

Democracy Corps -- Macomb

Frequency Questionnaire

July 14-22, 2008
750 Likely Voters

Q.2 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 election for President in November 2004 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	93
Not registered/ineligible/too young	5
Did not vote	1
(Can't remember/Don't know/Refused)	0
(ref:DIDVOTE)	

Q.6 What are the chances of your voting in this November's election for President, Senator, Congress, and other offices -- 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.....	93
Probably	7
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:WILVOTE2)	

[375 Respondents]

Q.7 (SPLIT A) 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	12
Wrong track	79
(Don't know/refused)	9
Right - Wrong.....	-67
(ref:USDIRECT)	

[375 Respondents]

Q.8 (SPLIT B) Generally speaking, do you think that things in Michigan are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total
Right direction	8
Wrong track	86
(Don't know/refused)	5
Right - Wrong.....	-78
(ref:STDIRECT)	

[375 Respondents]

Q.9 (SPLIT A) (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
The rising cost of living including gas prices and groceries.....	29
America bogged down and spending billions in Iraq	26
Jobs and work being outsourced to China and India	26
Washington dominated by special interests and corruption	17
The middle class squeezed while the economy is weakening	15
High taxes, pork-barrel spending and government not under control	15
Our dependence on foreign oil and global warming.....	13
Our leaders doing nothing about the health care problem ..	11
Our borders left unprotected and illegal immigration is growing.....	9
(Other)	4
(None)	0
(All)	16
(Don't know/ refused)	1
(ref:WRGTRCK)	

[375 Respondents]

Q.10 (SPLIT B) (IF WRONG TRACK) Now, I am going to read you a list of phrases that people use to describe why Michigan is going in the wrong direction. After I read the list, please tell me which TWO come closest to your own views of why Michigan is going in the wrong direction.

	Total
Jobs and work being outsourced to China and India	39
The rising cost of living including gas prices and groceries.....	34
High taxes, pork-barrel spending and government not under control	21
America bogged down and spending billions in Iraq.....	16
The middle class squeezed while the economy is weakening	14
Washington dominated by special interests and corruption	14
Our borders left unprotected and illegal immigration is growing.....	9
Our dependence on foreign oil and global warming.....	9
Our leaders doing nothing about the health care problem ...	8
(Other)	4
(None)	1
(All)	12
(Don't know/ refused)	2
(ref:WRGTRKMI)	

Q.11 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	12
Somewhat approve	18
Somewhat disapprove.....	13
Strongly disapprove.....	51
(Don't know/refused)	5
Total approve.....	31
Total disapprove.....	64
Approve - disapprove	-34
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.12 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
12 Jennifer Granholm	38.8	29	53	99
13 George W. Bush	38.6	34	54	100
[375 Respondents]				
14 (SPLIT C) The Big Three auto companies.....	53.6	43	35	97
15 Labor unions	46.8	34	42	95
16 Barack Obama	46.3	37	40	95
17 John McCain	50.2	42	34	96
18 The Democratic Party	47.0	36	40	97
19 The Republican Party	43.1	35	46	97
20 Big Corporations	40.3	23	48	93
21 NAFTA and international trade agreements	33.5	15	52	87
22 The state of the economy	25.2	11	79	99
23 Affirmative Action.....	38.1	22	48	91
[375 Respondents]				
24 (SPLIT D) The middle class..... (ref:THERM2)	67.5	57	11	92

Q.25 Thinking about the election in November, if the election for president were held today, for whom would you vote -- the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	37
Lean Democratic candidate.....	4
Republican candidate.....	43
Lean Republican candidate.....	5
(Other candidate)	3
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	5
(Refused).....	2
Total Democratic candidate	41
Total Republican candidate.....	48
Total (Other candidate).....	4

(ref:PRES08A)

Q.27 Now let me ask you again about your vote for president, but with candidate names. If the election were held today and the candidates were -- Democrat Barack Obama, Republican John McCain, Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr, or Independent candidate Ralph Nader, for whom would you vote?

	Total
Barack Obama	38
Lean Barack Obama	1
John McCain	45
Lean John McCain	1
Bob Barr	2
Lean Bob Barr	-
Ralph Nader	8
Lean Ralph Nader	0
(Other candidate)	0
Lean (Other candidate)	-
(Undecided).....	4
Total Barack Obama.....	39
Total John McCain	46
Total Bob Barr	2
Total Ralph Nader.....	8
Total (Other candidate).....	0

(ref:PRES08)

Q.29 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
Total Barack Obama	42
Total John McCain	51
(Undecided).....	6
(Would not vote).....	1

(ref:PRES082)

Q.30 Even though you are not supporting Democrat Barack Obama now, what are the chances that you might support him in the election for president this year -- is there a fair chance that you might support him, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support Democrat Barack Obama ?

	Total
Fair chance.....	8
A small chance	7
Just a very slight chance	11
No chance at all.....	30
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
 Obama Supporter	 42
(ref:BOCHANCE)	

Q.31 Even though you are not supporting Republican John McCain now, what are the chances that you might support him in the election for president this year -- is there a fair chance that you might support him, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support Republican John McCain?

	Total
Fair chance.....	8
A small chance	6
Just a very slight chance	9
No chance at all.....	26
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
 McCain Supporter	 51
(ref:JMCHANCE)	

[375 Respondents]

Q.32 (SPLIT C) On a scale of zero to ten, how comfortable would you feel with Barack Obama as your President? A ten would mean you feel very comfortable. A zero would mean you feel not at all comfortable.

	Total
Mean	4.7
10	12
8-10	26
6-10	41
5	15
0-4	42
0	22
(Don't know/refused)	2
(ref:COMFORT1)	

[375 Respondents]

Q.33 (SPLIT C) On a scale of zero to ten, how comfortable would you feel with John McCain as your President? A ten would mean you feel very comfortable. A zero would mean you feel not at all comfortable.

	Total
Mean	5.0
10	8
8-10	23
6-10	50
5	11
0-4	38
0	20
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:COMFORT3)	

[375 Respondents]

Q.34 (SPLIT D) On a scale of zero to ten, how comfortable would you feel having a Democrat as your President? A ten would mean you feel very comfortable. A zero would mean you feel not at all comfortable.

	Total
Mean	5.8
10	26
8-10	40
6-10	52
5	15
0-4	31
0	15
(Don't know/refused)	2
(ref:COMFORT2)	

[375 Respondents]

Q.35 (SPLIT D) On a scale of zero to ten, how comfortable would you feel having a Republican as your President? A ten would mean you feel very comfortable. A zero would mean you feel not at all comfortable.

	Total
Mean	5.2
10	17
8-10	32
6-10	48
5	15
0-4	35
0	20
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:COMFORT4)	

Q.36 Now I am going to read you a list of problems relating to Michigan's economy. After I read the list, please tell me which is the most important problem facing the state's economy.

	Total	1st	2nd
Outsourcing of jobs to other countries.....	42	28	14
Prices rising for gas, health care and food	40	14	26
The lack of quality jobs.....	26	13	12
The housing crisis, foreclosures and falling home prices	21	9	12
The middle class squeezed while CEOs and the wealthy get tax breaks.....	18	10	8
Too much government spending in Lansing.....	17	8	9
High taxes.....	12	5	7
(Other)	3	1	1
(None).....	0	0	0
(All)	9	9	0
(DK/Refused).....	1	1	0
(ref:ECONIMP)			

[375 Respondents]

Q.37 (SPLIT B) Now I am going to read you a list of names and groups. After I read the list please tell me which TWO are most to blame for Michigan's economic problems.

	Total
George W. Bush.....	39
NAFTA and international trade agreements.....	37
Jennifer Granholm.....	36
The Big Three automakers, G-M, Ford, and Chrysler	21
Big corporations	19
Labor unions.....	18
The U-A-W	11
(Other)	3
(None)	1
(All).....	0
(DK/Ref)	3

(ref:ECOBLAM3)

[375 Respondents]

Q.38 (SPLIT A) Now I am going to read you a list of names and groups. After I read the list please tell me which TWO are most to blame for high gas prices.

	Total
The Bush Administration and Republicans in Washington	31
The oil companies	30
Wall Street speculators	30
Rising demand from emerging markets like China and India.....	28
Oil producing nations like Saudi Arabia.....	23
Democrats in Congress.....	16
Turmoil in the Middle East.....	16
(Other)	4
(None)	1
(All).....	2
(DK/Ref)	2

(ref:GASBLAME)

Q.39 I am now going to read you a list of names and I'd like you to tell me where on a scale from 0 to 10 you would place Barack Obama if a 10 means he is EXACTLY LIKE the person whose name I just read and 0 means he is NOTHING LIKE the person whose name I just read. You can use any number between 0 and 10.

	Mean	% 10	% 8-10	% 6-10	% 5	% 0-4	DK/ Ref
39 Jesse Jackson	3.3	4	10	19	14	60	7
40 John F. Kennedy.....	4.6	8	23	38	15	42	6
41 John Kerry.....	4.6	4	15	29	22	39	10

(ref:BHOSCALE)

Q.42 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
[375 Respondents]								
42 (SPLIT C) Cares about people like you	25	34	21	18	2	59	39	20
43 Shares your values	20	31	22	23	4	51	45	6
[375 Respondents]								
44 (SPLIT C) Will bring the right kind of change	21	24	23	26	7	45	48	-3
[375 Respondents]								
45 (SPLIT C) Patriotic.....	27	33	20	17	4	59	37	23
[375 Respondents]								
46 (SPLIT D) On your side.....	17	31	24	24	4	48	48	.
[375 Respondents]								
47 (SPLIT D) Will keep America strong	17	28	22	26	7	44	49	-4
[375 Respondents]								
48 (SPLIT D) Makes me feel hopeful about the future..... (ref:BOPOS)	18	26	24	28	3	44	53	-8

Q.49 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
49 Just too many questions to take a chance on him as president.....	29	21	24	22	5	49	46	3
50 Will put the interests of black Americans ahead of others	13	20	34	26	7	33	60	-28
(ref:BONEG)								

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 Democrat Barack Obama or Republican 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
51 The situation in Iraq	23	13	15	38	1	1	9	36	53	-17

[375 Respondents]

52 (SPLIT C) Standing up to powerful special interests	21	19	17	23	2	5	13	40	40	0
53 The economy	24	21	20	18	2	3	12	45	37	8
54 National security	11	12	23	43	2	1	8	23	66	-42

[375 Respondents]

55 (SPLIT D) Breaking the gridlock in Washington..... (ref:BETJOB)	21	21	16	16	1	6	18	42	32	11
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Q.56 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 Stmr Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmr Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmr	Total 2nd Stmr	1st - 2nd
56 I'm more concerned that John McCain would wait too long to withdraw our troops from Iraq. OR I'm more concerned that Barack Obama would leave Iraq too quickly.	38	7	9	36	2	3	6	44	45	-1

[375 Respondents]

57 (SPLIT C) Barack Obama's tax cut plan will give more relief to middle class Americans. OR John McCain's tax cut plan will give more relief to middle class Americans.	31	11	13	21	1	4	19	42	34	9
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	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[375 Respondents]										
58 (SPLIT D) Barack Obama will cut taxes on middle class Americans.										
OR										
Barack Obama will raise taxes on middle class Americans.										
	25	15	12	31	0	3	14	41	42	-2
59 America is ready for a black president										
OR										
America is not ready for a black president.....										
	50	19	7	13	0	2	9	69	20	49
[375 Respondents]										
60 (SPLIT C) The middle class has lost income for many years and is declining.										
OR										
The middle class is resilient and has opportunities for a better life.										
	63	10	7	15	1	1	3	73	22	51
[375 Respondents]										
61 (SPLIT D) America has been a middle class country but now the middle class is financially squeezed and in decline.										
OR										
America is a country where there is still broad opportunity to become middle class.										
	60	6	5	25	-	2	2	66	31	35

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[375 Respondents]										
62 (SPLIT C) The middle class today is threatened more by CEOs that care more about themselves than their employees and by politicians who cater more to corporate special interests than voters.										
OR										
The middle class today is threatened more by affirmative action for minorities who don't take responsibility for their own lives and by illegal immigrants getting free government benefits.	38	13	9	26	6	3	5	51	35	16

[375 Respondents]										
63 (SPLIT D) The middle class today is more threatened by global trade, CEOs who care more about their companies than their own country and politicians who support free trade agreements backed by corporate special interests.										
OR										
The middle class today is more threatened by affirmative action for minorities who don't take responsibility for their own lives and by illegal immigrants getting free government benefits.	41	12	7	22	9	4	5	53	28	25
(ref:PREPAIR2)										

Q.64 Now let me read you a statement about Democrat Barack Obama. Please tell me whether this description, if accurate, raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about Democrat Barack Obama.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[375 Respondents]							
64 (SPLIT E) (WRIGHT) His pastor Jeremiah Wright says America is to blame for the AIDS virus, that blacks should sing, quote "God Damn America," instead of God Bless America and that we brought the nine-eleven attacks upon ourselves. He even compared US Marines fighting in Iraq to the Romans who persecuted Jesus. Yet Obama attended Wright's sermons for 20 years without ever protesting.	25	30	17	24	4	55	41

[375 Respondents]							
65 (SPLIT F) (TAXES) In the Illinois state senate, he voted to raise taxes more than three hundred times, and in Congress, Obama voted for the largest tax increase in U.S. history. Now he wants to repeal the Bush tax cuts and raise the Social Security tax by another trillion dollars. Obama's tax increases will damage the economy and hurt the pocketbooks of average Americans..... (ref:BODBT1)	29	39	15	12	4	68	28

Q.66 Now let me read you a statement about Republican John McCain. Please tell me whether this description, if accurate, raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about Republican John McCain.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[375 Respondents]							
66 (SPLIT C) (ECON FUNDAMENTALS)							
Even though most Americans are struggling, he says we are better off than we were eight years ago and that the fundamentals of our economy remain, quote, "very strong." His top economic adviser says that our economic problems are, quote, "mental" and that America is a, quote, "nation of whiners." And McCain has repeatedly said that the problems Americans are facing are, quote, "psychological."							
	28	29	23	16	5	56	39

[375 Respondents]							
67 (SPLIT D) (MIDDLE CLASS / CUTS) He supports two trillion in new tax breaks for corporations and the rich, with a quarter going to Americans making 2.8 million or more. He wants to pay for these tax breaks by cutting early education, student loans, cancer research, affordable housing, and transportation programs by 30 percent and adding to middle class Americans' economic burdens when they are already facing a rising cost of living.							
	30	33	19	12	6	63	31
(ref:JMDBT1)							

Q.68 Now let me ask you again, thinking about the election for president in November, if the election were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama , Republican John McCain, Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr, or Independent candidate Ralph Nader, for whom would you vote?

	Total
Barack Obama	38
Lean Barack Obama	2
John McCain	45
Lean John McCain	2
Bob Barr	1
Lean Bob Barr	-
Ralph Nader	7
Lean Ralph Nader	-
(Other candidate)	0
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	4
Total Barack Obama.....	40
Total John McCain	47
Total Bob Barr	1
Total Ralph Nader.....	7
Total (Other candidate).....	0
(ref:REPRES)	

Q.69 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	2
High School graduate.....	23
Non-college post H.S.	2
Some college.....	31
College graduate	26
Post-graduate school	14
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.70 Are you a member of a labor union?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	18
Household member	16
Retired union member.....	6
No member belongs.....	59
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:UNION)	

Q.71 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	70
Single	17
Separated/Divorced.....	7
Widowed.....	6
(Don't know/refused)	1
Sep/Div/Wid.....	13
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.72 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	23
Weak Democrat.....	11
Independent-lean Democrat.....	13
Independent	9
Independent-lean Republican	13
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican.....	17
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.73 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	18
Moderate	37
Conservative	41
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.74 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant.....	36
Catholic	47
Jewish	0
Muslim	0
(Don't know/refused)	16
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.75 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
Every week.....	41
Once or twice a month	16
Several times a year.....	14
Hardly ever	22
(Never)	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.76 (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	45
Republican George Bush	49
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Other candidate)	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
 Democrat John Kerry	 48
Republican George Bush	52
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.77 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.....	80
Did not vote	16
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	3
(Refused).....	1
(ref:VOTE06)	

[600 Respondents]

Q.78 (IF VOTED IN 2006) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?¹

	Total
House Democrat	47
House Republican	45
(Other candidate)	1
(Don't know/Refused)	8
(ref:VOTE2006)	

[526 Respondents]

Q.79 (IF ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN 1984) Thinking back a long time ago in 1980 and 1984 when Ronald Reagan ran against Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale. Did you ever vote for Ronald Reagan for President?

	Total
Yes, Reagan in 1980 or 1984.....	53
Never voter for Reagan	36
(Don't know/ refused)	11
(ref:REGAN)	

[526 Respondents]

Q.80 (IF ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN 1984) Was there a time when you and your parents were Democrats but you stopped voting for the national Democratic candidates?

	Total
Yes	31
No.....	55
(Don't know/ refused)	14
(ref:DEFECT)	

[161 Respondents]

Q.81 (IF YES) Did you stop voting for national Democratic candidates when Richard Nixon became president in the late 1960s and the Democrats picked McGovern as a candidate, when Ronald Reagan was president in the 1980s or when Bill Clinton was president in the 1990s?

	Total
Richard Nixon in 1960s	14
Ronald Reagan in 1980s.....	32
Bill Clinton in 1990s.....	25
(Don't know/ refused)	30
(ref:DEFFECT2)	

Q.82 What is your race?

	Total
White	90
Black.....	2
Hispanic.....	2
(Other)	3
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:RACE)	

¹ For each district, the candidates' actual names on the ballot were inserted.

Q.3 Record respondent's gender

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

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	7
25 - 29	4
30 - 34	5
35 - 39	11
40 - 44	9
45 - 49	13
50 - 54	11
55 - 59	9
60 - 64	9
Over 64.....	21
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE1)	