

# Democracy Corps...North Carolina Statewide Frequency Questionnaire

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852 Likely Voters

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Q.3 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes.....	100
No .....	-
(ref:NRV)	

Q.4 Many people weren't able to vote in the election for president in November 2004. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some other reason were you unable to vote?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted.....	92
Ineligible/too young .....	2
Did not vote.....	5
(Can't remember/Don't know) .....	1
(Refused) .....	-
(ref:VOTE96)	

Q.5 What are the chances of your voting in this November's election for president -- 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)	

Q.6 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 .....	22
Wrong track.....	68
(Don't know/refused) .....	10
<b>Right - Wrong .....</b>	<b>-46</b>
(ref:USDIRECT)	

Q.7 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as President?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	18
Somewhat approve .....	20
Somewhat disapprove .....	11
Strongly disapprove .....	46
(Don't know/refused) .....	5
<b>Total approve .....</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Total disapprove .....</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove .....</b>	<b>-19</b>
(ref:BUSHJOB)	

Q.8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Elizabeth Dole is handling her job as Senator?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	17
Somewhat approve .....	21
Somewhat disapprove .....	14
Strongly disapprove .....	24
(Don't know/refused) .....	23
<b>Total approve .....</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Total disapprove .....</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove .....</b>	<b>0</b>
(ref:DOLEJOB)	

Q.10 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people, places, 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
10 George W. Bush .....	46	42	45	99
<b>[426 Respondents]</b>				
11 (SPLIT B) Richard Burr .....	51	23	19	61
12 The Democratic Party .....	51	43	37	98
13 The Republican Party .....	48	40	40	99
14 Barack Obama .....	52	46	40	97
15 John McCain .....	52	45	34	98
16 Elizabeth Dole.....	49	37	34	90
17 Kay Hagan .....	52	17	13	46
<b>[426 Respondents]</b>				
18 (SPLIT A) Bev Perdue .....	49	30	28	78
<b>[426 Respondents]</b>				
19 (SPLIT A) Pat McCrory .....	55	30	17	61
<b>[426 Respondents]</b>				
22 (SPLIT B) John Edwards .....	35	25	57	97
(ref:THERM2)				

Q.23 And if the election for President were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican John McCain, or Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr, for whom would you vote: Republican John McCain, Democrat Barack Obama or Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr?

	<b>Total</b>
Barack Obama .....	43
Lean Barack Obama .....	1
John McCain .....	43
Lean John McCain .....	3
Bob Barr .....	3
Lean Bob Barr .....	0
(Other candidate) .....	1
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided) .....	4
<b>Total Barack Obama .....</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total John McCain .....</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Bob Barr .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>1</b>

(ref:PRES08)

Q.26 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Fair chance .....	7
A small chance.....	4
Very slight chance.....	7
No chance at all .....	35
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
<b>Obama Supporter .....</b>	<b>45</b>

(ref:BOCHANCE)

Q.27 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Fair chance .....	5
A small chance.....	6
Very slight chance.....	8
No chance at all .....	31
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
<b>Mccain Supporter.....</b>	<b>49</b>

(ref:JMCHANCE)

Q.28 Thinking about the election for Governor in November, if the general election for Governor were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Bev Perdue and Republican Pat McCrory,

for whom would you vote -- Democrat Bev Perdue or Republican Pat McCrory?

	<b>Total</b>
Bev Perdue .....	43
Lean Bev Perdue .....	2
Pat McCrory .....	42
Lean Pat McCrory .....	4
(Undecided) .....	9
<b>Total Bev Perdue.....</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total Pat McCrory .....</b>	<b>46</b>
(ref:GOV08)	

Q.30 Thinking about the election for U.S. Senate in November, if the general election for U.S. Senate were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Kay Hagan and Republican Elizabeth Dole, for whom would you vote -- Democrat Kay Hagan or Republican Elizabeth Dole?

	<b>Total</b>
Kay Hagan .....	48
Lean Kay Hagan .....	2
Elizabeth Dole.....	43
Lean Elizabeth Dole.....	1
(Undecided) .....	6
<b>Total Kay Hagan.....</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Total Elizabeth Dole.....</b>	<b>45</b>
(ref:SEN08)	

Q.32 Even though you are not supporting Democrat Kay Hagan now, what are the chances that you might support Democrat Kay Hagan in the election for U.S. Senate 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Fair chance .....	9
A small chance.....	8
Very slight chance.....	10
No chance at all .....	21
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
<b>Hagan Supporter .....</b>	<b>50</b>
(ref:KHCHANCE)	

Q.33 Even though you are not supporting Republican Elizabeth Dole now, what are the chances that you might support Republican Elizabeth Dole in the election for U.S. Senate 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Fair chance .....	7
A small chance.....	8
Very slight chance.....	11
No chance at all .....	28
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
<b>Dole Supporter .....</b>	<b>45</b>
(ref:EDCHANCE)	

Q.34 Thinking about the November election for Congress, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for Democratic incumbent/candidate or Republican incumbent/candidate?<sup>1</sup>

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic House candidate .....	47
Lean Democratic House candidate .....	2
Republican House candidate .....	40
Lean Republican House candidate .....	3
(Undecided) .....	8
<b>Total Democratic House candidate .....</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Total Republican House candidate .....</b>	<b>43</b>
(ref:CONG08)	

Q.38 Now for something else. Do you know what Barack Obama's religion is? (IF YES, ASK:) What religion is he?

	<b>Total</b>
Christian - general.....	41
Muslim/Islam .....	7
Protestant (BAPTIST, LUTHERAN, METHODIST, EPISCOPAL, PRESBYTERIAN, ETC.).....	6
Catholic .....	1
Jewish .....	-
(Other -- Specify) .....	2
No/Don't know .....	42
(Refused) .....	1
(ref:BORELIG)	

<sup>1</sup> For each district, the candidate's name was inserted.

**[426 Respondents]**

Q.39 (SPLIT C) In the election for president between Barack Obama, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, how important will the candidates' religion be to your voting decision? Will religion be VERY important, SOMEWHAT important, NOT VERY important or will it be NOT AT ALL important to your vote for President?

	<b>Total</b>
Very important.....	33
Somewhat important .....	23
Not very important.....	15
Not at all important.....	27
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
<b>Total important.....</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Total not important .....</b>	<b>43</b>
(ref:RELIGIMP)	

**[426 Respondents]**

Q.40 (SPLIT D) In the election for president between Barack Obama, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, how important do you think the candidates' religion will be to the voting decisions of people in your neighborhood? Will religion be VERY important, SOMEWHAT important, or NOT VERY important to your neighbors' votes for president, or will it be NOT AT ALL important to their votes?

	<b>Total</b>
Very important.....	33
Somewhat important .....	34
Not very important.....	14
Not at all important.....	15
(Don't know/refused) .....	5
<b>Total important.....</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Total not important .....</b>	<b>28</b>
(ref:RELGIMPN)	

Q.41 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 At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
<b>[426 Respondents]</b>								
41 (SPLIT A) Has what it takes to be President.....	27	25	16	29	3	52	45	7
<b>[426 Respondents]</b>								
42 (SPLIT A) Shares your values .....	27	25	17	28	3	52	45	7
43 Will bring the right kind of change	28	23	17	27	5	51	44	8
<b>[426 Respondents]</b>								
44 (SPLIT B) On your side.....	27	25	20	23	5	52	43	9

**[426 Respondents]**

45 (SPLIT B) Has good judgment .....23 32 21 19 5 55 40 16  
 (ref:BOPOS)

Q.46 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	Not - Well
<b>[426 Respondents]</b>								

46 (SPLIT A) Too liberal .....30 21 23 20 5 52 43 -9

**[426 Respondents]**

47 (SPLIT B) Will raise my taxes .....35 22 21 13 9 57 34 -23

**[426 Respondents]**

48 (SPLIT A) Just too many questions to take a chance on him as president .....35 14 22 25 4 49 46 -3

**[426 Respondents]**

49 (SPLIT B)Not ready to lead.....27 16 19 34 3 43 54 11  
 (ref:BONEG)

Q.50 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	Not - Well
<b>[426 Respondents]</b>								

50 (SPLIT A) Cares about people like you .....22 32 20 24 2 54 44 -10

**[426 Respondents]**

51 (SPLIT A) Will bring the right kind of change .....14 30 32 21 3 44 53 9

**[426 Respondents]**

52 (SPLIT B) On your side.....17 30 29 18 5 47 48 1

**[426 Respondents]**

53 (SPLIT A) Will keep America strong ....33 31 19 15 2 64 34 -29

**[426 Respondents]**

54 (SPLIT B) Can unite the country .....15 29 30 19 7 44 49 5

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55 (SPLIT B) Is not afraid to stand up to his own party .....40 31 16 7 6 71 24 -47  
 (ref:JMPOS)



Q.56 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
56 Represents more of the same.....	31	27	24	11	6	59	35	24

**[426 Respondents]**

57 (SPLIT A) Out of touch with ordinary Americans .....	26	20	29	22	3	46	51	-5
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**[426 Respondents]**

58 (SPLIT B) Supports George Bush's policies .....	30	40	21	4	4	70	25	45
(ref:JMNEG)								

Q.59 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	Neither	DK Ref	Total BO	Total JM	BO - JM
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**[426 Respondents]**

59 (SPLIT A) Economy and jobs .....	36	16	17	21	1	5	4	52	38	14
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**[426 Respondents]**

60 (SPLIT A) Gas prices .....	29	15	17	18	1	12	9	43	35	9
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**[426 Respondents]**

61 (SPLIT B) Energy policy .....	30	18	12	23	3	2	11	48	36	12
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**[426 Respondents]**

62 (SPLIT A) War in Iraq .....	30	13	14	37	1	1	5	43	50	-8
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	<b>BO Much Btrr</b>	<b>BO Smwt Btrr</b>	<b>JM Smwt Btrr</b>	<b>JM Much Btrr</b>	<b>Both</b>	<b>Nei ther</b>	<b>DK Ref</b>	<b>Total BO</b>	<b>Total JM</b>	<b>BO - JM</b>
<b>[426 Respondents]</b> 63 (SPLIT B) National security.....	20	12	16	42	2	1	7	<b>32</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>-26</b>
<b>[426 Respondents]</b> 64 (SPLIT B) An unexpected crisis .....	19	16	15	37	2	1	9	<b>35</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>-18</b>
<b>[426 Respondents]</b> 65 (SPLIT A) Taxes .....	29	17	16	25	2	5	7	<b>46</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>[426 Respondents]</b> 66 (SPLIT B) Building strong alliances with other countries .....	32	17	14	27	3	1	6	<b>50</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>9</b>
(ref:BTJOBPRZ)										

Q.70 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.

	<b>Much More Likly</b>	<b>Smwt More Likly</b>	<b>No More Likly</b>	<b>Not Real Diff</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Much/ Smwt</b>	<b>No/ Not Diff</b>
<b>[426 Respondents]</b> 70 (SPLIT A) McCain will govern for big business and wealthiest. Obama will govern for the middle class. ....	35	15	25	20	4	<b>50</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>[426 Respondents]</b> 71 (SPLIT B) McCain will continue Bush's direction. Obama will bring change.....	37	13	30	17	2	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>
(ref:DCHOICE)							

Q.72 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.

	<b>Much More Likly</b>	<b>Smwt More Likly</b>	<b>No More Likly</b>	<b>Not Real Diff</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Much/ Smwt</b>	<b>No/ Not Diff</b>
<b>[426 Respondents]</b> 72 (SPLIT A) Obama is not experienced enough. McCain has the experience to be commander-in-chief. ....	39	13	28	19	2	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>[426 Respondents]</b> 73 (SPLIT A) Obama is too liberal. McCain holds mainstream values. ....	33	15	27	21	4	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>[426 Respondents]</b> 74 (SPLIT A) Obama will make us less secure. McCain will keep us strong. ....	37	14	27	20	2	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>[426 Respondents]</b> 75 (SPLIT B) Obama is a popular celebrity who is not ready to lead. McCain is an experienced and effective leader. ....	32	14	30	19	4	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>[426 Respondents]</b> 76 (SPLIT B) Obama may make a mistake. McCain is steady and reliable. ....	21	19	35	20	5	<b>40</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>[426 Respondents]</b> 77 (SPLIT B) Obama only gives great speeches. McCain leads by his actions. .... (ref:RCHOICE)	30	15	29	21	5	<b>44</b>	<b>51</b>

Q.78 Now, we are going to talk about the race for U.S. Senate. I'm going to read you some statements about two candidates for Senate.

*Kay Hagan, the Democrat, is running for the Senate to change Washington and put ordinary people first. Hagan fought for change in the state senate, where she led the effort to raise the minimum wage and expand health insurance for children. She pushed to invest in North Carolina's schools so our students are the best educated anywhere. In Washington, she will fight for change with middle class tax cuts, a new energy policy and more affordable health care. But Elizabeth Dole and the rest of Washington are doing the opposite-giving huge tax breaks to big oil companies while gas costs four dollars a gallon. They passed a prescription drug law that gives billions to drug companies while prices for seniors keep going up. Hagan believes a change in direction means a change in Senator, so our families come first for a change.*

*Elizabeth Dole, the Republican, is running for re-election in the Senate to continue to work to strengthen our economy and keep taxes low. Dole will continue to support middle class tax cuts that allow people to keep more of the money they earn and streamline unnecessary regulations that limit small businesses' ability to grow. Dole introduced legislation to help North Carolina tobacco farmers compete in the world market, fought to keep open North Carolina's military bases, and worked with North Carolina sheriffs to deport illegal immigrants who have committed crimes. But Kay Hagan is a Democrat who will vote to raise taxes on middle class families, and will be part of the Democratic party that supports homosexual marriage and amnesty for illegal immigrants. Dole will continue to represent North Carolina values in the Senate, and work for changes that will move the country in the right direction.*

Now that you have more information, if the election for U.S. Senate were held today and the candidates were: Democrat Kay Hagan and Republican Elizabeth Dole, for whom would you vote -- Democrat Kay Hagan or Republican Elizabeth Dole?

	<b>Total</b>
Kay Hagan .....	45
Lean Kay Hagan .....	2
Elizabeth Dole .....	44
Lean Elizabeth Dole .....	3
(Undecided) .....	6
<b>Total Kay Hagan .....</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Elizabeth Dole .....</b>	<b>47</b>
(ref:BIOSN)	

Q.80 Let me read you a series of statements that could be used to describe Barack Obama. For each statement, please tell me whether this description is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, a little convincing or not at all convincing reason to support Barack Obama.

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
80 Obama was raised by a single mother and worked his way through Columbia and Harvard. He received some scholarships and used student loans to help pay for his education, which he repaid five years ago. After graduating, Obama turned down big Wall Street jobs to work with a church-based group seeking to improve conditions in communities devastated by steel plant closings. After teaching law school, he was elected to the Illinois State Senate and eventually to the U.S. Senate. ....	34	25	12	28	1	59	39

**[426 Respondents]**

81 (SPLIT D) Obama proposes the Patriot Employer Act to help create businesses and jobs here in the US. Obama's plan will help North Carolina's economy by providing tax credits to companies that maintain or increase the number of workers here, and Obama will end the tax breaks for companies that outsource American jobs to other countries. ....	36	25	12	28	0	60	39
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**[426 Respondents]**

82 (SPLIT C) Obama proposes action now to help families deal with rising costs of gas, groceries and health care. He proposes a permanent middle class tax cut. Obama proposes repealing the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest and big corporations, and instead would provide families with an immediate one-thousand dollar tax credit to help relieve the pressures of rising prices of gas, home fuel and health care. ....	32	24	12	31	1	56	43
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	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
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**[426 Respondents]**

83 (SPLIT C) Obama will change our energy policy by investing in the development of clean, alternative energy like solar, wind and biofuels that will create new businesses and jobs in North Carolina, help make America energy independent and reduce global warming. He will pay for this by eliminating the huge tax breaks given to oil companies..... 36 28 9 27 1 63 36

**[426 Respondents]**

84 (SPLIT D) Obama believes that strong families are the key to strengthening communities. Obama says parents need to take responsibility for their children succeeding in school by turning off the TV, putting away the video games, and helping their kids with their homework. And in the U.S. Senate, Obama introduced legislation to crack down on men avoiding child support payments and has spoken out about the harm caused by absentee fathers..... 49 22 13 15 0 71 28  
(ref:BOCONV)

Q.85 Let me read you a statement that could be used to describe John McCain. Please tell me whether this description is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, a little convincing or not at all convincing reason to support John McCain.

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
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85 McCain is a combat veteran who survived five years as a POW and earned a Navy Silver Star. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, McCain has deep national security experience and understands America's struggle with Islamic extremists, which led him to fight for the troop surge that has increased stability in Iraq..... 37 23 13 26 1 60 39

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
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**[426 Respondents]**

86 (SPLIT C) Five years ago, McCain stood up to the president and sounded the alarm on global warming, and voted against Bush's energy bill that gave huge tax breaks to oil companies. As President, McCain will immediately reduce soaring gas prices by increasing domestic drilling for oil, he will expand America's use of alternative energy, and he will offer a three-hundred million dollar prize for inventing a battery that can be used commercially in plug-in hybrid and electric cars..... 28 31 14 26 1 **58 40**

**[426 Respondents]**

87 (SPLIT C) McCain won the "Taxpayer's Hero Award" three times for his efforts to fight wasteful government spending and special interests. McCain led efforts to pass campaign finance reform and to limit money in politics. .... 27 34 14 24 1 **61 38**

**[426 Respondents]**

88 (SPLIT D) McCain proposes to strengthen our economy by cutting taxes for middle class families and for American employers. He also proposes a permanent ban on Internet taxes and a ban on any new cellular phone taxes. .... 29 32 14 23 2 **61 37**

**[426 Respondents]**

89 (SPLIT D) McCain will keep America strong and secure in the fight against terrorism by maintaining our second-to-none military leadership, improving our intelligence work and developing a strong missile defense. .... 40 22 14 23 1 **62 37**  
(ref:JMCONV)

**[426 Respondents]**

Q.90 (SPLIT E) Now I'm going to read you some more pairs of statements from the presidential candidates.

*Barack Obama is determined to change George Bush's Washington, which stood by while the American middle class declined and America lost respect. Obama knows America's strength lies in a growing middle class, yet people are squeezed by stagnant incomes, outsourced jobs and skyrocketing costs. McCain supports even more unregulated outsourcing and corporate tax cuts. Obama favors middle class tax cuts, ending tax breaks for companies that export jobs overseas and giving them to businesses that create jobs here and fast track investments in energy independence. Obama's goal is to renew America as a middle class, independent and strong nation.*

*John McCain is determined to make America strong again. He knows America's strength lies in the individual capacities of people and in our entrepreneurial spirit but big government and special interests are making life harder for Americans. McCain is a maverick who will slash pork barrel spending and stand up to the special interests. Obama promises change but he's inexperienced and plans big tax increases that will kill jobs. McCain supports broad tax cuts and trying all new avenues to achieve energy independence. By finishing the job in Iraq to bring stability to the region and respect for our soldiers, he can restore an America that is strong at home and in the world.*

After hearing these statements are you more likely to support Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	<b>Total</b>
Much more likely to support Obama .....	38
Somewhat more likely to support Obama .....	10
Somewhat more likely to support McCain.....	16
Much more likely to support McCain .....	31
(Both) .....	0
(Neither) .....	2
(Don't know/refused) .....	2
<b>Total More likely to support Obama .....</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total More likely to support McCain .....</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>More likely to support Obama - More likely to support McCain .....</b>	<b>1</b>
(ref:MIDCLAS)	



**[426 Respondents]**

Q.91 (SPLIT F) Now I'm going to read you another pair of statements from the presidential candidates. 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.

*Barack Obama says we need a new energy plan that frees America from dependence on big oil and recharges our economy by fast tracking production of clean, alternative energy like wind and solar power, which will create good American jobs. For twenty six years, John McCain has been in Washington voting against investments in alternative energy to protect the oil companies. We need to end the tax breaks for big oil companies and use that money to develop alternative energy. We should drill in areas where oil companies already have leases they're not using. And we should require car companies to build more efficient cars to save drivers money.*

*John McCain says we are dangerously dependent on foreign oil because Democrats like Barack Obama oppose efforts to drill for new American oil. McCain's policies will expand U.S. oil production to reduce gas prices and build more refineries to expand our oil capacity here in the US. We should build new nuclear power plants and invest in clean coal technology, and expand alternative energy sources to achieve independence. This shouldn't be a choice between more oil production or alternative energy. We should do both because alternative energy is the future, but right now we live in an oil and gas economy and we need more American oil.*

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

	<b>Total</b>
Obama statement strongly .....	36
Obama statement somewhat .....	10
McCain statement somewhat.....	12
McCain statement strongly .....	31
(Both) .....	5
(Neither) .....	2
(Don't know/refused) .....	4
<b>Total Obama statement .....</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total McCain statement.....</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Obama statement - McCain statement.....</b>	<b>3</b>
(ref:ENERGY5)	

Q.92 And now let me ask you, if the election for President were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican John McCain, or Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr, for whom would you vote: Republican John McCain, Democrat Barack Obama or Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr?

	<b>Total</b>
Barack Obama .....	45
Lean Barack Obama .....	1
John McCain .....	46
Lean John McCain .....	1
Bob Barr .....	2
Lean Bob Barr .....	0
(Other candidate) .....	1
Lean (Other candidate) .....	-
(Undecided) .....	4
<b>Total Barack Obama .....</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total John McCain .....</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Bob Barr .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>1</b>

(ref:PRES08V2)

Q.94 Let me read you a statements that could be used to describe Barack Obama. For each statement, please tell me whether this description raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about Barack Obama.

	<b>Very Ser Dbts</b>	<b>Ser Dbts</b>	<b>Minor Dbts</b>	<b>No Real Dbts</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Total Ser</b>	<b>Total Not Ser</b>
94 Obama voted for tax increases ninety-four times in just three years in the Senate, including voting to raise taxes on people who make forty-three thousand dollars a year. Obama now supports a trillion dollar tax plan that has been called the mother of all tax increases and will be the largest tax increase in American history and would raise the Social Security tax by another trillion dollars. ....	36	26	15	21	2	<b>62</b>	<b>36</b>
95 Barack Obama's full name is Barack Hussein Obama. His father was a Muslim, and as a child Obama attended a Muslim school in Indonesia. Obama says he's a Christian, but for twenty years his pastor was Reverend Jeremiah Wright, who has said that America is to blame for the AIDS virus and that we brought the September 11th attacks upon ourselves. ....	29	16	15	39	2	<b>44</b>	<b>54</b>

(ref:BODBT)

Q.98 Now, a few more statements that could be used to describe John McCain. For each statement, please tell me whether this description raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about John McCain.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
<b>[426 Respondents]</b>							
98 (SPLIT E) McCain supports George Bush down the line on his economic policies. After eight years of Bush, North Carolina now has the highest unemployment rate in more than five years. McCain is committed to continuing the same policies on taxes, spending, government investment, outsourcing and trade that have left North Carolina workers facing high unemployment rates, declining wages, and fewer benefits. ....	25	25	20	27	3	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>

<b>[426 Respondents]</b>							
99 (SPLIT F) At a time when North Carolina has the highest unemployment rate in five years, McCain has consistently voted to protect tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas and voted against requiring employers to recruit and retain U.S. workers before hiring foreign workers. And he voted for three point two billion dollars in tax breaks for companies that move their manufacturing plants to offshore locations. ....	26	29	22	18	4	<b>55</b>	<b>41</b>

<b>[426 Respondents]</b>							
100 (SPLIT E) McCain voted against expanding health insurance to ten million children. His health care plan gives insurance companies more power to deny people coverage and does nothing to help the more than one million North Carolinians without health coverage. He has received more than one million dollars in campaign contributions from the health insurance industry. ....	25	27	21	25	3	<b>52</b>	<b>45</b>

<b>[426 Respondents]</b>							
101 (SPLIT F) At a time when oil companies are making record profits and gas prices are at an all-time high, McCain has voted repeatedly to protect billions of dollars in giveaways to big oil while opposing investments in alternative energy that will create jobs. .... (ref:JMDBT2)	20	29	27	20	4	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>

Q.102 And now let me ask you one last time, if the election for President were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican John McCain, or Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr, for whom would you vote: Republican John McCain, Democrat Barack Obama or Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr?

	<b>Total</b>
Barack Obama .....	44
Lean Barack Obama .....	1
John McCain .....	46
Lean John McCain .....	1
Bob Barr .....	3
Lean Bob Barr .....	0
(Other candidate) .....	0
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided) .....	4
<b>Total Barack Obama .....</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total John McCain .....</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Bob Barr .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>0</b>

(ref:PRES08V3)

Q.104 Now, I need to ask you a few statistical questions to make sure we interview a representative group of people. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or what?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong Democrat .....	27
Weak Democrat .....	13
Independent-lean Democrat .....	10
Independent .....	6
Independent-lean Republican .....	11
Weak Republican .....	10
Strong Republican .....	23
(Don't know/refused) .....	0

(ref:PTYID1)

Q.107 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Liberal .....	12
Moderate .....	36
Conservative .....	47
(Don't know/refused) .....	5

(ref:IDEO1)

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?

	<b>Total</b>
More than once a week.....	22
Once a week.....	29
Once or twice a month.....	19
Several times a year.....	11
Hardly ever.....	13
(Never).....	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:RELIG2)	

**[781 Respondents]**

Q.109 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE96) In the 2004 election for president, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat John Kerry.....	41
Republican George Bush.....	55
(Ralph Nader).....	-
(Other candidate).....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	3

**Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush .... -13**  
(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?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted.....	72
Did not vote.....	21
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	6
(Refused).....	0
(ref:VOTE06)	

**[614 Respondents]**

Q.111 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE06) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (2006 House Democrat) or (2006 House Republican)?

	<b>Total</b>
2006 House Democrat.....	48
2006 House Republican.....	42
(Other candidate).....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	8

**2006 House Democrat - 2006 House Republican .....6**  
(ref:VOTE2006)

Q.112 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes.....	34
No .....	66
(Don't know/refused) .....	0
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.113 What is your race?

	<b>Total</b>
White.....	74
Black .....	20
Hispanic .....	1
(Other).....	3
(Don't know/refused) .....	2
(ref:RACE)	

Q.96 Now for something different. In what year were you born

	<b>Total</b>
18 - 24.....	5
25 - 29.....	5
30 - 34.....	7
35 - 39.....	9
40 - 44.....	9
45 - 49.....	12
50 - 54.....	11
55 - 59.....	11
60 - 64.....	7
Over 64 .....	22
(No answer) .....	1
(ref:AGE)	

Q.97 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	<b>Total</b>
1 - 11th grade.....	5
High school graduate .....	24
Technical or vocational school.....	5
Some college .....	24
College graduate.....	26
Post-graduate school .....	16
(Don't know/refused) .....	0
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.2 Sex of respondent

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