

# Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

May 18-24, 2006  
1200 Likely Voters

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

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted .....	100
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young .....	0
Did not vote .....	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE00)	

Q.5 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>Total</b>
Voted .....	88
Did not vote .....	8
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	3
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE02)	

Q.6 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>Total</b>
Almost certain.....	83
Probably .....	17
50-50 .....	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know) .....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:CP3)	

Q.8 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	<b>Total</b>
Right direction .....	29
Wrong track .....	63
(Don't know/refused) .....	8
<b>Right - Wrong.....</b>	<b>-35</b>
(ref:DIRECT)	

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

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	21
Somewhat approve .....	16
Somewhat disapprove.....	14
Strongly disapprove.....	44
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
<b>Total approve.....</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Total disapprove.....</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove .....</b>	<b>-20</b>
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

**[1196 Respondents]**

Q.10 (IF NOT OPEN CONGRESSIONAL SEAT IN 2006) Do you approve or disapprove of the way (Incumbent) is handling their job as a member of the U.S. Congress?<sup>1</sup>

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	25
Somewhat approve .....	30
Somewhat disapprove.....	11
Strongly disapprove.....	12
(Don't know/Refused).....	22
<b>Total approve.....</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Total disapprove.....</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove .....</b>	<b>34</b>
(ref:CONGAPP)	

<sup>1</sup> For each district in which there is a current member of Congress, the incumbent's actual name was inserted. The question was not asked in districts where there is no current member of Congress.

Q.11 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
11 The Republican Party .....	44.9	36	43	98
12 The Democratic Party .....	48.9	37	40	98
13 George W. Bush .....	42.4	38	52	99
<b>[600 Respondents]</b>				
14 (SPLIT C) The Republican Congress .....	43.8	34	47	97
<b>[600 Respondents]</b>				
15 (SPLIT D) The Congress .....	47.3	32	38	97
16 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association .....	49.2	37	38	93
17 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	45.8	35	43	96
18 The Iraq war.....	35.7	31	57	98
19 Gay marriage .....	33.8	24	55	96
20 Immigration into the country.....	43.4	27	42	93
21 Tax cuts .....	51.7	39	34	95
<b>[600 Respondents]</b>				
22 (SPLIT C) Solar energy.....	72.0	69	11	95
<b>[600 Respondents]</b>				
23 (SPLIT D) Alternative energy sources .....	69.1	63	16	95
24 The state of the economy .....	47.6	38	43	99
(ref:THERM04/THERM204)				

Q.27 As you know, there will be elections in November for the 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?

	<b>Total</b>
1 .....	1
2 .....	1
3 .....	1
4 .....	1
5 .....	7
6 .....	3
7 .....	9
8 .....	13
9 .....	8
10 .....	57
(Don't know/Refused) .....	1
<b>10</b> .....	<b>57</b>
<b>8-10</b> .....	<b>77</b>
<b>6-10</b> .....	<b>89</b>
<b>1-5</b> .....	<b>10</b>
(ref:INTEREST)	

Q.28 How closely are you following the campaigns for Congress in the district where you live -- very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely?

	<b>Total</b>
Very closely .....	22
Somewhat closely .....	53
Not very closely .....	18
Not at all closely .....	7
(Don't know/Refused) .....	0
<b>Total closely</b> .....	<b>75</b>
<b>Total not closely</b> .....	<b>25</b>
<b>Closely - Not closely</b> .....	<b>50</b>
(ref:INTREST2)	

**[826 Respondents]**

Q.29 (IF STATE HAS SENATE ELECTION IN 2006) And thinking about the election for U.S. Senate next year, if the election for U.S. Senate were held today, would you be voting for (Democratic candidate) or (Republican candidate)?

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic candidate.....	49
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3
Republican candidate.....	38
Lean Republican candidate.....	3
(Other candidate) .....	2
Lean (Other candidate) .....	-
(Undecided).....	5
(Refused).....	1
<b>Total Democratic candidate .....</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>2</b>
 <b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....</b>	 <b>11</b>
(ref:SEN06)	

Q.31 Now thinking about the election for Congress this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (Democratic candidate) or (Republican candidate)?<sup>2</sup>

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic candidate.....	48
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3
Republican candidate.....	40
Lean Republican candidate.....	2
(Other candidate) .....	1
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided).....	5
(Refused).....	1
<b>Total Democratic candidate .....</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>1</b>
 <b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....</b>	 <b>8</b>
(ref:CONG06)	

<sup>2</sup> For each state and district, the actual name of each party's most likely candidate was inserted. For cases in which a party's most likely candidate could not be determined, a generic candidate ("the Democratic candidate" or "the Republican candidate") was inserted.

Q.33 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>Total</b>
Fair chance.....	10
A small chance .....	8
Just a very slight chance .....	11
No chance at all.....	17
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
 <b>Democratic candidate Supporter.....</b>	 <b>51</b>
(ref:CONG06C)	

Q.34 Even though you are not supporting (Republican candidate) now, what are the chances that you might support (Republican 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>Total</b>
Fair chance.....	10
A small chance .....	10
Just a very slight chance .....	11
No chance at all.....	24
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
 <b>Republican candidate Supporter .....</b>	 <b>43</b>
(ref:CONG06D)	

**[925 Respondents]**

Q.35 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Different direction strongly.....	55
Different direction not so strongly.....	7
Bush direction not so strongly .....	9
Bush direction strongly .....	25
(Don't know/refused) .....	4
 <b>Total Different direction.....</b>	 <b>62</b>
<b>Total Bush direction.....</b>	<b>34</b>
 <b>Different direction - Bush direction .....</b>	 <b>28</b>
(ref:COUNTDIR)	

**[ Respondents]**

Q.36 As you know, there is now a new prescription drug benefit under Medicare for seniors. How do you rate the program - mostly positively or mostly negatively?

	<b>Total</b>
Very positively .....	16
Somewhat positively.....	25
Somewhat negatively .....	17
Very negatively.....	21
(Don't know/Refused).....	21
<b>Total Positively .....</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Total Negatively.....</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Positively - Negatively .....</b>	<b>4</b>
(ref:DRUGBEN)	

**[932 Respondents]**

Q.37 As you may have heard, President Bush recently proposed putting 6,000 members of the National Guard on the U.S./Mexico border in an effort to increase border security and limit illegal immigration into the country. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly support .....	48
Somewhat support .....	17
Somewhat oppose.....	11
Strongly oppose .....	20
(Don't know/refused) .....	5
<b>Total support .....</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Support - Oppose .....</b>	<b>34</b>
(ref:BSHIMMIG)	

**[932 Respondents]**

Q.38 (IF DID NOT DISAPPROVE OF JOB BEING DONE BY INCUMBENT MEMBER OF CONGRESS) Now, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

*(Incumbent) has done a decent job in Congress, but we need to make a change and vote for someone new.*

Do you agree or disagree with that statement?<sup>3</sup>

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree .....	12
Somewhat agree .....	18
Somewhat disagree.....	25
Strongly disagree .....	29
(Don't know/refused) .....	15
<b>Total agree .....</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total disagree .....</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Agree - disagree .....</b>	<b>-24</b>
(ref:NEWCONG)	

Q.39/40 Now I'd like you to imagine that the Democrats take control of Congress next November. Which ONE of these worries you the most when thinking about the Democrats being in control of Congress next year? And which one is your second biggest worry when thinking about the Democrats being in control of Congress next year?

	<b>Comb</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Too willing to increase spending and raise taxes.....	31	15	21
Too willing to withdraw from Iraq before our work there is done.....	29	15	18
Too lax on moral and family issues .....	22	12	13
Too weak on security and dealing with terrorism .....	22	12	14
Too tied to special interest groups .....	19	11	11
Too ready to have government tell you what to do.....	18	8	12
(Other) .....	3	2	2
(No worries).....	17	13	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	14	11	4
(ref:DEMWRRY2/DEMWRRY3)			

<sup>3</sup> For each district in which there is a current member of Congress, the incumbent's actual name was inserted. The question was not asked in districts where there is no current member of Congress.

**[600 Respondents]**

Q.41/42 (SPLIT A) Now, when thinking negatively about the current Republican Congress, which of the following phrases best describes the current Republican Congress? And which of those phrases is the NEXT best description of the current Republican Congress?

	<b>Comb</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Spending overseas rather than attending to needs at home.....	29	16	15
Corrupt and too tied to special interests.....	28	15	15
Big budget deficits .....	27	14	14
(SPLIT D) For big corporations .....	25	12	15
Too tied to the religious political right.....	19	9	11
(SPLIT C) For the rich .....	18	10	9
Doesn't get anything done.....	16	7	10
Stuck in Iraq .....	16	7	10
A rubber stamp for Bush .....	13	8	7
(Other) .....	2	1	1
(No concerns).....	7	5	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	9	6	3

(ref:REPCONG/REPCONG2)

**[600 Respondents]**

Q.43/44 (SPLIT B) Now, when thinking negatively about President Bush and the current Republican Congress, which of the following phrases best describes President Bush and the current Republican Congress? And which of those phrases is the NEXT best description of President Bush and the current Republican Congress?

	<b>Comb</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Spending overseas rather than attending to needs at home.....	36	22	17
Corrupt and too tied to special interests.....	24	14	12
(SPLIT D) For big corporations .....	23	11	15
Big budget deficits .....	23	14	11
(SPLIT C) For the rich .....	20	10	12
Stuck in Iraq .....	17	8	11
Too tied to the religious political right.....	14	7	9
Doesn't get anything done.....	12	5	9
A rubber stamp for Bush .....	8	2	7
(Other) .....	3	2	3
(No concerns).....	11	9	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	12	7	6

(ref:REPBUS/REPBUS2)

Q.45 Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. As I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.

	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>
<b>[600 Respondents]</b>										
45 (SPLIT E) The current course cannot bring stability and 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.....	39	9	9	40	0	2	2	47	49	-2
<b>[600 Respondents]</b>										
46 (SPLIT C) Global warming is caused more by human actions than by naturally occurring forces										
OR										
Global warming is caused more by naturally occurring forces than by human actions.....	48	12	11	24	1	1	4	60	34	26
<b>[600 Respondents]</b>										
47 (SPLIT D) Scientists mostly agree that global warming is happening and that it will harm the environment.										
OR										
There is a lot of disagreement between scientists about global warming and how serious its effects are on the environment. ....	45	13	13	27	0	1	1	58	40	18

	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>
<b>[600 Respondents]</b>										
48 (SPLIT F) The U.S. should bring home all U.S. troops within a year to force Iraqis to take control of their country.										
OR										
The U.S. should not withdraw its troops from Iraq until Iraqi security forces are able to provide security for their own citizens. ....	43	7	11	37	0	0	2	50	48	2

<b>[600 Respondents]</b>										
49 (SPLIT A) Democrats have the right priorities - tax cuts targeted to the middle class, and increased investment in healthcare and alternative energy sources.										
OR										
The Republicans have the right priorities - tax cuts for families and businesses, a strong military and holding down government spending. ....	39	12	12	32	1	3	1	52	44	8

<b>[600 Respondents]</b>										
50 (SPLIT B) Democrats have the right priorities - tax cuts targeted to the middle class, and increased investment in healthcare and alternative energy sources.										
OR										
President Bush and the Republicans have the right priorities - tax cuts for families and businesses, a strong military and holding down government spending. ....	42	11	10	32	0	2	2	53	42	11

	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>
<b>[600 Respondents]</b>										
51 (SPLIT A) Democrats say that we should make the morning after pill available without a prescription because it would reduce the number of abortions OR Republicans say that we should not make the morning after pill available without a prescription because it would encourage young people to have sex.....	39	13	9	31	0	4	3	52	41	11

	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>
<b>[600 Respondents]</b>										
52 (SPLIT B) Democrats say that we should make the morning after pill available without a prescription because it would reduce the number of abortions OR President Bush and the Republicans say that we should not make the morning after pill available without a prescription because it would encourage young people to have sex.....	35	15	10	34	-	4	2	50	44	7
(ref:VALUES2)										

**[922 Respondents]**

Q.53 As you know, Katrina was a category 4 hurricane, and it has been preceded in the last couple of years by a series of storms hitting Florida and the Gulf coast. How responsible do you believe global warming is for making these storms worse -- very responsible, somewhat responsible, not very responsible or not at all responsible?

	<b>Total</b>
Very responsible.....	19
Somewhat responsible.....	40
Not very responsible.....	19
Not at all responsible.....	16
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
<b>Total Responsible .....</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Total Not responsible.....</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Responsible - Not responsible.....</b>	<b>24</b>
(ref:KTRNGLBW)	

**[600 Respondents]**

Q.54 (SPLIT C) Now I'd like you to imagine that a member of Congress proposed a Constitutional Amendment that would require the federal government to fund the expansion of stem cell research. Would you support or oppose that amendment?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly support .....	43
Somewhat support .....	16
Somewhat oppose.....	12
Strongly oppose .....	24
(Don't know/refused) .....	6
<b>Total support .....</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Support - Oppose.....</b>	<b>23</b>
(ref:STEMCELL)	

**[600 Respondents]**

Q.55 (SPLIT D) Now I'd like you to imagine that a member of Congress proposed a Congressional vote of no confidence for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, in order to send a message that the Congress of the United States wants a change of direction in Iraq. Would you support or oppose a Congressional vote of no confidence for Donald Rumsfeld?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly support .....	32
Somewhat support .....	16
Somewhat oppose.....	16
Strongly oppose .....	28
(Don't know/refused) .....	9
 <b>Total support .....</b>	 <b>48</b>
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>44</b>
 <b>Support - Oppose .....</b>	 <b>4</b>
(ref:RUMSFELD)	

**[600 Respondents]**

Q.56 (SPLIT E) Now, let me read you a statement from a Democratic candidate in your state running to become a new member of Congress in Washington. After the statement please tell me whether this would make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, a little more likely, no more likely, or less likely to support the Democratic candidate.

*The Democrat says, we need a change of direction in Washington. Both parties in Washington are too tied to special interests to make progress on the issues that affect average Americans. The two parties are accomplishing nothing, but I will work to expand the research and development of alternative energy sources to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reform the new prescription drug plan so that Medicare can negotiate lower drug prices for seniors and I will vote against any Congressional pay raise until the budget is balanced.*

Does that make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, a little more likely, no more likely, or less likely to support this Democratic candidate?

	<b>Total</b>
Much more likely .....	31
Somewhat more likely .....	31
A little more likely .....	14
No more likely.....	15
Less likely.....	9
(Don't know / Refused).....	1
 <b>Much/somewhat more likely.....</b>	 <b>61</b>
<b>Much/somewhat/little more likely .....</b>	<b>75</b>
(ref:DEMFRME9)	

**[600 Respondents]**

Q.57 (SPLIT F) Now, let me read you a statement from a Democratic candidate in your state running to become a new member of Congress in Washington. After the statement please tell me whether this would make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, a little more likely, no more likely, or less likely to support the Democratic candidate.

*The Democrat says, we need a change of direction in Washington. President Bush and the Republicans in Washington are too tied to special interests to make progress on the issues that affect average Americans. President Bush and the Republicans are accomplishing nothing, but I will work to expand the research and development of alternative energy sources to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reform the new prescription drug plan so that Medicare can negotiate lower drug prices for seniors and I will vote against any Congressional pay raise until the budget is balanced.*

Does that make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, a little more likely, no more likely, or less likely to support this Democratic candidate?

	<b>Total</b>
Much more likely .....	32
Somewhat more likely .....	22
A little more likely .....	12
No more likely.....	17
Less likely.....	16
(Don't know / Refused).....	2
<b>Much/somewhat more likely.....</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Much/somewhat/little more likely .....</b>	<b>66</b>
(ref:DEMFRME8)	

Q.58 Now, let me read you a statement from a Republican candidate for Congress. After the statement please tell me whether this would make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, a little more likely, no more likely, or less likely to support the Republican candidate.

*The Republican says, Democrats will move our country backward. They support tax hikes that would increase the burden on middle class Americans and small businesses and favor more government spending that will increase the deficit. Their liberal policies on abortion and gay marriage are out of touch with American values and they would make our country less secure by making it harder for our intelligence agencies to hunt down terrorists within the U.S. Republicans will fight to keep taxes low, reduce the deficit and keep America safe from terrorism.*

Does that make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, a little more likely, no more likely, or less likely to support this Republican candidate?

	<b>Total</b>
Much more likely .....	19
Somewhat more likely .....	18
A little more likely .....	9
No more likely.....	19
Less likely.....	34
(Don't know / Refused).....	2
<b>Much/somewhat more likely.....</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Much/somewhat/little more likely .....</b>	<b>46</b>
(ref:REPFRME3)	

Q.59 Which of those statements come closer to your own view, the Democratic statement or the Republican statement?

	<b>Comb</b>	<b>Split E</b>	<b>Split F</b>
Democratic statement STRONGLY.....	45	43	46
Democratic statement NOT STRONGLY .....	11	12	9
Republican statement NOT STRONGLY .....	10	10	9
Republican statement STRONGLY.....	28	27	28
(Both).....	1	2	1
(Neither) .....	3	3	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	3	3	3
<b>Total Democratic statement .....</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Total Republican statement .....</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Democratic - Republican .....</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
(ref:COREMSG3)			

**[506 Respondents]**

Q.60 (SPLIT B) Now I would like to read you a pair of statements about the economy. After I read them, please tell me which statement comes closest to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.

*The Democrats say, some say the economy is great, and it is for a few, but most Americans are forced to deal with rising costs for gas, health care and college tuition. Despite this, Republicans in Washington are now calling for another 70 billion dollar tax cut for the wealthy. Instead, we need new economic policies that take action against the rising costs for gas, health care and college tuition.*

OR

*President Bush and the Republicans say, thanks to our tax cuts for businesses and working Americans, our economy is strong and growing stronger. We have created over 5 million new jobs over the last two and a half years and last year our economy grew faster than any industrialized nation's in the world. Democrats now want to repeal the tax cuts, but we must protect them so our economy can continue to improve.*

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic statement strongly .....	47
Democratic statement not so strongly .....	13
Republican statement not so strongly .....	9
Republican statement strongly .....	28
(Don't know/Refused) .....	3
<b>Total Democratic statement .....</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Total Republican statement .....</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Democratic - Republican .....</b>	<b>22</b>
(ref:ECONNAR)	

**[446 Respondents]**

Q.61 (SPLIT A) Now I would like to read you a pair of statements about the economy. After I read them, please tell me which statement comes closest to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.

*The Democrats say, some say the economy is great, and it is for a few, but most Americans are forced to deal with rising costs for gas, health care and college tuition. Despite this, Republicans in Washington are now calling for another 70 billion dollar tax cut for the wealthy. Instead, we need new economic policies that take action against the rising costs for gas, health care and college tuition.*

OR

*The Republicans say, although most people are not feeling the benefits yet, our tax cuts for businesses and working Americans have created a strong foundation for economic growth. Democrats now want to repeal the tax cuts, which would stifle our economic growth and increase the burden on working Americans. We must protect the tax cuts in order for our economy to improve.*

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic statement strongly .....	45
Democratic statement not so strongly .....	10
Republican statement not so strongly .....	12
Republican statement strongly .....	29
(Don't know/Refused) .....	4
<b>Total Democratic statement .....</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Total Republican statement .....</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Democratic - Republican .....</b>	<b>13</b>
(ref:ECONNAR2)	

Q.62 Let me read you a series of statements that could be used to describe the Republicans in Washington. For each statement, please tell me whether this description, if accurate, raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about the Republicans in Washington.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
<b>[600 Respondents]</b>							
62 (SPLIT C) Despite the country already facing record deficits, Republicans in Washington want to pass yet another tax cut for the wealthy. This tax cut would cost 70 billion dollars but middle class households would receive an average tax cut of just 20 dollars. ....	34	28	17	18	3	<b>62</b>	<b>35</b>

<b>[600 Respondents]</b>							
63 (SPLIT D) Despite the country already facing record deficits, Republicans in Washington support adding another 70 billion to the deficit just to give another tax cut to the wealthy and big corporations. ....	35	31	14	18	1	<b>67</b>	<b>32</b>

<b>[600 Respondents]</b>							
64 (SPLIT C) Even after oil companies earned record profits last year, Republicans in Washington rewarded them for their contributions with legislation that gives them over 3 billion dollars in taxpayer handouts but does nothing to reduce gas prices or prevent gas companies from gouging consumers. ....	33	32	15	17	3	<b>65</b>	<b>32</b>

<b>[600 Respondents]</b>							
65 (SPLIT D) Republicans in Washington are too tied to oil companies to make progress on our energy problems. Last year they voted to give oil companies over 3 billion dollars in taxpayer handouts, but opposed increasing investment in renewable fuels and cracking down on price gouging at the pump. ....	33	32	17	16	2	<b>65</b>	<b>33</b>

<b>[600 Respondents]</b>							
66 (SPLIT C) Over the past two years, Republicans have received over 12 million dollars in contributions from drug companies. Drug companies were rewarded with a prescription drug bill that gives them 139 billion dollars in profits but bars Medicare from negotiating lower prices for seniors. ....	34	33	17	15	1	<b>67</b>	<b>32</b>

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
<b>[600 Respondents]</b>							
67 (SPLIT D) Republicans ties to corporations have caused the number of corporate lobbyists to double over the past five years. These lobbyists have used their influence to get Republicans to give oil companies over 3 billion in taxpayer handouts and allow drug companies to raise drug prices for seniors. ....	33	34	17	14	2	<b>67</b>	<b>30</b>

<b>[600 Respondents]</b>							
68 (SPLIT C) With average Americans struggling with rising costs for gas and health care and our troops bogged down in Iraq, America needs a new direction. However, rather than stand up to Bush's failed policies, Republicans in Washington support his legislation 93 percent of the time. ....	27	26	22	22	3	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>

<b>[600 Respondents]</b>							
69 (SPLIT D) Republicans in Washington gave Halliburton, Vice President Cheney's old company, billions of dollars in no-bid contracts in Iraq, yet they failed to provide our soldiers with the body armor and armored vehicles they need to protect themselves from attacks. ....	41	28	12	17	2	<b>69</b>	<b>29</b>

<b>[600 Respondents]</b>							
70 (SPLIT C) The Republicans in Washington secretly voted themselves a pay raise of over three thousand dollars for this year alone. Meanwhile the average worker's income has not increased in five years and nothing has been done to reduce gas prices or health care costs.....	33	32	16	17	2	<b>66</b>	<b>32</b>

<b>[600 Respondents]</b>							
71 (SPLIT D) The Republicans in Washington secretly voted themselves a pay raise of over three thousand dollars for this year alone. Meanwhile the average worker's income has not increased in five years, nothing has been done to reduce gas prices or health care costs and the deficit continues to rise. ....	35	33	15	15	2	<b>68</b>	<b>30</b>
(ref:REPDOUBT)							

Q.72 Let me read you a series of statements that could be used to describe the Democrats in Washington. For each statement, please tell me whether this description, if accurate, raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about the Democrats in Washington.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
72 Democrats in Washington do not share the values of ordinary Americans. At a time when families face many pressures, Democrats want to legalize gay marriage, preserve abortion on demand, and banish the Ten Commandments and other expressions of faith from public places. ....	27	25	16	29	3	52	45
73 Democrats in Washington cannot be trusted to keep America safe. They have consistently voted to cut defense spending in the past and they now want to repeal the NSA's terrorist surveillance program that has allowed our intelligence agencies to hunt down terrorists and help to prevent terrorist attacks.....	22	26	21	29	2	48	50
74 Democrats in Washington support a cut and run policy in Iraq that hurts our troops morale and puts America's security at risk. Withdrawing from Iraq before security forces are trained would turn Iraq into a safe haven for terrorists where they would be free to plan new attacks against America. ....	24	31	18	23	3	55	42
75 The policies of Democrats in Washington would hurt our economy and average Americans. They support tax increases that would increase the economic burden on average Americans and small businesses and favor more government spending that would increase the deficit and the bureaucracy. .... (ref:DEMDOUBT)	19	28	23	26	3	47	50

Q.76 Now, once again, thinking about the election for Congress this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (Democratic candidate) or (Republican candidate)?

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic candidate.....	48
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3
Republican candidate.....	38
Lean Republican candidate.....	3
(Other candidate) .....	1
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided).....	7
(Refused).....	1
<b>Total Democratic candidate .....</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>1</b>
 <b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....</b>	 <b>10</b>
(ref:RECONG06)	

**[932 Respondents]**

Q.78 (IF DID NOT DISAPPROVE OF JOB BEING DONE BY INCUMBENT MEMBER OF CONGRESS) And once again, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.<sup>4</sup>

*(Incumbent) has done a decent job in Congress, but we need to make a change and vote for someone new.*

Do you agree or disagree with that statement?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly agree .....	12
Somewhat agree .....	21
Somewhat disagree.....	23
Strongly disagree .....	32
(Don't know/refused) .....	12
 <b>Total agree .....</b>	 <b>34</b>
<b>Total disagree .....</b>	<b>55</b>
 <b>Agree - disagree .....</b>	 <b>-21</b>
(ref:NEWCONG2)	

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<sup>4</sup> For each district in which there is a current member of Congress, the incumbent's actual name was inserted. The question was not asked in districts where there is no current member of Congress.

Q.79 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>Total</b>
1 - 11th grade .....	3
High School graduate.....	23
Non-college post H.S. ....	2
Some college.....	27
College graduate.....	28
Post-graduate school .....	16
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.80 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes: Respondent belongs .....	13
Household member .....	7
No member belongs .....	79
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:UNION)	

Q.81 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>Total</b>
Married .....	61
Single .....	15
Separated/divorced .....	13
Widowed.....	9
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.82 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong Democrat .....	25
Weak Democrat.....	14
Independent-lean Democrat.....	10
Independent .....	7
Independent-lean Republican .....	10
Weak Republican .....	12
Strong Republican.....	21
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.85 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Liberal.....	19
Moderate .....	38
Conservative .....	41
(Don't know/refused) .....	2
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.86 What is your religion?

	<b>Total</b>
Protestant .....	53
Catholic .....	22
Jewish .....	2
(Other/none/refused) .....	22
Muslim .....	1
(ref:RELIG1)	

**[639 Respondents]**

Q.87 (IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Fundamentalist.....	14
Evangelical .....	23
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	11
Moderate to liberal.....	37
(Something else) .....	6
(Don't know/refused) .....	9
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.88 How often do you attend church -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	<b>Total</b>
Every week.....	42
Once or twice a month .....	17
Several times a year.....	12
Hardly ever .....	20
(Never) .....	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:RELIG2)	

**[1197 Respondents]**

Q.89 (IF VOTED IN 2004) In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat John Kerry .....	46
Republican George Bush .....	48
(Ralph Nader).....	1
(Other candidate) .....	2
(Don't know/refused) .....	4
 <b>Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....</b>	 <b>-2</b>
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.90 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	<b>Total</b>
None.....	58
1-2 .....	14
3-9 .....	14
10 or more .....	5
(Don't know/Refused) .....	8
(ref:GUNS)	

Q.91 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	<b>Total</b>
White .....	79
African-American or Black.....	10
Hispanic or Latino.....	8
Native American .....	1
Asian .....	0
(Other) .....	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:RACETHN)	

**[96 Respondents]**

Q.93 (IF HISPANIC OR LATINO) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Latin American, Central American, or Spanish?

	<b>Total</b>
Mexican .....	34
Spanish .....	22
Central American.....	16
Puerto Rican.....	8
Cuban.....	5
Latin American .....	3
(Other) .....	3
(Don't know/refused) .....	9
(ref:ORIGIN)	

Q.94 Last year, that is in 2005, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	<b>Total</b>
Less than \$10K .....	2
\$10K to under \$20K .....	9
\$20K to under \$30K .....	10
\$30K to under \$50K .....	18
\$50K to under \$75K .....	18
\$75K to under \$100K .....	13
\$100K or more.....	15
(Refused).....	12
(Don't know) .....	2
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	<b>Total</b>
Male.....	48
Female .....	52
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.7 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
18 - 24 .....	4
25 - 29 .....	6
30 - 34 .....	8
35 - 39 .....	7
40 - 44 .....	10
45 - 49 .....	11
50 - 54 .....	12
55 - 59 .....	10
60 - 64 .....	8
Over 64.....	23
(No answer).....	2
(ref:AGE)	