cost us jobs.

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

	Total
First statement strongly	31
First statement somewhat	18
Second statement somewhat	14
Second statement strongly	26
(Both).....	2
(Neither)	5
(Don't know/refused)	4
 Total First statement	 49
Total Second statement.....	40
 First statement - Second statement	 9
(ref:BHOMCBUS)	

[1000 Respondents]

Q.97 Now I am going to read you another pair of statements.

When it comes to energy and gas prices, Barack Obama says foreign oil imports are costing our economy 1.4 billion dollars a day. The recent increase in gas prices makes it plain that we cannot be held hostage by oil companies any longer. He will invest \$150 billion in clean, renewable energy, including bio-fuels to end the oil monopoly, and increase fuel standards further for American cars and trucks. He strongly opposes lifting the limit on off-shore oil drilling saying it will do little to reduce the price of gas and is not worth the environmental cost.

John McCain says we need to invest more in alternative fuels and conserve more. This is not only good for the country, but for the environment, and he led the effort in the U.S. Senate for a comprehensive plan to reduce global warming. But he also says that we need more domestic production of oil and has proposed lifting the federal ban on off-shore oil drilling to help reduce our dependence on foreign oil and stop sending money to countries friendly to terrorists.

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

	Total
First statement strongly	26
First statement somewhat	13
Second statement somewhat	18
Second statement strongly	37
(Both).....	1
(Neither)	2
(Don't know/refused)	3
Total First statement	39
Total Second statement.....	55
First statement - Second statement	-16
(ref:BOMCENER)	

Q.98 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.....	24
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college.....	27
College graduate	29
Post-graduate school	14
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.99 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	15
Household member	7
No member belongs	77
(Don't know/Refused)	1
Union household	22
Non College Non union.....	42
(ref:UNION)	

Q.100 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	64
Single	17
Separated/divorced	11
Widowed.....	8
(Don't know/Refused)	0
Separated/Divorced/Widowed.....	19
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.101 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total
Yes	37
No.....	63
(Don't know/Refused)	0
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.102 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	29
Weak Democrat.....	11
Independent-lean Democrat.....	11
Independent	6
Independent-lean Republican	11
Weak Republican	11
Strong Republican.....	20
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.105 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.106 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	52
Catholic	22
Jewish	2
Muslim	0
(Other/none/refused)	23
(ref:RELIG1)	

[1038 Respondents]

Q.107 (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.....	12
Moderate to liberal.....	38
(Something else)	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	9
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.108 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
Once or twice a month	15
Several times a year.....	13
Hardly ever	22
(Never)	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
More than once a week.....	14
Once a week	29
(ref:RELIG2)	

[1852 Respondents]

Q.109 (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).....	0
(Other candidate)	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....	-4
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.110 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	78
Did not vote	18
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	3
(Refused).....	1
(ref:VOTE06)	

[1570 Respondents]

Q.111 (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	48
House Republican	43
(Other candidate)	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	7
 House Democrat - House Republican	 5
(ref:VOTE2006)	

Q.115 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	76
African-American or Black.....	11
Hispanic or Latino.....	9
Native American	1
Asian	1
(Other)	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

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.

[180 Respondents]

Q.117 (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	38
Puerto Rican.....	12
Dominican	5
Salvadoran	3
Cuban.....	-
Other: Central America.....	5
Other: South America.....	8
Other	21
(Don't know/Refused).....	8
(ref:ORIGIN08)	

Q.2 Respondent's gender

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

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	5
25 - 29	9
30 - 34	9
35 - 39	7
40 - 44	8
45 - 49	11
50 - 54	10
55 - 59	9
60 - 64	10
Over 64.....	21
(No answer).....	2
(ref:AGE)	