

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

October 15-19, 2008
1000 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	91
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	5
Did not vote	3
(Can't remember/Don't know)	1
(Refused)	-
(ref:VOTE00)	

Q.6 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	91
Probably	4
50-50	-
Will not vote	-
(Don't know).....	-
(Already voted)	5
(Refused)	-
(ref:CP3)	

[49 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
By mail.....	74
In person.....	26
(Don't know/ Refused)	-
(ref:ABSENT4)	

Q.12 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.....	10
Wrong track	85
(Don't know/refused).....	5
Right - Wrong	-75
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.13 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	12
Somewhat approve.....	17
Somewhat disapprove	13
Strongly disapprove	53
(Don't know/refused).....	4
Total approve	29
Total disapprove	67
Approve - disapprove	-38
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.14 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
14 The Republican Party	44.8	35	45	97
15 The Democratic Party	46.9	39	42	97
16 George W. Bush	35.1	29	60	99
17 The Democratic Congress	41.6	32	46	96
18 Barack Obama	52.5	50	40	99
19 John McCain	51.5	47	39	98
[499 Respondents]				
20 Democratic Incumbent Member of Congress	53.0	33	25	77
[501 Respondents]				
20 Republican Incumbent Member of Congress.....	55.6	37	23	76
21 Republicans in Congress	42.1	28	48	96
22 Joe Biden	51.9	45	35	92
23 Sarah Palin	45.3	40	47	96
24 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	51.7	41	38	94
25 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	50.4	40	40	95
26 NAFTA and international trade agreements	42.6	24	40	88

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
27 The Iraq War	36.1	30	56	98

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28 (SPLIT A) Big corporations	39.1	24	48	96
29 Gay marriage	35.4	26	55	95
30 Immigration into the country.....	41.1	23	45	94
31 The state of the economy	24.9	9	76	99

[500 Respondents]

32 (SPLIT B) Wall Street..... (ref:THERM04/THERM204)	30.3	12	66	95
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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
10.....	81
9.....	7
8.....	5
7.....	3
6.....	0
5.....	2
4.....	0
3.....	0
2.....	0
1.....	0
(Don't know/refused).....	0
10.....	81
8-10	93
6-10	96
1-5	4
(ref:INTEREST)	

Q.36 Now thinking about the presidential 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 Constitution Party candidate Ron Paul, for whom would you vote?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama	47
Lean Democrat Barack Obama	2
Republican John McCain.....	43
Lean Republican John McCain.....	1
Independent Ralph Nader.....	3
Lean Independent Ralph Nader.....	0
Libertarian Bob Barr.....	2
Lean Libertarian Bob Barr.....	0
Constitution Party/ Louisiana Taxpayer Party candidate Ron Paul.....	0
Lean Constitution Party/ Louisiana Taxpayer Party candidate Ron Paul	-
(Other candidate).....	0
Lean (Other candidate).....	-
(Undecided)	1
(Refused).....	1
Total Democrat Barack Obama	49
Total Republican John McCain	44
Total Independent Ralph Nader.....	3
Total Libertarian Bob Barr	2
Total Constitution Party/Louisiana Taxpayer Party candidate Ron Paul	0
Total (Other candidate)	0
(ref:PRESEV/PRES083)	

Q.38 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	4
A small chance	4
Very slight chance	5
No chance at all.....	36
(Don't know/Refused)	1
Obama Supporter	46
Already Voted	5
(ref:VCSOM1)	

Q.39 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	4
A small chance	6
Very slight chance	6
No chance at all	37
(Don't know/Refused)	1
McCain Supporter	42
Already Voted	5
(ref:VCSOM2)	

[54 Respondents]

Q.40 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED IN CP3) (ASK ONLY IF PUNCH 4, 6, 7 OR 8 IN PRES083 OR PRES08B3) 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
Barack Obama.....	24
John McCain.....	38
(Undecided)	13
(Other)	8
(Refused)	14
(Independent Ralph Nader)	0
(Libertarian Bob Barr)	2
(Constitution Party/ Louisiana Taxpayer Party candidate Ron Paul).....	-
(ref:PRE2WAY)	

Two way presidential vote

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama	50
Republican John McCain.....	46
(Undecided/Refused/Other).....	4
(ref:PRESEV/PRES083/PRE2WAY)	

Q.43 Thinking about the November election for Congress, 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.....	49
Lean Democratic House candidate.....	2
Republican House candidate.....	41
Lean Republican House candidate.....	2
(Other candidate).....	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	.
(Undecided)	3
(Refused)	1
Total Democratic House candidate.....	51
Total Republican House candidate.....	43
Total (Other candidate)	1
(ref:CONGEV/CONG06)	

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Q.43 (DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT)

	Total
Democratic House candidate.....	62
Lean Democratic House candidate.....	2
Republican House candidate.....	30
Lean Republican House candidate.....	2
(Other candidate).....	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	-
(Undecided)	2
(Refused)	1
Total Democratic House candidate.....	64
Total Republican House candidate.....	31
Total (Other candidate)	1
(ref:CONGEV/CONG06)	

¹ For each district, the candidates' names were inserted where they are known and otherwise a generic candidate ("the Democratic candidate" or "the Republican candidate") was inserted

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Q.43 (REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT)

	Total
Democratic House candidate.....	36
Lean Democratic House candidate.....	3
Republican House candidate.....	53
Lean Republican House candidate.....	2
(Other candidate).....	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	0
(Undecided)	5
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic House candidate.....	39
Total Republican House candidate.....	55
Total (Other candidate)	1
(ref:CONGEV/CONG06)	

Q.45 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
45 Strong leader	36	23	16	23	2	59	39	20
46 Has what it takes to be president.....	34	20	16	28	2	54	44	10
(ref:BOPOS)								

Q.47 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
47 Too liberal	33	19	18	25	5	52	43	9
48 Will raise my taxes	33	15	19	29	3	48	49	-1
49 Just too many questions to take a chance on him as president.....	34	12	17	33	4	47	50	-3
(ref:BONEG)								

Q.50 Now I'd like to ask you which presidential candidate you associate more with these terms, Barack Obama or John McCain.

	BO Much More	BO Smwt More	JM Smwt More	JM Much More	Both	Nei ther	DK Ref	Total BO	Total JM	BO - JM
50 Shares your values	37	11	13	34	2	2	2	48	47	1
51 Being on your side	39	12	14	30	0	3	2	50	44	6
52 Restoring respect for America in the world	37	11	12	33	2	2	2	49	46	3
53 In touch	41	13	16	23	1	3	3	54	39	15
54 Bringing the right kind of change	41	11	16	26	1	3	3	52	41	11
55 Strong leader	33	14	12	36	2	2	2	46	48	-1
56 Is honest and trustworthy	31	14	11	34	4	3	2	45	45	0
(ref:ASSOCAND)										

Q.57 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.

	BO Much Btrr	BO Smwt Btrr	JM Smwt Btrr	JM Much Btrr	Both	Nei ther	DK Ref	Total BO	Total JM	BO - JM
57 The economy	39	12	17	24	0	3	5	50	42	9
58 Taxes	34	13	16	30	1	2	5	47	45	1
59 National security	23	13	15	43	1	1	5	36	57	-22
60 The situation in Iraq	33	12	11	40	0	1	3	45	51	-6
61 The financial crisis in the country	33	14	17	25	1	3	7	47	42	5
(ref:BTJOBPRZ)										

Q.103 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. Are you a member of a labor union?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	11
Household member	7
No member belongs	82
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:UNION)	

Q.104 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	64
Single.....	17
Separated/Divorced.....	10
Widowed.....	8
(Don't know/refused).....	1
Sep/Div/Wid.....	18
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.105 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.106 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	21
Moderate	37
Conservative.....	40
(Don't know/refused).....	2
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.107 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	51
Catholic.....	24
Jewish.....	2
Muslim	1
(Don't know/refused).....	22
(ref:RELIG1)	

[514 Respondents]

Q.108 (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	11
Evangelical	25
Charismatic/Pentecostal	11
Moderate to liberal	38
(Something else).....	5
(Don't know/Refused)	9
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.109 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.....	16
Several times a year	14
Hardly ever	22
(Never).....	5
(Don't know/Refused)	3
More than/once a week	40
(ref:RELIG2)	

[914 Respondents]

Q.110 (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.....	46
Republican George Bush.....	50
(Ralph Nader)	0
(Other candidate).....	1
(Don't know/Refused)	3
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.111 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	18
(Can't remember/Don't know)	3
(Refused).....	1
(ref:VOTE06)	

[785 Respondents]

Q.112 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE06 In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?

	Total
House Democrat.....	45
House Republican	44
(Other candidate).....	4
(Don't know/Refused)	6
(ref:VOTE2006)	

Q.113 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	76
African-American or Black	10
Hispanic or Latino	9
Native American	1
Asian.....	1
(Other)	1
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

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

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	6
25 - 29	8
30 - 34	8
35 - 39	9
40 - 44	9
45 - 49	10
50 - 54	10
55 - 59	9
60 - 64	10
Over 64.....	20
(No answer)	1
(ref:AGE)	

Q.8 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	3
High School graduate	26
Non-college post H.S.....	1
Some college	26
College graduate	30
Post-graduate school.....	14
(Don't know/refused).....	0
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.9 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	30
Weak Democrat	11
Independent-lean Democrat	7
Independent.....	8
Independent-lean Republican.....	9
Weak Republican	9
Strong Republican	25
(Don't know/refused).....	0
(ref:PTYID1)	