

Democracy Corps Oakland County, MI - Post-election Frequency Questionnaire

November 4-5, 2008
600 Voters

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

	Total
Yes	100
No.....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

Q.5 As you may know, there was an election (today/yesterday) for President, Congress and other offices. 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	100
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/ don't know)	-
(Refused).....	-
(Have not voted yet)	-
(Will vote)	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.6 Did you vote prior to election day or did you vote on election day?

	Total
Prior to election day.....	27
On election day	72
(Don't know/ refused)	0
(ref:WARLYVTG)	

[300 Respondents]

Q.7 (SPLIT A) Generally speaking, before (today's/yesterday's) election, did you think that things in this country were going in the right direction, or did you feel things had gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total
Right direction	8
Wrong track.....	86
(Don't know/refused)	6
Right - Wrong.....	-78
(ref:USDRCT2)	

[300 Respondents]

Q.8 (SPLIT B) Generally speaking, before (today's/yesterday's) election, did you think that things in Michigan were going in the right direction, or did you feel things had gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total
Right direction	7
Wrong track	89
(Don't know/refused)	4
 Right - Wrong	 -82
(ref:STSRCT2)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve	12
Somewhat approve	14
Somewhat disapprove.....	13
Strongly disapprove.....	54
(Don't know/refused)	7
 Total approve	 25
Total disapprove	68
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.10 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
10 Jennifer Granholm	42.8	38	46	98
11 George W. Bush	36.0	32	57	100
12 The Big Three auto companies.....	56.5	45	27	96
13 The UAW	45.4	32	44	95
14 Labor unions	46.6	36	43	97
15 Barack Obama.....	60.5	58	30	98
16 John McCain	51.5	50	39	99
17 The Democratic Party	52.3	47	36	98
18 The Republican Party	42.0	33	49	98
[300 Respondents]				
19 (SPLIT A) Big Corporations	44.6	27	40	94
20 NAFTA and international trade agreements	38.4	21	48	89
21 The state of the economy	22.2	7	83	99
22 Affirmative Action.....	47.6	35	36	93
23 Joe Biden.....	53.4	46	34	91
24 Sarah Palin	40.9	36	51	96
[310 Respondents]				
25 (MI CD 9 ONLY) Gary Peters	48.3	33	30	76
[310 Respondents]				
26 (MI CD 9 ONLY) Joe Knollenberg.....	45.5	32	38	89
[300 Respondents]				
27 (SPLIT B) Wall Street.....	33.6	17	61	94
28 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	48.0	38	39	93

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
29 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	46.0	34	43	97
30 Gay Marriage	39.2	29	48	96
31 Immigration into the country..... (ref:THERM2)	44.3	28	38	92

Q.32 Thinking about the presidential election, did you vote for -- Democrat Barack Obama, Republican John McCain, Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr, or Independent candidate Ralph Nader?

	Total
Barack Obama	57
John McCain	42
Bob Barr	1
Ralph Nader	1
(Other candidate)	0
(ref:PRESPE)	

[367 Respondents]

Q.34 (SKIP IF MCCAIN VOTER) Think back in time for a minute. Did you, at any point in this campaign, think about voting for John McCain for president? (IF YES) How seriously did you think about voting for John McCain -- very seriously, somewhat seriously, or only a little seriously?

	Total
Yes, very seriously	8
Yes, somewhat seriously.....	9
Yes, only a little seriously	4
Didn't consider.....	39
(Don't know/ refused)	2
Total yes.....	20
(ref:CHCEJM)	

[367 Respondents]

Q.35 (SKIP IF OBAMA VOTER) Think back in time for a minute. Did you, at any point in this campaign, think about voting for Barack Obama for president? (IF YES) How seriously did you think about voting for Barack Obama -- very seriously, somewhat seriously, or only a little seriously?

	Total
Yes, very seriously	6
Yes, somewhat seriously.....	6
Yes, only a little seriously	4
Didn't consider.....	29
(Don't know/ refused)	1
Total yes.....	16
(ref:CHCEBO)	

[309 Respondents]

Q.36 (ASK IN MI CD 9 ONLY) Thinking about the election for U.S. Congress, did you vote for -- Democrat Gary Peters, Republican Joe Knollenberg, Independent Jack Kevorkian, Green party candidate Douglas Campbell, or Libertarian party candidate Adam Goodman?

	Total
Gary Peters	52
Joe Knollenberg	43
Jack Kevorkian	3
Douglas Campbell	1
Adam Goodman	1
(ref:KNOLPETE)	

[300 Respondents]

Q.38 (SPLIT A) On a scale of zero to ten, how comfortable (would/do) 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
10	33
9	9
8	9
7	6
6	4
5	8
4	3
3	4
2	6
1	3
0	16
(Don't know/refused)	0
Mean	6.3
10	33
8-10	51
6-10	61
5	8
0-4	31
(ref:COMFORT1)	

[300 Respondents]

Q.39 (SPLIT B) On a scale of zero to ten, how comfortable (would/do) 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
10	41
9	5
8	9
7	7
6	2
5	7
4	2
3	4
2	4
1	2
0	16
(Don't know/refused)	2
 Mean	 6.6
 10	 41
8-10	55
6-10	64
5	7
0-4	27
(ref:COMFORT2)	

[233 Respondents]

Q.40 (IF MCCAIN VOTER) Now let me read you a list reasons to support John McCain. Which THREE describe the most important reasons why you voted for John McCain?

	Total
Is a strong leader and would be a strong commander-in-chief.....	52
Would drill for oil and explore all energy sources for energy independence.....	34
Was a P-O-W and has always put country first.....	25
Would cut taxes.....	24
Supported the surge and would not retreat in Iraq.....	24
Picked Sarah Palin as his running mate.....	19
Is a maverick who works with both parties.....	18
Would stabilize home prices and help fix the financial crisis.....	13
Would end earmarks and pork barrel spending.....	13
Is a reformer who would lessen the influence of special interests.....	13
I just couldn't vote for Barack Obama.....	9
His health care plan gives everyone a five thousand dollar credit and more choice.....	8
(All).....	3
(Other).....	4
(None).....	1
(Don't know/ refused).....	1
(ref:JMSUPPOR)	

[326 Respondents]

Q.41 (IF OBAMA VOTER) Now let me read you a list reasons to support Barack Obama. Which THREE describe the most important reasons why you voted for Barack Obama?

	Total
Would withdraw troops from Iraq and deal with Afghanistan	39
Would be for the middle class and cut middle class taxes first.....	32
Has a plan for affordable health care for all	28
Would bring people together, end the old politics and get things done.....	26
Offers a different direction than Bush.....	23
Is self-confident and a strong leader	20
Will invest in education and make college more affordable	18
Would end tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas.....	16
Will protect Social Security and Medicare	15
Would get the wealthiest and big corporations to pay their fair share in taxes.....	13
His serious response to the financial crisis	13
Was endorsed by people like Warren Buffett and Colin Powell.....	5
I just couldn't vote for John McCain	1
(All)	7
(Other)	3
(None)	0
(Don't know/ refused)	2
(ref:BOSUPPOR)	

[374 Respondents]

Q.42 (IF NOT OBAMA VOTER OR OBAMA VOTER WHO CONSIDERED MCCAIN) Let me read you a list of doubts about Barack Obama. Regardless of how you voted, which THREE describe the most important reasons NOT to vote for Barack Obama?

	Total
Too inexperienced and too big a risk to be commander-in-chief.....	38
Would redistribute wealth and introduce socialism	30
Would raise my taxes	27
Wrong on abortion, gay marriage and restricting guns	24
Would increase taxes on small business and hurt the economy.....	23
Too ready to retreat in Iraq and weaken our national security	19
Associates with people and groups that make me uncomfortable.....	17
Would increase government spending	14
His health care plan is too government-run.....	13
Would give Democrats too much control in Washington.....	13
Would end up catering to minority groups and not working for all	5
Is out of touch with working people	2
(All)	8
(Other)	0
(None)	7
(Don't know/ refused)	3
(ref:BODBT)	

[435 Respondents]

Q.43 (IF NOT MCCAIN VOTER OR MCCAIN VOTER WHO CONSIDERED OBAMA) Let me read you a list of doubts about John McCain. Regardless of how you voted, which THREE describe the most important reasons NOT to vote for John McCain?

	Total
Picked Sarah Palin as his running mate.....	42
Would stay in Iraq.....	31
Would continue Bush's policies.....	30
Would give tax breaks to the rich and big corporations and not to the middle class.....	29
Would privatize Social Security and cut Medicare benefits.....	19
Would help end a woman's right to choose on abortion.....	17
Would tax health care benefits and give insurance companies more power.....	17
His erratic response to the financial crisis.....	17
Is too old to be president.....	15
Supports outsourcing and bad trade deals.....	13
Ran a negative campaign rather than say what he'd do.....	13
Pulled his campaign out of Michigan.....	7
Would cut government spending and services.....	2
(All).....	6
(Other).....	1
(None).....	3
(Don't know/ refused).....	2

(ref:JMDBT)

Q.44 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
44 Jesse Jackson	3.5	6	12	22	13	59	6
45 John F. Kennedy.....	5.3	11	31	49	13	34	3
46 John Kerry.....	4.8	7	17	36	17	38	9

(ref:BHOSCALE)

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
[300 Respondents]							
47 (SPLIT A) Shares your values	32	25	13	28	2	57	41
[300 Respondents]							
48 (SPLIT A) Patriotic	38	28	16	17	1	66	33
49 On your side.....	32	29	16	21	3	61	36
[300 Respondents]							
50 (SPLIT B) Will keep America strong	35	25	16	23	2	60	39
[300 Respondents]							
51 (SPLIT B) Makes me feel hopeful about the future.....	41	20	16	22	2	61	38
[300 Respondents]							
52 (SPLIT A) Has what it takes to be president	38	23	17	21	2	61	38
[300 Respondents]							
53 (SPLIT B) Will help unite the country	43	26	12	19	1	69	31
[300 Respondents]							
54 (SPLIT A) Too liberal	33	14	23	27	3	48	50
55 Just too many questions to take a chance on him as president.....	25	16	21	35	2	41	57
[300 Respondents]							
56 (SPLIT B) Will put the interests of black Americans ahead of others	11	15	29	41	5	26	69
(ref:BOPOS/BONEG)							

Q.57 Now I am going to ask you something different. I am going to read you a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain had better ideas on 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
[300 Respondents]										
57 (SPLIT A) The situation in Iraq.....	36	15	10	34	0	1	4	51	44	7
58 Creating quality jobs	33	22	16	15	1	5	9	55	30	25
59 The economy	41	19	16	17	2	3	3	60	32	28
[300 Respondents]										
60 (SPLIT B) National security.....	24	17	13	37	2	1	6	41	50	-9
61 Taxes	34	17	16	27	1	2	3	51	43	8
62 The financial crisis in the country	36	20	17	17	0	4	5	56	34	22
[300 Respondents]										
63 (SPLIT A) Government spending	24	22	12	29	2	4	7	46	41	5
[300 Respondents]										
64 (SPLIT B) The budget deficit..... (ref:BETJOB)	34	18	15	17	2	7	7	52	31	21

Q.65 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.

	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
[300 Respondents]										
65 (SPLIT A) America is ready for a black president										
OR										
America is not ready for a black president.....	65	14	3	9	-	2	7	79	12	67

	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
[300 Respondents]										
66 (SPLIT B) 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.	39	16	7	27	5	3	3	55	34	21

67 When I voted, I was more concerned that McCain would put the rich and big corporations first										
OR										
When I voted, I was more concerned that Obama would put minorities first	39	16	9	16	1	16	4	55	25	30

	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
[300 Respondents]										
68 (SPLIT A) When I voted, I was more concerned that McCain would continue the economic policies that have cost us jobs and caused higher prices										
OR										
When I voted, I was more concerned that Obama would raise taxes and increase government spending	46	4	6	36	1	4	3	51	42	9

	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
[300 Respondents]										
69 (SPLIT B) Homosexuality is a way of life that should be accepted by society.										
OR										
Homosexuality is a way of life that should be discouraged by society.	33	22	7	28	0	3	6	55	35	20

	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
[300 Respondents]										
70 (SPLIT A) Government regulation of businesses and corporations is necessary to protect the public.										
OR										
Government regulation of businesses and corporations frequently does more harm than good.	39	18	10	25	2	1	6	57	35	22

	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
[300 Respondents]										
71 (SPLIT B) America needs more community and helping one another.										
OR										
America needs more self-reliance and personal responsibility.	42	6	6	39	6	1	-	48	45	3

	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
[300 Respondents]										
72 (SPLIT A) When considering the candidates for President, it was most important to me that they shared my views on issues such as the economy and jobs, health care, and retirement security.										
OR										
When considering the candidates for President, it was most important to me that they shared my views on issues such as gun rights, lower taxes, and less government intrusion into personal freedoms.	56	10	4	24	2	1	2	67	28	39

[300 Respondents]										
73 (SPLIT A) When I voted, I was more concerned that McCain is out of touch and doesn't understand the challenges I face.										
OR										
When I voted, I was more concerned that Obama comes from a different background and doesn't share my values.....	42	12	9	18	0	14	5	54	27	27

	1 st	1 st Not	2 nd Not	2 nd	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
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[300 Respondents]

74 (SPLIT B) When I voted, I was more concerned that McCain would do too little to get the financial community under control and allow another era of speculative booms and busts.

OR

When I voted, I was more concerned Obama would go too far in regulating the financial community and ultimately harm our economy.

.....	37	13	9	28	2	8	3	50	37	13
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[300 Respondents]

75 (SPLIT B) When I voted, I was more concerned that McCain would give too much power to big corporations and the very wealthy.

OR

When I voted, I was more concerned that Obama would take away our guns and restrict our freedoms

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(ref:PREPAIR2)

Q.76 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	17
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college.....	25
College graduate	33
Post-graduate school	21
(Don't know/refused)	1

(ref:EDUC)

Q.77 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF YES) Are you a retired or current member?
(IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	12
Household member	12
Retired union member.....	5
No member belongs	70
(Don't know/refused)	0
Union household	30
(ref:UNION)	

Q.78 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	71
Single	16
Separated/Divorced.....	8
Widowed.....	5
(Don't know/refused)	0
Separated/Divorced/Widowed.....	13
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.79 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	29
Weak Democrat.....	12
Independent-lean Democrat.....	11
Independent	9
Independent-lean Republican	9
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican.....	18
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.82 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	21
Moderate	39
Conservative	37
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

[311 Respondents]

Q.83 (IF DEMOCRAT OR LEAN DEMOCRAT) In the Democratic presidential primaries did you support Senator Barack Obama, Senator Hillary Clinton, or someone else?

	Total
Supported Obama	41
Supported Clinton.....	42
Supported someone else	9
(None)	7
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:CLINTSUP)	

Q.84 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	48
Catholic	29
Jewish	5
Muslim	0
(Don't know/refused)	17
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.85 How often do you attend religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Every week.....	37
Once or twice a month	17
Several times a year.....	17
Hardly ever	22
(Never)	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.86 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	4
Did not vote	2
(Can't remember/Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:DIDVOTE)	

[556 Respondents]

Q.87 (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	49
Republican George Bush	46
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Other candidate)	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.88 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	76
Did not vote	18
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	5
(Refused).....	0
(ref:VOTE06)	

[459 Respondents]

Q.89 (IF VOTED IN 2006) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (2006 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2006 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)?

	Total
(2006 HOUSE DEMOCRAT).....	39
(2006 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)	50
(Other candidate)	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	9
(ref:VOTE2006)	

[393 Respondents]

Q.90 (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.....	47
Never voted for Reagan	43
(Don't know/ refused)	10
(ref:REGAN)	

[393 Respondents]

Q.91 (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	25
No.....	63
(Don't know/ refused)	12
(ref:DEFECT)	

[98 Respondents]

Q.92 (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	20
Ronald Reagan in 1980s.....	36
Bill Clinton in 1990s.....	11
(Don't know/ refused)	33
(ref:DEFFECT2)	

Q.93 What is your race?

	Total
White	83
Black or African American	10
Hispanic or Latino.....	2
(Other)	2
(Don't know/refused)	1
Middle Eastern or Arab.....	0
Asian including Indian	2
(ref:RACE)	

Q.3 Respondent's gender

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

Q.4 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	8
25 - 29	6
30 - 34	3
35 - 39.....	14
40 - 44	8
45 - 49	14
50 - 54	11
55 - 59	9
60 - 64	9
Over 64.....	18
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE1)	