

# Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

May 10-16, 2006

**609 NJ 7 Likely Voters**

**607 PA 7 Likely Voters**

**700 OH 1 Likely Voters**

Q.4 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Yes.....	100	100	100
No .....	-	-	-
(Refused) .....	-	-	-
(ref:SCREEN1)			

Q.5 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?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Voted.....	99	99	99
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young.....	1	1	1
Did not vote .....	-	-	-
(Can't remember/Don't know) .....	-	-	-
(Refused) .....	-	-	-
(ref:VOTE00)			

Q.6 As you know, there was an election for Congress and other offices in 2002. 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>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Voted.....	85	88	87
Did not vote .....	9	9	8
(Can't remember/Don't know) .....	6	4	5
(Refused) .....	-	-	-
(ref:VOTE02)			

Q.7 I know it's a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for Congress this November: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Almost certain .....	81	90	85
Probably .....	19	10	15
50-50 .....	-	-	-
Will not vote .....	-	-	-
(Don't know) .....	-	-	-
(Refused) .....	-	-	-
(ref:CP3)			

Q.9 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>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Right direction .....	27	22	30
Wrong track.....	64	71	64
(Don't know/refused) .....	9	7	6
<b>Right - Wrong</b> .....	<b>-36</b>	<b>-49</b>	<b>-34</b>
(ref:DIRECT)			

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

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Strongly approve .....	19	15	21
Somewhat approve .....	17	14	19
Somewhat disapprove .....	14	13	12
Strongly disapprove .....	44	54	45
(Don't know/Refused).....	6	4	3
<b>Total approve</b> .....	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b> .....	<b>58</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove</b> .....	<b>-23</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-17</b>
(ref:CANDAPP2)			

Q.11 Do you approve or disapprove of the way (Republican incumbent) is handling his job as U.S. Congressman?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Strongly approve .....	16	20	27
Somewhat approve .....	24	26	23
Somewhat disapprove .....	12	15	13
Strongly disapprove .....	14	16	21
(Don't know/Refused).....	34	23	16
<b>Total approve</b> .....	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b> .....	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove</b> .....	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</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
<b>12 The Republican Party</b>				
<b>NJ1</b> .....	46.1	39	44	97
<b>PA7</b> .....	44.3	36	48	98
<b>OH1</b> .....	46.5	39	44	97
<b>13 The Democratic Party</b>				
<b>NJ1</b> .....	43.9	34	45	97
<b>PA7</b> .....	51.8	41	35	97
<b>OH1</b> .....	49.3	36	38	97
<b>14 George W. Bush</b>				
<b>NJ1</b> .....	43.1	39	51	100
<b>PA7</b> .....	35.2	30	62	99
<b>OH1</b> .....	44.4	42	50	99
<b>[ 305 NJ Respondents, 303 PA Respondents, 350 OH Respondents]</b>				
<b>15 (SPLIT A) The Republican Congress</b>				
<b>NJ1</b> .....	43.9	34	43	95
<b>PA7</b> .....	40.8	32	51	96
<b>OH1</b> .....	44.8	35	43	96
<b>[ 305 NJ Respondents, 303 PA Respondents, 350 OH Respondents]</b>				
<b>16 (SPLIT B) The Congress</b>				
<b>NJ1</b> .....	45.3	29	41	95
<b>PA7</b> .....	44.4	25	40	94
<b>OH1</b> .....	44.3	28	40	93
<b>17 (OH-1 ONLY) Steve Chabot</b>				
<b>OH1</b> .....	53.3	43	32	89
<b>18 (OH-1 ONLY) John Cranley</b>				
<b>OH1</b> .....	51.4	24	18	60
<b>19 (PA-7 ONLY) Curt Weldon</b>				
<b>PA7</b> .....	53.0	38	28	88
<b>20 (PA-7 ONLY) Joseph Sestak</b>				
<b>PA7</b> .....	53.1	9	6	22
<b>21 (NJ-7 ONLY) Mike Ferguson</b>				
<b>NJ1</b> .....	51.3	34	25	81

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
22 (NJ-7 ONLY) Linda Stender <b>NJ1</b> .....	46.2	6	7	18
23 (OH-1 ONLY) Mike DeWine <b>OH1</b> .....	48.6	33	31	86
24 (OH-1 ONLY) Sherrod Brown <b>OH1</b> .....	45.5	10	12	32
25 (NJ-7 ONLY) Tom Kean Jr. <b>NJ1</b> .....	53.9	29	18	68
26 (NJ-7 ONLY) Bob Menendez <b>NJ1</b> .....	47.2	22	22	64
27 (PA-7 ONLY) Bob Casey <b>PA7</b> .....	55.3	37	19	82
28 (PA-7 ONLY) Rick Santorum <b>PA7</b> .....	40.0	32	48	92
(ref:THERM04)				

Q.29 (PA AND OH ONLY) As you know, there will be elections in November for Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress and other offices. On a scale of one to ten, with one meaning NOT AT ALL interested and ten meaning VERY INTERESTED, please tell me how interested you are in this year's elections?

(NJ ONLY) As you know, there will be elections in November for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress and other offices. On a scale of one to ten, with one meaning NOT AT ALL interested and ten meaning VERY INTERESTED, please tell me how interested you are in this year's elections?

	NJ7	PA7	OH1
10 .....	46	59	54
8-10 .....	71	82	78
6-10 .....	86	93	88
0-5 .....	14	7	12
(Don't know/Refused).....	0	0	0
<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8.6</b>
(ref:INTEREST)			

Q.30 Now, I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the November election for U.S. Congress, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live?

	NJ7	PA7	OH1
Democratic candidate .....	41	47	44
Lean Democratic candidate .....	4	4	3
Republican candidate .....	38	35	39
Lean Republican candidate .....	6	4	5
(Undecided) .....	11	10	9
<b>Total Democratic candidate .....</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate .....</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate .....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>
(ref:GC1)			

Q.32 As you may know, there will also be an election for your Representative to Congress on the November ballot. Understanding that the election is a long way off, do you think you will definitely vote to re-elect (Republican incumbent) to Congress, probably vote to re-elect (Republican incumbent), probably vote for someone else, or definitely vote for someone else? <sup>1</sup>

	NJ7	PA7	OH1
Definitely vote for someone else .....	17	21	24
Probably vote for someone else .....	21	18	17
Probably re-elect (Republican incumbent) .....	30	27	25
Definitely re-elect (Republican incumbent) .....	14	20	24
(Depends on the person) .....	1	2	2
(Don't know/Refused) .....	16	12	8
<b>Total Someone else .....</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total Re-elect .....</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Someone else – Re-elect .....</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-8</b>
(ref:REELECT)			

<sup>1</sup> For each district, the actual name of each party's Republican incumbent was inserted.

Q.33 Thinking about the November election for U.S. Congress, if the election were held today and the candidates were (Democratic candidate) and (Republican incumbent), for whom would you vote? <sup>2</sup>

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Democratic candidate .....	30	37	40
Lean Democratic candidate .....	5	4	3
Republican incumbent .....	49	48	49
Lean Republican incumbent .....	5	3	3
(Undecided) .....	11	8	6
<b>Total Democratic candidate .....</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total Republican incumbent .....</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Democrat - Republican .....</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-9</b>
(ref:CONG06)			

Q.35 Even though you are not supporting (Democratic candidate) now, what are the chances that you might support (Democratic candidate) in the election for Congress this year -- 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>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Fair chance .....	16	15	11
A small chance.....	10	11	12
Just a very slight chance.....	11	10	12
No chance at all .....	24	18	21
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	5	2
<b>Democratic candidate Supporter .....</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43</b>
(ref:CONG06C)			

Q.36 Even though you are not supporting (Republican incumbent) now, what are the chances that you might support (Republican incumbent) in the election for Congress this year -- 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>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Fair chance .....	6	6	4
A small chance.....	10	11	9
Just a very slight chance.....	10	11	9
No chance at all .....	19	19	25
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	2	2
<b>Republican incumbent Supporter .....</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>
(ref:CONG06D)			

<sup>2</sup> For each district, the actual name of each party's Republican incumbent and most likely Democratic candidate was inserted.

Q.37 Now let me ask overall, do you think the country should continue in the direction Bush is headed or go in a significantly different direction? Do you feel STRONGLY about that, or NOT SO STRONGLY?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Different direction strongly .....	54	63	54
Different direction not so strongly .....	8	6	5
Bush direction not so strongly .....	10	7	9
Bush direction strongly.....	21	17	27
(Don't know/refused) .....	7	7	5
<b>Total Different Direction .....</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Total Bush Direction .....</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Different Direction – Bush Direction .....</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>23</b>
(ref:COUNTDIR)			

Q.38 Let me ask you something a little different. In the November election for U.S. Congress, would you be more likely to vote for a Democrat who would provide balance to President Bush's agenda, a Republican who would consistently support President Bush's agenda, or would this not matter much to you?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Democrat to provide balance .....	50	55	47
Republican to support Bush agenda.....	30	21	29
Does not matter .....	14	16	19
(Don't know/refused) .....	6	8	6
<b>Democrat - Republican.....</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>
(ref:CONGDR)			

Q.39 Now, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:  
(Republican incumbent) has done a decent job in Congress, but we need to make a change and vote for someone new.

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Strongly agree.....	17	21	21
Somewhat agree.....	22	21	18
Somewhat disagree .....	21	19	19
Strongly disagree .....	21	25	33
(Don't know/refused) .....	18	14	9
<b>Total agree.....</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total disagree.....</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Agree - disagree .....</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-13</b>
(ref:NEWCONG)			

Q.44 (NJ-7 ONLY) Now let me read you some statements about the two candidates for Congress.

*Mike Ferguson has served in the U.S. Congress since 2000. In Congress, Ferguson has worked to gain millions in homeland security funding to protect our communities and also introduced legislation to reducing harmful emissions in New Jersey. A fighter for our military, he was also voted "Outstanding Legislator of the Year" last year by the New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars. In Congress, Ferguson will continue the fight for the families of New Jersey by voting to cut taxes and strengthening funding for education.*

*Linda Stender has served in the New Jersey General Assembly since 2002. Stender, a Democrat, has fought to increase the well-being of the people of New Jersey by taking a stand against the sale of chemicals used to make methamphetamines and has supported the expansion of stem cell research. She was also named Legislator of the Year by the New Jersey Deputy Fire Chiefs Association due to her continued support of firefighters. In Congress, Stender will fight for health care, combat threats to our national security and improve educational opportunities for children.*

Thinking again about the November election for U.S. Congress, if the election were held today and the candidates were:

Democrat Linda Stender and Republican Mike Ferguson -- for whom would you vote, Democrat Linda Stender or Republican Mike Ferguson?

	NJ7	PA7	OH1
Linda Stender.....	41	-	-
Lean Linda Stender.....	-	-	-
Mike Ferguson .....	49	-	-
Lean Mike Ferguson .....	0	-	-
(Undecided) .....	9	-	-
<b>Total Linda Stender .....</b>	<b>41</b>	-	-
<b>Total Mike Ferguson .....</b>	<b>50</b>	-	-
<b>Linda Stender - Mike Ferguson .....</b>	<b>-9</b>	-	-
(ref:NJBIOVT)			

Q.40 (PA-7 ONLY) Now let me read you some statements about the two candidates for Congress.

*Curt Weldon has served in Congress since 1987 and prior to that was a volunteer fire fighter, a teacher and Mayor of Marcus Hook. Weldon is an independent minded Republican who is adept at handling both global and local issues. His top priority is protecting our national security and he has consistently supported lowering taxes and raising the minimum wage and also co-authored the Family and Medical Leave Act. In Congress he will continue to represent the values of working class families.*

*Joe Sestak served in the Navy for over 30 years and was the director of Defense policy in the Clinton Administration. Sestak, a Democrat, is an independent leader who served his country with great pride and now wishes to serve his community and county with the same level of pride. In Congress, he will pursue policies that will revitalize our economy, protect healthcare, promote public education and provide for a sensible defense security in order to ensure our children's future safety and prosperity.*

Thinking again about the November election for U.S. Congress, if the election were held today and the candidates were: Democrat Joe Sestak and Republican Curt Weldon -- for whom would you vote, Democrat Joe Sestak or Republican Curt Weldon?

	NJ7	PA7	OH1
Joe Sestak .....	-	43	-
Lean Joe Sestak .....	-	2	-
Curt Weldon .....	-	46	-
Lean Curt Weldon .....	-	3	-
(Undecided) .....	-	6	-
<b>Total Joe Sestak.....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Curt Weldon .....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Joe Sestak - Curt Weldon.....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-</b>
(ref:PABIOVT)			

Q.42 (OH-1 ONLY) Now let me read you some statements about the two candidates for Congress.

*Steve Chabot has served in Congress since 1994 and prior to that was a Cincinnati City Councilman and a teacher. Chabot is an independent minded Republican who has stood up for families at every level of government and worked to ensure that our children have the opportunity to succeed. In Congress, he has been deeply involved in efforts to combat terrorism and he will continue to fight to lower taxes, protect Social Security and create education saving accounts and tax credits to help parents pay for their children's college education.*

*As a Cincinnati City Councilman, John Cranley has been a leading voice for change. As Finance Chairman, Cranley inherited a city deficit of \$35 million but he rose to the challenge and balanced the budget for five consecutive years while reducing property taxes. Cranley has also passed laws to keep our air clean and has been Cincinnati's most outspoken and effective leader in getting more cops on the street to fight crime. In Congress, Cranley will fight to cut the costs of prescription drugs and stop the big tax breaks for oil and drug companies.*

Thinking again about the November election for U.S. Congress, if the election were held today and the candidates were Democrat John Cranley and Republican Steve Chabot -- for whom would you vote, Democrat John Cranley or Republican Steve Chabot?

	NJ7	PA7	OH1
John Cranley .....	-	-	45
Lean John Cranley .....	-	-	2
Steve Chabot .....	-	-	47
Lean Steve Chabot .....	-	-	2
(Undecided) .....	-	-	5
<b>Total John Cranley .....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Steve Chabot .....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>John Cranley - Steve Chabot .....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-2</b>
(ref:OHBIOVT)			

Q.46 Now let me read you two more statements about the candidates for Congress.

*Critics of (Republican incumbent) say that he votes with President Bush 90 percent of the time, when America really needs a new direction. He supports Bush's health care policies that bar Medicare from negotiating lower drug prices for seniors and Bush's energy policies that gave over 3 billion in tax payer handouts to the oil companies, instead of working to lower prices. (Republican incumbent) also supported no-bid contracts for Halliburton in Iraq when we needed more money for body armor for our troops.*

*Critics of (Democratic candidate) say that (he/she) is out of touch with the people here. (he/she) favors big government and opposed all the tax cuts that helped our economy and supports raising taxes on families and children. (Democratic candidate) also can not be trusted to keep our county safe, as (he/she) is a strong supporter of the liberal Democratic leaders in the Congress who favor cutting and running from Iraq and support legislation that would make it harder for us to track down terrorists in America.*

Thinking again about the November election for U.S. Congress, if the election were held today and the candidates were (Democratic candidate) and (Republican incumbent) -- for whom would you vote, (Democratic candidate) or (Republican incumbent)?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Democratic candidate .....	40	43	42
Lean Democratic candidate .....	2	3	1
Republican incumbent .....	48	43	50
Lean Republican incumbent .....	3	3	2
(Undecided) .....	7	8	6
<b>Total Democratic candidate .....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total Republican incumbent .....</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Democrat - Republican .....</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-9</b>
(ref:PARTVOTE)			

Q.48 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
1 - 11th grade.....	1	3	5
High School graduate .....	22	25	32
Non-college post H.S. ....	1	2	1
Some college .....	18	20	25
College graduate.....	37	30	24
Post-graduate school .....	20	19	12
(Don't know/refused) .....	0	1	2
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.49 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Married.....	64	64	57
Single.....	16	16	20
Separated/divorced.....	8	8	11
Widowed.....	12	11	11
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1	1
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.50 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Strong Democrat.....	18	24	26
Weak Democrat.....	14	13	9
Independent-lean Democrat.....	11	11	10
Independent.....	9	5	8
Independent-lean Republican.....	10	4	7
Weak Republican.....	12	16	13
Strong Republican.....	25	26	25
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	1	3
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.53 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Liberal.....	20	20	16
Moderate.....	43	45	35
Conservative.....	34	31	44
(Don't know/refused).....	2	3	5
(ref:IDEO1)			

**[603 NJ Respondents, 602 PA Respondents, 692 OH Respondents]**

Q.54 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE00) In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Democrat John Kerry.....	43	52	44
Republican George Bush.....	50	40	49
(Ralph Nader).....	1	1	-
(Other candidate).....	1	1	0
(Don't know/refused).....	5	6	6
<b>Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-5</b>
(ref:VOTE2004)			

Q.55 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
White.....	82	88	71
African-American or Black .....	2	3	22
Hispanic or Latino .....	5	1	1
Native American.....	1	1	1
Asian .....	4	2	1
(Other).....	2	1	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	4	4	3
(ref:RACETHN)			

**[30 NJ Respondents, 8 PA Respondents, 7 OH Respondents]**

Q.57 (IF HISPANIC OR LATINO) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Latin American, Central American, or Spanish?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Mexican.....	20	-	25
Puerto Rican .....	23	5	12
Cuban .....	-	5	15
Latin American .....	21	36	10
Central American .....	-	-	-
Spanish .....	22	33	13
(Other) (RECORD RESPONSE).....	14	21	15
(Don't know/refused) .....	-	-	9
(ref:ORIGIN)			

Q.3 Record respondent's gender

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
Male .....	47	47	47
Female .....	53	53	53
(ref:GENDER)			

Q.8 In what year were you born?

	<b>NJ7</b>	<b>PA7</b>	<b>OH1</b>
18 - 24 .....	5	5	5
25 - 29 .....	5	4	5
30 - 34 .....	4	3	4
35 - 39 .....	7	7	8
40 - 44 .....	10	8	8
45 - 49 .....	13	12	11
50 - 54 .....	11	10	11
55 - 59 .....	11	11	10
60 - 64 .....	7	8	8
Over 64 .....	23	30	28
(No answer) .....	4	3	1
(ref:AGE)			