

# Democracy Corps Michigan

## Frequency Questionnaire

July 14-21, 2008  
**764 Likely Voters**

Q.2 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted .....	92
Ineligible/too young .....	4
Did not vote .....	4
(Can't remember/Don't know/Refused) .....	1
(ref:DIDVOTE)	

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
18 - 24 .....	7
25 - 29 .....	4
30 - 34 .....	6
35 - 39 .....	12
40 - 44 .....	9
45 - 49 .....	12
50 - 54 .....	8
55 - 59 .....	13
60 - 64 .....	8
Over 64.....	20
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	

Q.6 I know it's a long way off, but 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Almost certain.....	94
Probably .....	6
50-50 .....	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know) .....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:WILLVOTE)	

**[381 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Right direction .....	10
Wrong track.....	81
(Don't know/refused) .....	9
<b>Right - Wrong.....</b>	<b>-71</b>
(ref:USDIRECT)	

**[382 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Right direction .....	12
Wrong track.....	79
(Don't know/refused) .....	9
<b>Right - Wrong.....</b>	<b>-67</b>
(ref:STDIRECT)	

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

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	14
Somewhat approve .....	18
Somewhat disapprove.....	14
Strongly disapprove.....	49
(Don't know/refused) .....	5
<b>Total approve.....</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Total disapprove.....</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove .....</b>	<b>-32</b>
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.10 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and groups, 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 group. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or group, please say so.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
11 Jennifer Granholm .....	42.8	36	48	99
13 George W. Bush .....	39.4	34	53	99
14 The Republican Party .....	43.9	34	44	97
15 The Democratic Party .....	49.8	39	38	98
19 Barack Obama .....	51.8	45	36	97
20 John McCain .....	46.7	38	39	97
10 Labor unions .....	48.2	35	38	96
12 Big corporations .....	44.1	25	39	95
<b>[382 Respondents]</b>				
16(SPLIT C) The Big Three auto companies .....	50.7	38	33	96
17 NAFTA and international trade agreements .....	34.9	17	48	86
18 Affirmative Action .....	44.4	28	39	87
21 The state of the economy .....	25.6	9	79	99
<b>[381 Respondents]</b>				
22(SPLIT D) The middle class .....	66.2	60	14	92
(ref:THERM2/THERM4)				

Q.23 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic candidate.....	45
Lean Democratic candidate.....	5
Republican candidate.....	35
Lean Republican candidate.....	5
(Other candidate) .....	3
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided).....	6
(Refused).....	1
<b>Total Democratic candidate .....</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>4</b>

(ref:PRES08A)

Q.25 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Barack Obama .....	44
Lean Barack Obama .....	2
John McCain .....	38
Lean John McCain .....	1
Bob Barr .....	2
Lean Bob Barr .....	0
Ralph Nader .....	6
Lean Ralph Nader .....	0
(Other candidate) .....	1
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided).....	4
<b>Total Barack Obama.....</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total John McCain .....</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total Bob Barr .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Ralph Nader.....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>1</b>

(ref:PRES08)

**Allocated Presidential Vote**

Q. 27 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?

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total Barack Obama.....</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total John McCain .....</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>(Undecided).....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>(Would not vote).....</b>	<b>1</b>

(ref:PRES082)

Q.28 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Fair chance.....	9
A small chance .....	7
Just a very slight chance .....	10
No chance at all.....	24
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
 <b>Obama Supporter .....</b>	 <b>48</b>
(ref:BOCHANCE)	

Q.29 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Fair chance.....	10
A small chance .....	7
Just a very slight chance .....	12
No chance at all.....	27
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
 <b>McCain Supporter .....</b>	 <b>43</b>
(ref:JMCHANCE)	

Q.30 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)?<sup>1</sup>

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic House candidate .....	41
Lean Democratic House candidate .....	4
Republican House candidate .....	41
Lean Republican House candidate .....	4
(Other candidate) .....	1
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided).....	8
(Refused).....	1
<b>Total Democratic House candidate .....</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total Republican House candidate.....</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>1</b>

**[264 Respondents]**

Q.30 (DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT)

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic House candidate .....	65
Lean Democratic House candidate .....	5
Republican House candidate .....	17
Lean Republican House candidate .....	4
(Other candidate) .....	1
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided).....	8
(Refused).....	0
<b>Total Democratic House candidate .....</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Total Republican House candidate.....</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>1</b>

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.30 (REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT)

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic House candidate .....	29
Lean Democratic House candidate .....	4
Republican House candidate .....	53
Lean Republican House candidate .....	4
(Other candidate) .....	1
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided) .....	8
(Refused).....	1
<b>Total Democratic House candidate .....</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Total Republican House candidate.....</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>1</b>

(ref:CONG06)

**[382 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.

	<b>Total</b>
Mean .....	5.2
10 .....	16
8-10 .....	34
6-10 .....	49
5 .....	11
0-4 .....	39
0 .....	20
(Don't know/refused) .....	1

(ref:COMFORT1)

**[382 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.

	<b>Total</b>
Mean .....	4.8
10 .....	8
8-10 .....	24
6-10 .....	43
5 .....	17
0-4 .....	39
0 .....	19
(Don't know/refused) .....	1

(ref:COMFORT3)

**[381 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.

	<b>Total</b>
Mean .....	6.1
10 .....	23
8-10 .....	40
6-10 .....	54
5 .....	17
0-4 .....	26
0 .....	12
(Don't know/refused) .....	2
(ref:COMFORT2)	

**[381 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.

	<b>Total</b>
Mean .....	4.8
10 .....	13
8-10 .....	26
6-10 .....	39
5 .....	18
0-4 .....	39
0 .....	22
(Don't know/refused) .....	4
(ref:COMFORT4)	

Q.36 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
<b>[382 Respondents]</b>								
36 (SPLIT C) Cares about people like you .....	30	28	17	17	9	58	34	24
37 Shares your values .....	23	34	18	19	6	57	38	19
<b>[382 Respondents]</b>								
38 (SPLIT C) Will bring the right kind of change .....	22	30	18	23	7	52	41	11
<b>[382 Respondents]</b>								
39 (SPLIT C) Patriotic.....	29	33	18	12	8	62	30	33
<b>[381 Respondents]</b>								
40 (SPLIT D) On your side.....	19	35	26	12	7	55	38	16
<b>[381 Respondents]</b>								
41 (SPLIT D) Will keep America strong ....	18	36	23	15	8	53	38	15
<b>[381 Respondents]</b>								
42 (SPLIT D) Makes me feel hopeful about the future..... (ref:BOPOS)	24	32	25	17	3	56	41	14

Q.43 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 Well
43 Just too many questions to take a chance on him as president.....	23	21	24	24	9	44	48	-4
44 Will put the interests of black Americans ahead of others .....	9	17	29	33	12	26	62	-36
(ref:BONEG)								

Q.45 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
45 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. ....	36	9	9	37	2	3	5	44	46	-1
46 America is ready for a black president OR America is not ready for a black president.....	54	17	7	14	0	3	5	71	21	50
<b>[382 Respondents]</b>										
47 (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. ....	62	6	9	20	0	1	1	68	29	39
<b>[381 Respondents]</b>										
48 (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. .... (ref:PREPAIR2)	58	6	8	24	1	0	2	64	33	32

Q.49 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	<b>Total</b>
1 - 11th grade .....	2
High School graduate.....	25
Non-college post H.S. ....	1
Some college.....	29
College graduate.....	27
Post-graduate school .....	15
(Don't know/refused) .....	0
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.50 Are you a current or retired member of a labor union?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes: Respondent belongs .....	15
Household member .....	7
Retired member.....	11
No member belongs.....	66
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
<b>Union Household.....</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Non College Non Union .....</b>	<b>36</b>
(ref:UNION)	

Q.51 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>Total</b>
Married .....	69
Single .....	18
Separated/Divorced.....	6
Widowed.....	6
(Don't know/refused) .....	0
<b>Sep/Div/Wid.....</b>	<b>12</b>
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.52 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or what?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong Democrat .....	25
Weak Democrat.....	10
Independent-lean Democrat.....	13
Independent .....	8
Independent-lean Republican .....	12
Weak Republican .....	13
Strong Republican.....	17
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.55 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Liberal.....	17
Moderate .....	44
Conservative .....	37
(Don't know/refused) .....	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.56 What is your religion?

	<b>Total</b>
Protestant.....	45
Catholic .....	28
Jewish .....	1
(Other/none/refused) .....	26
Muslim .....	1
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.57 On average, how often would you say you attend church or religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, hardly ever, or never?

	<b>Total</b>
Every week.....	39
Once or twice a month .....	16
Several times a year.....	14
Hardly ever .....	22
(Never) .....	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:RELIG2)	

**[701 Respondents]**

Q.58 (IF VOTED IN 2004) In the 2004 election for president, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat John Kerry .....	44
Republican George Bush .....	51
(Ralph Nader).....	1
(Other candidate) .....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.59 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted.....	77
Did not vote .....	19
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	4
(Refused).....	0
(ref:VOTE06)	

**[585 Respondents]**

Q.60 (IF VOTED IN 2006) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?

	<b>Total</b>
House Democrat .....	43
House Republican .....	48
(Other candidate) .....	2
(Don't know/Refused) .....	6
(ref:VOTE2006)	

Q.61 What is your race?

	<b>Total</b>
White .....	83
Black.....	8
Hispanic.....	2
(Other) .....	4
(Don't know/Refused) .....	3
(ref:RACE)	

Q.3 Sex of respondent

	<b>Total</b>
Male.....	47
Female .....	53
(ref:GENDER)	