

# Democracy Corps Battleground Frequency Questionnaire

December 10-13, 2007

**1,527 Swing District Likely Voters**

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

	Dem	Rep
Yes .....	100	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?

	Dem	Rep
Voted .....	99	98
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young .....	1	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 2008: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Dem	Rep
Almost certain .....	91	93
Probably .....	9	7
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?

	Dem	Rep
Right direction .....	27	25
Wrong track .....	68	68
(Don't know/refused) .....	5	7
<b>Right - Wrong .....</b>	<b>-41</b>	<b>-43</b>
(ref:DIRECT)		

**[396 Respondents]**

Q.8 (IF RIGHT DIRECTION IN DIRECT) 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.

	Dem	Rep
America has not been attacked since 9-11 because we're pro-active in the fight against terrorism .....	35	41
Tax cuts keep the economy on the right track .....	35	35
We are making progress in the war in Iraq .....	33	33
National leaders today have good family values and respect for religious faith.....	29	18
Technology is making life better .....	17	14
Individuals financial situations are improving.....	15	16
Businesses are prospering .....	11	16
Less regulation and people are freer and have more choices .....	11	7
(Other) .....	0	1
(None).....	2	2
(All) .....	3	5
(Don't know/ refused).....	1	1
(ref:RIGTRCK)		

**[1,037 Respondents]**

Q.9 (IF WRONG TRACK IN DIRECT) 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.

	Dem	Rep
America bogged down and spending billions in Iraq .....	34	38
Washington dominated by special interests and corruption and not responsible to people.....	24	26
Our dependence on foreign oil, high gas prices and global warming .....	19	24
Our borders left unprotected and illegal immigration is growing .....	18	16
Jobs and work being outsourced to China and India.....	18	16
Our leaders doing nothing about the health care problem.....	17	13
High taxes, pork-barrel spending and government not under control.....	16	16
The middle class squeezed while the economy is weakening .....	13	13
The federal government running up record budget deficits .....	12	12
(Other) .....	4	2
(None).....	0	-
(All) .....	11	10
(Don't know/ refused).....	0	0
(ref:WRGTRCK)		

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

	Dem	Rep
Strongly approve .....	17	17
Somewhat approve.....	19	18
Somewhat disapprove .....	15	12
Strongly disapprove.....	46	49
(Don't know/refused).....	3	3
<b>Total approve .....</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total disapprove.....</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove.....</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>-27</b>
(ref:CANDAPP2)		

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

	Dem	Rep
Strongly approve .....	21	19
Somewhat approve.....	26	25
Somewhat disapprove .....	12	16
Strongly disapprove.....	12	20
(Don't know/refused).....	29	20
<b>Total approve .....</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total disapprove.....</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove.....</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>
(ref:CONGAPP)		

Q.12 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or organization, please say so.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
12 The Republican Party				
<b>Dem .....</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Rep .....</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>98</b>
13 The Democratic Party				
<b>Dem .....</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Rep .....</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>98</b>
14 George W. Bush				
<b>Dem .....</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Rep .....</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>99</b>

<sup>1</sup> For each district, the member of Congress' name was inserted

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
15 The Congress				
<b>Dem</b> .....	44.4	27	41	97
<b>Rep</b> .....	41.4	23	48	97
16 The Democratic Congress				
<b>Dem</b> .....	45.0	34	44	98
<b>Rep</b> .....	42.8	31	44	97
17 (Member of Congress)				
<b>Dem</b> .....	54.5	39	23	79
<b>Rep</b> .....	47.5	33	35	85
18 The Republicans in Congress				
<b>Dem</b> .....	40.6	29	49	97
<b>Rep</b> .....	38.8	26	52	97
(ref:THERM04)				

Q.19 Now let me read you some more names. Please rate them on the same scale of 0 to 100.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
19 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association				
<b>Dem</b> .....	51.1	42	37	96
<b>Rep</b> .....	49.7	42	40	98
20 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups				
<b>Dem</b> .....	48.2	38	41	96
<b>Rep</b> .....	46.4	38	43	97
21 The Iraq war				
<b>Dem</b> .....	35.8	30	58	99
<b>Rep</b> .....	33.3	27	59	98
22 Gay marriage				
<b>Dem</b> .....	31.4	20	58	96
<b>Rep</b> .....	35.4	26	53	96
23 Immigration into the country				
<b>Dem</b> .....	38.8	24	48	95
<b>Rep</b> .....	39.3	24	49	96
(ref:THERM204)				

Q.24 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the election in 2008, if the election for president were held today, for whom would you vote – the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Dem	Rep
Democratic candidate .....	47	46
Lean Democratic candidate .....	5	4
Republican candidate .....	37	40
Lean Republican candidate .....	4	4
(Other candidate).....	1	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	1	0
(Undecided) .....	4	4
(Refused) .....	1	1
<b>Total Democratic candidate.....</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate .....</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>
(ref:PRES08)		

Q.26 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)?<sup>2</sup>

	Dem	Rep
Democratic candidate .....	54	42
Lean Democratic candidate .....	2	2
Republican candidate .....	31	45
Lean Republican candidate .....	3	2
(Other candidate).....	2	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	0	1
(Undecided) .....	5	5
(Refused) .....	2	1
<b>Total Democratic candidate.....</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate .....</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-2</b>
(ref:CONG06)		

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

Q.28 (SKIP IF DEMOCRAT IN CONG06 OR CONG06B) 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 2008 – 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>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Fair chance .....	11	17
A small chance .....	8	9
Just a very slight chance .....	12	10
No chance at all .....	12	17
(Don't know/Refused) .....	1	2
<b>Democratic candidate Supporter .....</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>45</b>
(ref:CONG06C)		

Q.29 (SKIP IF REPUBLICAN IN CONG06 OR CONG06B) 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 2008 – 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>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Fair chance .....	18	8
A small chance .....	10	11
Just a very slight chance .....	16	9
No chance at all .....	20	24
(Don't know/Refused) .....	1	1
<b>Republican candidate Supporter .....</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>47</b>
(ref:CONG06D)		

Q.30 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.

	<b>Dem Much Btrr</b>	<b>Dem Smwt Btrr</b>	<b>Rep Smwt Btrr</b>	<b>Rep Much Btrr</b>	<b>Both</b>	<b>Nei- ther</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Total Dem</b>	<b>Total Rep</b>	<b>Dem - Rep</b>
<b>[763 Respondents]</b>										
30 (SPLIT A) The economy										
<b>Dem</b> .....	28	21	17	24	1	3	6	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	28	21	18	22	0	2	9	<b>48</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>8</b>
31 Taxes										
<b>Dem</b> .....	19	25	16	24	1	5	10	<b>44</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	19	22	20	26	0	4	10	<b>40</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>-5</b>
32 Being on your side										
<b>Dem</b> .....	27	22	19	16	1	4	11	<b>49</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	28	20	14	19	0	5	14	<b>48</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>

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33 (SPLIT A) National security

<b>Dem</b> .....	18	19	18	31	2	4	9	<b>37</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-12</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	20	18	14	33	1	3	12	<b>37</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-9</b>

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34 (SPLIT B) The situation in Iraq

<b>Dem</b> .....	34	17	15	20	1	6	8	<b>51</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	28	19	16	23	1	4	9	<b>47</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>9</b>

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35 (SPLIT B) Immigration

<b>Dem</b> .....	20	19	20	16	1	6	17	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	18	20	21	20	0	7	15	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-3</b>

	Dem Much Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
36 Energy policy										
<b>Dem</b> .....	30	24	15	13	0	3	14	<b>54</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	31	21	16	11	0	5	16	<b>52</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>

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37 (SPLIT A) Changing the tax system

<b>Dem</b> .....	20	25	18	18	0	8	11	<b>45</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	20	24	16	17	0	8	15	<b>44</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11</b>

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38 (SPLIT B) Reducing taxes for people like you

<b>Dem</b> .....	21	22	16	23	-	5	13	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	23	18	17	27	0	5	10	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>-4</b>

39 Right priorities for our country

<b>Dem</b> .....	26	20	17	20	1	3	13	<b>46</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	25	21	17	20	0	3	13	<b>46</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>9</b>

(ref:BETJOB)

Q.40 Thinking about all of the different taxes you pay, which TWO of the following are the biggest burden for you?

	Dem	Rep
Local property tax .....	54	44
Federal income tax .....	48	50
Taxes on gasoline .....	36	36
<b>[763 Respondents]</b>		
(SPLIT A) Pay roll tax for Social Security .....	17	20
<b>[763 Respondents]</b>		
(SPLIT B) Pay roll tax for Medicare .....	12	16
The state sales tax .....	13	16
<b>[763 Respondents]</b>		
(SPLIT B) Death tax.....	8	8
Capital gains and dividend taxes.....	8	8
<b>[763 Respondents]</b>		
(SPLIT A) Estate tax.....	5	7
Alternative minimum tax .....	4	4
(Other) .....	2	1
(All) .....	2	1
(None).....	1	2
(Don't Know/Refused).....	1	2
(ref:TAXOPEN)		

Q.41 Now thinking about the federal income tax, which TWO of the following bothers you the most?

	Dem	Rep
That the system is full of loopholes.....	49	51
The rich pay less than people like me .....	43	43
The tax system is so complicated.....	38	37
Tax payments are too high .....	26	24
You can't deduct so many essential expenses.....	11	13
The Alternative Minimum Tax, or AMT .....	10	10
(Other) .....	1	2
(All) .....	1	1
(None).....	2	2
(Don't Know/Refused).....	4	3
(ref:INCOMTAX)		

Q.42 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 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>			Total	Total	1 <sup>st</sup>	
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Not	Not	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-
	Strng	Strng	Strng	Strng				Strng	Strng	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>[763 Respondents]</b>										
42 (SPLIT A) The tax cuts passed under President Bush should not be renewed and left to expire in 2010.										
OR										
The tax cuts passed under										

President Bush should be made permanent.

<b>Dem</b> .....	35	14	8	35	-	1	6	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	35	10	11	37	-	2	5	<b>45</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-3</b>

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43 (SPLIT A) Federal tax cuts have not been worth it, because they have increased the deficit.

OR

Federal tax cuts have been worth it, because they have helped strengthen the economy by allowing Americans to keep more of their own money.

<b>Dem</b> .....	32	14	13	35	-	1	3	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	36	10	13	36	-	2	3	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-3</b>

	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Not</b>	<b>Not</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>			<b>Dk/</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Strng</b>	<b>Strng</b>	<b>Strng</b>	<b>Strng</b>	<b>Both</b>	<b>Nthr</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Stmt</b>	<b>Stmt</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>

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44 (SPLIT B) President Bush's cuts have not been worth it, because they only helped the wealthy and did not benefit the middle or lower classes.

OR

President Bush's tax cuts have been worth it, because they have helped strengthen the economy by allowing Americans to keep more of their own money.

<b>Dem</b> .....	47	8	12	28	-	3	2	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	46	10	12	28	1	1	3	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>16</b>

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45 (SPLIT A) Any tax cuts passed by Congress should be paid for with spending cuts or tax increases on those who can afford it so that they don't add to the budget deficit.

OR

Tax cuts passed by the Congress should not be paid for with any new taxes because they strengthen the economy and generate more revenue.

<b>Dem</b> .....	30	16	18	29	-	1	5	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	32	18	14	30	0	2	4	<b>50</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>7</b>

46 In voting for president, taxes is not that big an issue for me.

OR

In voting for president, taxes is a big issue for me.

<b>Dem</b> .....	26	19	11	42	-	1	1	<b>45</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>-8</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	25	23	8	43	-	1	1	<b>48</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-2</b>

	1 <sup>st</sup> Strng	1 <sup>st</sup> Not Strng	2 <sup>nd</sup> Not Strng	2 <sup>nd</sup> Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 <sup>st</sup> Stmt	Total 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stmt	1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
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47 (SPLIT B) I'm mainly frustrated that taxes are unfair- a bigger burden on the middle class than the wealthy.

OR

I'm mainly frustrated that taxes are too high, period.

<b>Dem</b> .....	48	11	8	30	0	1	1	<b>59</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	42	12	7	34	0	3	2	<b>54</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>14</b>

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48 (SPLIT B) The middle class tax cuts passed under President Bush should be made permanent but those for the wealthy and big businesses should be left to expire in 2010.

OR

All tax cuts passed under President Bush should be made permanent.

<b>Dem</b> .....	40	16	8	28	0	4	3	<b>56</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	41	15	7	26	0	5	6	<b>56</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>

(ref:TAXPAIR)

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Q.49 (SPLIT C) As you may know, last month the House of Representatives passed a tax cut bill. It protects 23 million middle income taxpayers from paying the Alternative Minimum Tax, saving them up to \$2,000 in taxes. It also makes more families eligible for the child tax credit and makes combat pay tax deductible. And it allows those using the short form to deduct their local property taxes. To pay for the lost revenue, the bill increases taxes on hedge fund managers and investors who currently pay a tax rate half that applied to ordinary income. Do you favor or oppose this bill?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Strongly favor .....	32	28
Somewhat favor .....	32	33
Somewhat oppose .....	14	12
Strongly oppose .....	9	12
(Don't know/refused).....	13	15
<b>Total favor .....</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose .....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>37</b>
(ref:HOUSETAX)		

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Q.50 (SPLIT C) Now let me read you some statements about this bill passed by the House of Representatives. After I read them, please tell me whether you agree more with the first statement or the second statement, even if neither is exactly right.

*The Democratic candidate says, this bill provides critical tax relief for 55 million middle class and working class taxpayers at a time of a weakening economy and growing financial pressures on families. I support it because the bill does not increase the deficit. It is paid for by closing tax loopholes and asking wealthy hedge fund managers to pay the same tax rate as those with ordinary income.*

OR

*The Republican candidate says, this bill abuses the legitimate goal of protecting those about to be hit by the AMT, but it is packed with special interest goodies and raises taxes on investors that will hurt our economy at a time of uncertainty. I am opposed to any tax increases at this time. This country can't afford politically motivated tax increases that could push us into recession.*

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Democrat strongly.....	37	33
Democrat somewhat.....	26	21
Republican somewhat .....	15	16
Republican strongly .....	18	24
(Don't know/ refused).....	4	6
<b>Total Democrat.....</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Total Republican.....</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Democrat - Republican.....</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>
(ref:HOUDBT)		

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Q.51 (SPLIT C) Now let me read you some statements about this bill passed by the House of Representatives. After I read them, please tell me whether you agree more with the first statement or the second statement, even if neither is exactly right.

*The Democratic candidate says, after years of increasing the deficit, I support this tax cut bill because it is paid for. Tax cuts for the middle class are paid for by tax increases for very wealthy hedge fund managers. We provide tax relief for the middle class without adding a penny to the deficit.*

OR

*The Republican candidate says, the Democrats want to raise taxes to pay for the elimination of a tax that should have never been there. It was never meant to apply to middle class taxpayers and we shouldn't be trying to collect it. Democrats' attempt to pay for the AMT with new taxes is offensive and will slow down our economy.*

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Democrat strongly.....	33	26
Democrat somewhat.....	22	24
Republican somewhat.....	18	18
Republican strongly.....	19	24
(Don't know/ refused).....	8	8
<b>Total Democrat.....</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Total Republican.....</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Democrat - Republican.....</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>
(ref:HOUDBT2)		

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Q.52 (SPLIT D) As you may know, recently the Senate passed a tax cut bill. It protects 23 million middle income taxpayers from paying the Alternative Minimum Tax, saving them up to \$2,000 in taxes. To avoid raising any taxes to pay for the lost revenue, the bill will increase the deficit by \$50 billion next year. Do you favor or oppose this bill?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Strongly favor.....	22	18
Somewhat favor.....	23	19
Somewhat oppose.....	18	26
Strongly oppose.....	27	26
(Don't know/refused).....	11	11
<b>Total favor.....</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Total oppose.....</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose.....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-15</b>
(ref:SENATTAX)		

**[763 Respondents]**

Q.53 (SPLIT D) Now let me read you some statements about this bill passed by the Senate. After I read them, please tell me whether you agree more with the first statement or the second statement, even if neither is exactly right.

*Some people say, it is important to provide this middle class tax relief. But we should not do it by increasing the federal deficit. We should fund middle class tax cuts by closing tax loopholes and raising taxes for hedge fund managers.*

OR

*Others say, it is important to provide this middle class tax relief, even if it raises the deficits. With the economy weak, this is not the time to raise taxes on anybody.*

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
First strongly .....	23	20
First somewhat .....	15	18
Second somewhat .....	21	15
Second strongly .....	37	43
(Don't know/ refused).....	3	4
<b>Total First .....</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total Second .....</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>First - Second.....</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-19</b>
(ref:SENDBT)		

Q.54 As you may know, the Democrats in Congress proposed a major reform of our federal taxes, cutting taxes for 90 million middle class and working families. It abolishes the Alternative Minimum Tax, expands the number of families eligible for the child tax credit and increases the standard deduction for average taxpayers. It cuts corporate taxes from 35 to 30 percent to make America more competitive. To reduce taxes for the middle class, the bill adds a tax surcharge of 4 percent for individuals earning over \$150,000 and families over \$200,000 and closes loop hole for hedge fund managers. Do you favor or oppose this comprehensive tax reform?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Strongly favor .....	33	30
Somewhat favor .....	32	30
Somewhat oppose .....	13	15
Strongly oppose .....	15	15
(Don't know/refused).....	7	11
<b>Total favor .....</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose .....</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>30</b>
(ref:RANGEL)		

Q.55 And what piece of the tax reform proposal I just read you really got your attention?

	Dem	Rep
Adds a tax surcharge of 4 percent for individuals earning over \$150,000 and families over \$200,000.....	23	23
Closes a loop hole for hedge fund managers .....	18	20
Cuts taxes for 90 million middle class and working families .....	16	12
Cuts corporate taxes from 35 to 30 percent to make America more competitive .....	5	6
Abolishes the Alternative Minimum Tax.....	4	4
Expands the number of families eligible for the child tax credit .....	3	4
Increases the standard deduction for average taxpayers .....	2	2
(None).....	3	5
(All) .....	5	3
(Other) (SPECIFY).....	5	6
(Don't know/ refused).....	15	14

(ref:RANGELOP)

Q.56 Now let me read you some statements about this Democratic comprehensive tax reform proposal. After I read them, please tell me whether you agree more with the first statement or the second statement, even if neither is exactly right.

*The Democratic candidate says, we need a complete overhaul of our tax system to get permanent tax relief for the middle class - 90 million Americans will be helped by raising the standard deduction, helping families with children and abolishing the Alternative Minimum Tax. Over many years, middle class incomes have stagnated while incomes of CEOs and the very rich have skyrocketed. Raising their taxes to pay for broad middle class relief without raising the deficit is the right goal.*

OR

*The Republican candidate says, the Democratic tax reform plan is the mother of all tax hikes. We should stop a Democratic plan that would roll back Bush's tax cuts and raise taxes on millions of small businesses and investors which would devastate our economy and hinder America's ability to compete in the global economy. Democrats want to raise taxes to pay for their pet projects but we must keep taxes low so that individuals and America can prosper.*

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Democrat strongly.....	37	38
Democrat somewhat.....	19	19
Republican somewhat .....	15	13
Republican strongly .....	25	24
(Don't know/refused).....	5	6
<b>Total Democrat.....</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Total Republican.....</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Democrat - Republican.....</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>
(ref:COMDBT)		

Q.57 Now let me read you some proposed tax cuts that the Democratic candidate may champion in Congress. For each one, please tell me whether it would make you much more likely, a little more likely, no more likely or less likely to support the Democratic candidate.

	<b>Much More Likly</b>	<b>Smwt More Likly</b>	<b>Ltle More Likly</b>	<b>No More Likly</b>	<b>Less Likly</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Much/Smwt/ Smwt Ltle</b>	
<b>[763 Respondents]</b>								
57 (SPLIT A) Repeal all of Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy before they expire in 2010, but keep those helping working families with incomes below \$200,000								
<b>Dem</b> .....	30	26	13	14	17	1	<b>56</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	31	21	9	17	20	2	<b>52</b>	<b>61</b>

<b>[763 Respondents]</b>								
58 (SPLIT A) Help middle class families by making the \$1000 per child tax credit permanent, since it is set to be reduced to \$500 in 2010								
<b>Dem</b> .....	27	31	13	20	7	2	<b>58</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	23	23	17	19	16	2	<b>46</b>	<b>63</b>

<b>[763 Respondents]</b>								
59 (SPLIT B) Help middle class families by regularly adjusting the child tax credit of \$1,000 so it keeps up with the pace of inflation and cost of living.								
<b>Dem</b> .....	27	32	15	15	9	2	<b>58</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	23	29	13	22	11	2	<b>52</b>	<b>66</b>

<b>[763 Respondents]</b>								
60 (SPLIT B) Help homeowners who are suffering from high property tax bills by creating a new local property tax deduction of up to \$700 for homeowners who currently do not itemize on their Federal Tax returns.								
<b>Dem</b> .....	26	31	14	19	9	2	<b>56</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	20	25	15	23	14	3	<b>45</b>	<b>59</b>
(ref:DTAXPROP)								

Q.61 Now let me read you some proposed tax cuts that the Republican candidate may champion in Congress. For each one, please tell me whether it would make you much more likely, a little more likely, no more likely or less likely to support the Republican candidate.

	<b>Much More Likly</b>	<b>Smwt More Likly</b>	<b>Ltle More Likly</b>	<b>No More Likly</b>	<b>Less Likly</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Much/ Smwt/ Ltle</b>	<b>Much Smwt/ Ltle</b>
<b>[763 Respondents]</b>								
61 (SPLIT A) Make Bush's tax cuts permanent								
<b>Dem</b> .....	21	15	8	19	36	1	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	24	14	8	14	37	3	<b>38</b>	<b>47</b>

<b>[763 Respondents]</b>								
62 (SPLIT B) Replace all taxes with a flat federal income tax rate of 10 to 25 percent rate with almost no deductions or credits to simplify the system								
<b>Dem</b> .....	18	17	8	21	34	2	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	20	19	13	19	27	2	<b>39</b>	<b>52</b>
(ref:RTAXPROP)								

Q.63 Now let me ask you again about your vote for Congress in 2008. If the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for Democratic candidate or Republican candidate?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Democratic candidate .....	58	45
Lean Democratic candidate .....	3	2
Republican candidate .....	29	42
Lean Republican candidate .....	2	4
(Other candidate) .....	1	1
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0	-
(Undecided) .....	6	4
(Refused) .....	1	1
<b>Total Democratic candidate</b> .....	<b>61</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate</b> .....	<b>31</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate)</b> .....	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate</b> .....	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
(ref:RECONG06)		

Q.65 Now let me ask you one more time. 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.

	<b>Dems Much Btrr</b>	<b>Dems Smwt Btrr</b>	<b>Reps Smwt Btrr</b>	<b>Reps Much Btrr</b>	<b>Both</b>	<b>Nei- ther</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Total Dems</b>	<b>Total Reps</b>	<b>Dems - Reps</b>
<b>[763 Respondents]</b>										
65 (SPLIT A) Changing the tax system										
<b>Dem</b> .....	23	30	14	16	1	3	13	<b>53</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	27	24	19	16	0	3	11	<b>51</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>[763 Respondents]</b>										
66 (SPLIT B) Reducing taxes for people like you										
<b>Dem</b> .....	24	27	19	17	0	3	10	<b>51</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	22	25	21	21	0	3	8	<b>48</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>6</b>

67 Taxes										
<b>Dem</b> .....	22	29	19	18	0	2	9	<b>51</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	24	22	21	20	0	2	11	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>4</b>

68 Being on your side										
<b>Dem</b> .....	28	25	17	16	1	3	11	<b>52</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	26	21	18	19	0	4	11	<b>47</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>10</b>

69 Right priorities for the country										
<b>Dem</b> .....	26	22	18	18	1	2	12	<b>49</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Rep</b> .....	26	21	19	21	.	3	10	<b>47</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7</b>
(ref:REBETJOB)										

Q.70 Now let me ask you something different. Have you or anyone in your family received care in a nursing home in the last 5 years?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Yes, respondent .....	1	1
Yes, family member .....	23	22
No .....	76	76
(Don't know/refused).....	0	0
<b>Total Yes</b> .....	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>No</b> .....	<b>76</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Yes - No</b> .....	<b>-52</b>	<b>-53</b>
(ref:GOTCARE)		

Q.71 Over the past five years, do you think the quality of care in nursing homes has improved, stayed about the same or gotten worse?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Improved.....	10	13
Stayed the same.....	37	35
Gotten worse .....	20	22
(Don't know/Refused) .....	33	30
<b>Improved - Gotten worse .....</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-9</b>
(ref:QUALITY)		

Q.72 As you may know, Congress is considering legislation that would cut billions of dollars in Medicare funding for nursing home care over the next 5 years. Do you favor or oppose this legislation?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Favor STRONGLY.....	12	10
Favor NOT SO STRONGLY .....	7	7
Undecided, leans favor .....	1	1
Undecided .....	2	2
Undecided, leans oppose .....	1	1
Oppose NOT SO STRONGLY.....	13	14
Oppose STRONGLY .....	57	56
(Don't know/Refused) .....	7	8
(ref:MEDLEG)		

Q.73 If your Member of Congress voted to cut Medicare funding for nursing homes, would you be more likely to vote for or against your Member of Congress?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
For, STRONGLY.....	9	9
For, NOT SO STRONGLY.....	9	10
Against, NOT SO STRONGLY .....	17	19
Against, STRONGLY .....	53	49

Q.75 Are you a member of a labor union?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Yes: Respondent belongs .....	15	16
Household member .....	9	8

Q.82 What is your religion?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Protestant .....	55	50
Catholic.....	25	25
Jewish.....	0	1
Muslim .....	0	-
(Don't know/refused).....	19	23
(ref:RELIG1)		

**[798 Respondents]**

Q.83 (ASK IF PROTESTANT IN RELIG1) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity – fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Fundamentalist .....	10	13
Evangelical .....	21	19
Charismatic/Pentecostal .....	7	8
Moderate to liberal .....	44	46
(Something else).....	6	5
(Don't know/Refused) .....	10	10
(ref:RELIG3)		

Q.84 How often do you attend religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Every week .....	44	35
Once or twice a month.....	14	15
Several times a year .....	12	15
Hardly ever .....	24	26
(Never).....	4	5
(Don't know/Refused) .....	2	3
(ref:RELIG2)		

**[1,506 Respondents]**

Q.85 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE00) In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Democrat John Kerry.....	44	44
Republican George Bush.....	49	48
(Ralph Nader) .....	1	0
(Other candidate).....	2	2
(Don't know/Refused) .....	5	5
<b>Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush .....</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-5</b>
(ref:VOTE2004)		

Q.86 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?

	Dem	Rep
Voted .....	82	82
Did not vote .....	15	15
(Can't remember/Don't know) .....	2	2
(Refused) .....	0	1
(ref:VOTE06)		

**[1,255 Respondents]**

Q.87 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE06) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?<sup>3</sup>

	Dem	Rep
Democratic candidate .....	58	35
Republican candidate .....	34	55
(Other candidate) .....	2	3
(Don't know/Refused) .....	6	8
<b>Democrat - Republican.....</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>-20</b>
(ref:VOTE2006)		

Q.88 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	Dem	Rep
None .....	54	60
1-2 .....	15	11
3-9 .....	16	15
10 or more .....	5	5
(Don't know/Refused) .....	9	10
(ref:GUNS)		

Q.89 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Dem	Rep
White .....	83	79
African-American or Black .....	6	7
Hispanic or Latino .....	7	8
Native American .....	1	2
Asian.....	0	0
(Other) .....	1	2
(Don't know/Refused) .....	1	2
(ref:RACETHN)		

<sup>3</sup> For each district, the candidates' actual names on the ballot were inserted. In Florida's 16<sup>th</sup> district, Republican Joe Negron's name was inserted though Republican Mark Foley appeared on the ballot. In Texas' 22<sup>nd</sup> district, Republican Shelley Sekula-Gibbs' name was inserted though she ran as a write-in and there was no Republican on the ballot.

**[118 Respondents]**

Q.91 (ASK IF HISPANIC OR LATINO IN RACETHN OR IF YES IN RACETHN2) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Salvadoran or are you and your ancestors from another country?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Mexican .....	34	42
Puerto Rican .....	14	5
Cuban .....	4	6
Dominican.....	3	-
Salvadoran .....	-	-
Other: Central America .....	6	7
Other: South America .....	10	6
Other.....	29	25
(Don't know/Refused) .....	-	9
(ref:ORIGIN08)		

Q.92 Last year, that is in 2006, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
Less than \$10K.....	4	3
\$10K to under \$20K.....	8	6
\$20K to under \$30K.....	10	9
\$30K to under \$50K.....	18	16
\$50K to under \$75K.....	20	16
\$75K to under \$100K.....	13	15
\$100K or more .....	14	22
(Refused).....	11	11
(Don't know).....	2	2
(ref:INCOME)		

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

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

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>
18 - 24 .....	3	6
25 - 29 .....	7	4
30 - 34 .....	8	10
35 - 39 .....	9	7
40 - 44 .....	9	9
45 - 49 .....	12	12
50 - 54 .....	8	9
55 - 59 .....	10	8
60 - 64 .....	8	10
Over 64.....	24	23
(No answer) .....	1	2
(ref:AGE)		