

Democracy Corps Battleground Frequency Questionnaire

January 21-27, 2008
1850 Likely Voters in 40 GOP Held Swing Districts

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

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

Q.4 Many people weren't able to vote in the 2004 election for president between George Bush and John Kerry. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted	98
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	2
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE00)	

Q.6 I know it's a long way off, but what are the chances of you voting in the election for president in November: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total
Almost certain.....	94
Probably	6
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:CP3)	

Q.7 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	22
Wrong track.....	69
(Don't know/refused)	9
Right - Wrong.....	-47
(ref:DIRECT)	

[409 Respondents]

Q.8 (IF RIGHT DIRECTION) Now I am going to read you a list of phrases that people use to describe why our country is going in the right 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 right direction.

	Total
America is pro-active in the fight against terrorism	35
We are making progress in the War in Iraq.....	35
Tax cuts keep the economy on the right track.....	34
Technology is making life better.....	23
National leaders today have good family values and respect for religious faith	22
Less regulation, and people are freer and have more choices	14
Businesses are prospering.....	11
Individual's financial situations are improving	8
(Other)	1
(None)	1
(All).....	1
(Don't know/ refused)	4
(ref:RIGTRCK)	

[1274 Respondents]

Q.9 (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
Our dependence on foreign oil, high gas prices and global warming.....	37
Washington dominated by special interests and corruption	22
High taxes, pork-barrel spending and government not under control	21
America bogged down and spending billions in Iraq	20
The middle class squeezed by high prices while the economy is weakening.....	19
Our leaders doing nothing about the health care problem ..	17
Our borders left unprotected and illegal immigration is growing.....	15
Jobs and work being outsourced to China and India	3
(Other)	1
(None)	9
(All)	0
(Don't know/ refused)	-
(ref:WRGTRCK)	

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?

Strongly approve	Total 16
Somewhat approve	21
Somewhat disapprove.....	11
Strongly disapprove.....	47
(Don't know/refused)	5
Total approve.....	37
Total disapprove.....	58
Approve - disapprove	-21
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.11 Do you approve or disapprove of the way (member of Congress)¹ is handling his/her job as a member of the U.S. Congress?

	Total
Strongly approve	16
Somewhat approve	25
Somewhat disapprove.....	14
Strongly disapprove.....	18
(Don't know/refused)	27
 Total approve	 41
Total disapprove	32
 Approve - disapprove	 9
(ref:CONGAPP)	

¹ For each district, the member of Congress' name was inserted

Q.12 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with 100 meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and 50 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 The Republican Party	43.6	34	46	98
13 The Democratic Party	47.5	38	41	98
14 George W. Bush	38.9	36	55	99
15 The Congress	43.2	24	42	96
16 The Democratic Congress	44.1	32	43	96
17 John McCain	51.4	42	33	93
18 (Member of Congress)	49.0	33	29	82
[925 Respondents]				
19 (SPLIT A) Mitt Romney	41.6	23	39	83
20 The Republicans in Congress	41.8	29	47	96
[925 Respondents]				
21 (SPLIT B) Mike Huckabee	42.4	24	36	79
22 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	47.8	36	39	95
23 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	45.5	35	45	97
24 The Iraq War	34.3	27	57	98
25 Gay marriage	34.0	24	54	95
26 Immigration into the country.....	38.0	22	51	94
27 Big corporations	42.2	26	43	95
(ref:THERM04/THERM204)				

Q.28 I know it is a long way off, but 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.....	43
Lean Democratic candidate.....	4
Republican candidate.....	38
Lean Republican candidate.....	5
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	1
(Undecided).....	6
(Refused).....	2
Total Democratic candidate	48
Total Republican candidate.....	43
Total (Other candidate).....	2
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	5
(ref:PRES08)	

Q.30 Thinking about the election for Congress in 2008, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?²

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	42
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3
Republican candidate.....	43
Lean Republican candidate.....	3
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	6
(Refused).....	2
Total Democratic candidate	45
Total Republican candidate.....	46
Total (Other candidate).....	1
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	0
(ref:CONG06)	

² For each district throughout the survey, the incumbent's name was inserted, and a generic candidate ("the Democratic candidate) was inserted for the opposition.

Q.32 Even though you are not supporting (Democratic candidate) now, what are the chances that you might support (Democratic candidate) in the election for Congress in November -- is there a fair chance that you might support that candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total
Fair chance.....	15
A small chance	10
Just a very slight chance	12
No chance at all.....	15
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
 Democratic candidate Supporter	 45
(ref:CONG06C)	

Q.33 Even though you are not supporting (Republican candidate) now, what are the chances that you might support (Republican candidate) in the election for Congress in November -- is there a fair chance that you might support that candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total
Fair chance.....	11
A small chance	10
Just a very slight chance	11
No chance at all.....	21
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
 Republican candidate Supporter	 46
(ref:CONG06D)	

Q.34 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 the Democrats or the Republicans 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.

	Dem Much Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
34 The economy	25	23	20	19	1	4	9	48	39	10
35 Taxes	20	22	20	23	0	4	11	41	43	-2
36 Being on your side	26	19	17	16	1	7	14	45	33	12
37 National security	17	15	20	31	2	3	11	32	51	-19
38 The situation in Iraq	27	18	15	24	0	4	11	45	39	7
[1110 Respondents]										
39 Handling illegal immigration	17	19	23	17	1	9	14	36	40	-4
40 Leaders doing what is right, not just what is good for themselves.....	23	20	17	14	2	10	14	42	32	11
41 Government that listens to people, not special interests	25	23	14	10	2	15	12	48	24	24
42 Leaders open to working with others, regardless of party	22	24	17	11	2	10	14	46	28	18
43 Making sure that taxpayers get value for their tax dollars..... (ref:BETJOB)	21	22	19	16	1	10	11	43	35	7

Q.44 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 (Member of Congress) 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
[925 Respondents]								
44 (SPLIT A) Fights for people like you	18	29	20	15	18	47	35	12
[925 Respondents]								
45 (SPLIT B) Independent, does not toe a party line	9	22	25	20	24	32	45	-13
[925 Respondents]								
46 (SPLIT A) Honest and trustworthy	18	35	16	12	18	53	28	25
[925 Respondents]								
47 (SPLIT B) Will bring the right kind of change	13	25	24	18	20	38	42	-4
[925 Respondents]								
48 (SPLIT B) Follows Bush's direction too much	23	23	21	10	24	46	31	15
[925 Respondents]								
49 (SPLIT B) Has been in Washington too long	21	16	23	19	20	38	42	-4
[925 Respondents]								
50 (SPLIT A) Out of touch.....	15	16	28	21	19	32	49	-17
[925 Respondents]								
51 (SPLIT A) Too close to big business special interests	20	19	24	13	24	39	37	2
(ref:ATRIB)								

Q.52 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
52 We need to start reducing the number of U.S. troops in Iraq. OR We must stay the course to achieve stability and finish the job in Iraq.....	49	7	7	35	0	1	2	55	42	13

53 I'm more concerned that the Republicans will wait too long to withdraw our troops from Iraq. OR I'm more concerned that the Democrats will leave Iraq too quickly.....	41	9	8	37	1	2	3	49	45	5
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[925 Respondents]

54 (SPLIT A) In November, I CAN'T vote to reelect (Member of Congress) because we need new people that will work to bring the changes we need. OR In November, I WILL vote to reelect (Member of Congress) because he/she is doing a good job and addressing issues that are important to us.	31	14	14	23	0	4	14	45	37	8
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	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
[925 Respondents]										
55 (SPLIT B) In November I really want to be able to vote for a Democrat for Congress because at least he or she will fight for change. OR In November I will vote for (Member of Congress) because the new Democratic Congress is just business as usual and getting no more done than the last one.	37	12	15	26	-	4	6	49	40	9
(ref:VALUES06)										

Q.56 Now, I am going to read you what some people say are some differences between Democrats and Republicans running for Congress in your area. For each, please tell me if it is a difference that makes you MUCH MORE LIKELY to vote for a Democratic candidate, SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY or is it a difference that DOESN'T MAKE YOU ANY MORE LIKELY to vote for a Democratic candidate. Maybe it is NOT A REAL DIFFERENCE between Democrats and Republicans. Let me read you the first difference.

	Much More Likely	Smwt More Likely	No More Likely	Not Real Diff	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt	No/ Not Diff
56 Republicans will give us more of the same. The Democrats will bring the change our country needs.	32	18	25	22	3	50	47

[925 Respondents]

57 (SPLIT A) Republicans will continue focusing only abroad and sinking billions in other countries. Democrats will also prioritize getting America's house in order.....	33	20	22	22	4	52	44
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[925 Respondents]

58 (SPLIT B) Republicans will continue focusing only abroad and sinking billions in other countries. Democrats will prioritize health care, energy, and our economy.	35	20	19	23	3	54	42
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59 Republicans have mismanaged the war in Iraq, foreign relations, oil, Katrina, and the economy. Democrats will get us back on track on dealing with important problems.	36	16	24	20	3	52	45
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[925 Respondents]

60 (SPLIT A) Republicans have done nothing about health care while costs skyrocketed and more lost insurance. Democrats will work for affordable health insurance for all.....	39	20	22	16	3	58	38
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[925 Respondents]

61 (SPLIT B) Republicans have done nothing about high gas prices and Middle East oil. Democrats will work for solar power, alternative fuels, energy independence and to stop global warming.....	37	20	20	20	3	57	40
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[925 Respondents]

62 (SPLIT A) Republicans have worked for the wealthiest and big corporate special interests. Democrats will work for the middle class, not just the few.....	35	20	21	21	3	56	42
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	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	No More Likly	Not Real Diff	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt	No/ Not Diff
[925 Respondents]							
63 (SPLIT B) Republicans make the economy work for the wealthiest and big corporations. Democrats will work for an economy that works for the middle class, not just the few.....	36	19	22	21	2	55	43
64 Republicans have polarized and divided the country. Democrats will work to unite it and solve real problems.....	29	19	25	24	3	48	50
65 Republicans have let corrupt special interests and extreme partisanship get out of control. Democrats want to see politicians in Washington work together and listen to the people. (ref:DIVBATTF)	33	19	20	26	3	52	45

Q.66 Now, I am going to read you what some people say are some differences between Democrats and Republicans running for Congress in your area. For each, please tell me if it is a difference that makes you MUCH MORE LIKELY to vote for a Republican candidate, SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY, or is it a difference that DOESN'T MAKE YOU ANY MORE LIKELY to vote for a Republican candidate. Maybe it is NOT A REAL DIFFERENCE between Democrats and Republicans. Let me read you the first difference.

	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	No More Likly	Not Real Diff	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt	No/ Not Diff
66 Democrats take liberal stands on gay marriage, abortion and guns that put them out of touch with mainstream values. Republicans will protect our family values and support strong families.....	36	15	27	19	3	51	47
67 Democrats quickly supported pork barrel spending, took lobbyists' money and became business as usual in Washington. Republicans will keep spending down, eliminate pork barrel spending and bring the needed change.	22	18	25	31	4	40	56

	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	No More Likly	Not Real Diff	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt	No/ Not Diff
68 Democrats have already proposed massive increases in taxes and spending. Republicans believe families, the economy and the country need lower taxes.	34	20	22	22	3	54	44
69 Democrats want to increase taxes when our economy is in trouble. Republicans will cut taxes to strengthen our economy.	33	20	25	20	2	53	45
70 Democrats have proposed big programs and government-controlled health care. Republicans will oppose big government programs and give people more choice and control.	30	20	26	22	2	49	48
71 Democrats voted to cut off funding for our troops and want to go on defensive in the war on terrorism. Republicans will do what's necessary to keep America strong and safe. (ref:RIVBATTF)	36	17	26	19	3	52	45

Q.72 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.	1
Some college.....	27
College graduate.....	28
Post-graduate school	17
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.73 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	13
Household member	9
No member belongs	77
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:UNION)	

Q.74 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	65
Single	16
Separated/divorced	10
Widowed.....	8
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.75 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total
Yes	38
No.....	62
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.76 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	24
Weak Democrat.....	13
Independent-lean Democrat.....	11
Independent	6
Independent-lean Republican	8
Weak Republican	14
Strong Republican.....	24
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.77 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	19
Moderate	40
Conservative	38
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.78 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant.....	49
Catholic	24
Jewish	2
Muslim.....	0
(Other/none/refused)	25
(ref:RELIG1)	

[906 Respondents]

Q.79 (IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total
Fundamentalist.....	11
Evangelical	23
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	10
Moderate to liberal.....	42
(Something else)	6
(Don't know/Refused)	8
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.80 How often do you attend religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Every week.....	40
Once or twice a month	14
Several times a year.....	15
Hardly ever	22
(Never)	6
(Don't know/Refused)	3
(ref:RELIG2)	

[1815 Respondents]

Q.81 (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	41
Republican George Bush	50
(Ralph Nader)	0
(Other candidate)	3
(Don't know/Refused)	6

Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....-8
(ref:VOTE2004)

Q.82 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	17
(Can't remember/Don't know)	2
(Refused)	1

(ref:VOTE06)

[1479 Respondents]

Q.83 (IF VOTED IN 2006) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	35
Republican candidate.....	54
(Other candidate)	3
(Don't know/Refused)	8

Democrat - Republican-19
(ref:VOTE2006)

Q.84 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	Total
None.....	60
1-2	14
3-9	12
10 or more	5
(Don't know/Refused)	9

(ref:GUNS)

Q.85 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	78
African-American or Black.....	8
Hispanic or Latino.....	7
Native American	1
Asian	1
(Other)	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
(ref:RACETHN)	

[130 Respondents]

Q.86 (IF HISPANIC OR LATINO) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Salvadoran or are you and your ancestors from another country?

	Total
Mexican	38
Puerto Rican.....	11
Cuban.....	5
Salvadoran	3
Dominican	-
Other: Central America.....	8
Other: South America.....	4
Other	30
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:ORIGIN08)	

Q.87 Last year, that is in 2007, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	Total
Less than \$10K	3
\$10K to under \$20K	5
\$20K to under \$30K	8
\$30K to under \$50K	15
\$50K to under \$75K	17
\$75K to under \$100K	14
\$100K or more.....	20
(Refused).....	15
(Don't know)	3
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.2 Respondent's gender

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

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	3
25 - 29	6
30 - 34	8
35 - 39	9
40 - 44	9
45 - 49	14
50 - 54	9
55 - 59	10
60 - 64	9
Over 64.....	20
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	