

Democracy Corps Republican Swing Districts Frequency Questionnaire

October 10-12, 2006
1200 Likely Voters in 49 GOP-held CDs

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

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

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

	Total
Voted	99
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	1
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?

	Total
Voted	90
Did not vote	8
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	1
(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 year: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total
Almost certain.....	89
Probably	10
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	-
(Already Voted)	-
(ref:CP3)	

[6 Respondents]

Q.7 (IF ALREADY VOTED IN CP3) When you voted by absentee ballot or through early voting, did you vote by mail or in person?

	Total
By mail.....	58
In person	42
(Don't know/refused)	-
(ref:ABSENT4)	

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?

	Total
Right direction	31
Wrong track.....	61
(Don't know/refused)	7
Right - Wrong.....	-30
(ref:DIRECT)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve	23
Somewhat approve	18
Somewhat disapprove.....	10
Strongly disapprove.....	46
(Don't know/refused)	3
Total approve.....	41
Total disapprove.....	55
Approve - disapprove	-14
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.11 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Total
Strongly approve	6
Somewhat approve	23
Somewhat disapprove.....	26
Strongly disapprove.....	42
(Don't know/refused)	4
Total approve.....	28
Total disapprove.....	67
Approve - disapprove	-39
(ref:CONGAPRO)	

[1130 Respondents]

Q.12 Do you approve or disapprove of the way (Incumbent member of Congress) is handling his/her job as a member of the U.S. Congress?¹

	Total
Strongly approve	19
Somewhat approve	23
Somewhat disapprove.....	15
Strongly disapprove.....	26
(Don't know/refused)	17
Total approve.....	42
Total disapprove.....	41
Approve - disapprove	1
(ref:CONGAPP)	

¹ For each district, the actual member of Congress' name was inserted, except for Texas' 22nd district, Ohio's 18th district, and Florida's 16th district, where the question was not asked.

Q.13 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
13 The Republican Party	43.1	35	48	99
14 The Democratic Party	47.6	37	39	98
15 George W. Bush	42.9	39	51	100
[600 Respondents]				
16 (SPLIT A) The Congress.....	44.4	32	44	98
[600 Respondents]				
17 (SPLIT B) The Republican Congress.....	42.6	35	45	98
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	48.8	37	37	92
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	45.6	33	43	94
20 The Iraq war	35.9	30	56	97
21 Gay marriage	35.9	26	52	94
22 Immigration into the country.....	40.2	23	45	93
23 (Incumbent member of Congress) ²	45.9	34	38	91
24 Dennis Hastert - the Speaker of the House	40.1	21	38	76

(ref:THERM204/THERM04)

² For each district, the actual member of Congress' name was inserted, except for Texas' 22nd district, Ohio's 18th district, and Florida's 16th district, where the question was not asked.

Q.25 And, 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?

	Total
10	59
9	10
8	12
7	7
6	3
5	6
4	1
3	1
2	1
1	0
(Don't know/refused)	0
10	59
8-10	81
6-10	91
1-5	9
(ref:INTEREST)	

Q.26 Thinking about this year's elections, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in the district where you live?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	46
Lean Democratic candidate.....	4
Republican candidate.....	38
Lean Republican candidate.....	4
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	5
(Refused).....	2
Total Democratic candidate	50
Total Republican candidate.....	42
Total (Other candidate).....	1
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	8
(ref:GC1)	

Q.27 And let me ask you again about the election in November, though with the actual candidates. If the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?³

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	46
Lean Democratic candidate.....	2
Republican candidate.....	44
Lean Republican candidate.....	1
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	3
(Refused).....	2
Total Democratic candidate	49
Total Republican candidate.....	45
Total (Other candidate).....	1
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	4
(ref:CONG06)	

Q.28 Even though you are not supporting (Democratic incumbent/candidate) now, what are the chances that you might support (Democratic incumbent/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?

	Total
Fair chance.....	6
A small chance	8
Just a very slight chance	8
No chance at all.....	27
(Don't know/refused)	2
Democratic candidate Supporter.....	49
(ref:CONG06C)	

³ For each district, the candidates' actual names on the ballot were inserted. Respondents who volunteered that they already voted in CP3 were asked whom they voted for. In Florida's 16th district, Republican Joe Negron's name was inserted though Republican Mark Foley will appear on the ballot. In Texas' 22nd district, Republican Shelley Sekula-Gibbs' name was inserted though she is running as a write-in and there will be no Republican on the ballot. For districts with a multi-candidate primary election on November 7, a generic candidate was inserted.

Q.29 Even though you are not supporting (Republican incumbent/candidate) now, what are the chances that you might support (Republican incumbent/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?

	Total
Fair chance.....	4
A small chance.....	8
Just a very slight chance.....	9
No chance at all.....	32
(Don't know/refused).....	2
Republican candidate Supporter	45
(ref:CONG06D)	

Q.30 Thinking about the congressional elections that will be held this November, compared to previous elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

	Total
More.....	54
Less.....	27
(No more/less).....	17
(Don't know/refused).....	2
More - Less	27
(ref:ENTHUSIA)	

[600 Respondents]

Q.31 (SPLIT B) Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote for George W. Bush, as a vote against George W. Bush, or isn't George W. Bush much of a factor in your vote?

	Total
For.....	17
Against.....	33
Not a factor.....	48
(Don't know/refused).....	2
For - Against	-17
(ref:BUSHVTE)	

Q.32/33 In deciding how to vote for Congress this year, which ONE of the following issue areas would be MOST important to you in deciding how to vote for a candidate for Congress? And which of the following issues would be the NEXT most important to you in deciding how to vote for Congress?

	Comb	1 st	2 nd
The war in Iraq	36	22	14
Jobs and the economy	26	14	13
Terrorism and national security	25	13	13
Medicare and Social Security	20	9	11
Health care	20	8	13
Taxes and spending	19	8	11
Moral values	18	11	6
Illegal immigration	15	8	8
Energy and gas prices.....	11	3	9
(None of these).....	2	2	1
(Don't know/refused)	3	2	1

(ref:CONC06/CONC062)

Q.34 Now I am going to read you a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think the Democrats or the Republicans do a better job with it.

	Dems Much Btr	Dems Smwt Btr	Reps Smwt Btr	Reps Much Btr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dems	Total Reps	Dems - Reps
34 The economy	27	21	17	21	1	3	9	48	39	9
35 Taxes	24	21	16	24	1	4	9	45	41	4
36 National security	20	18	16	29	2	4	11	38	45	-7
37 The situation in Iraq	28	17	15	24	1	5	10	45	39	6
[600 Respondents]										
38 (SPLIT B) Immigration into the country	16	22	18	16	2	8	18	39	34	4
39 Family values	23	17	15	27	2	5	11	40	43	-3

(ref:BETJOB05)

[600 Respondents]

Q.40 (SPLIT A) Based on what you have heard in the last week, do you have a better or worse opinion of Republicans in Congress?

	Total
Better	16
Worse	53
(Same).....	23
(Don't know/ refused)	8
Better - Worse.....	-38

(ref:CONGWR)

[600 Respondents]

Q.41 (SPLIT B) Based on what you have heard in the last week, do you have a better or worse opinion of Congress?

	Total
Better.....	8
Worse.....	63
(Same).....	19
(Don't know/ refused)	9
Better - Worse.....	-55
(ref:RCONGWR)	

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 views, even if neither is exactly right.

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[600 Respondents]										
42 (SPLIT A) The Iraq war has made us LESS secure.										
OR										
The Iraq war made us MORE secure.	47	8	11	30	-	1	2	55	42	14

[600 Respondents]

43 (SPLIT B) 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.....	42	6	7	41	-	2	2	49	48	1

[600 Respondents]

44 (SPLIT A) For me, what I most want to hear is how the candidates will deal with the financial pressures on people, including gas prices and health care.

OR										
For me, what I most want to hear is how the candidates will deal with our security and terrorism and keeping us safe.....	36	13	10	35	3	2	2	49	44	5

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[600 Respondents]										
45 (SPLIT B) I'm more worried that the Republicans will keep control of Congress and do nothing about health care and gas prices										
OR										
I'm more worried that the Democrats will take control of Congress and raise taxes.....										
	44	10	10	30	0	4	1	54	40	14
[600 Respondents]										
46 (SPLIT A) The U.S. is losing ground in Iraq.										
OR										
The U.S. is making progress in Iraq.....										
	46	10	18	23	0	1	2	56	41	15
[597 Respondents]										
47 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED IN CP3) (SPLIT B) The campaign for Congress is still going on, but, to be honest, I really know who I'm voting for.										
OR										
The campaign for Congress over the next few weeks could really influence who I vote for.....										
	61	7	11	19	0	1	1	68	30	38

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[600 Respondents]										
48 (SPLIT A) North Korea's nuclear test is another sign that Bush and the Republicans in Congress have focused too much on Iraq and too little on more serious and lasting security challenges OR North Korea's nuclear test is another sign that we live in a dangerous world, and that we need Bush and the Republicans in Congress, who are stronger on protecting our security.....	39	10	8	36	0	4	3	48	45	4
(ref:VALUES2)										

Q.49 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	3
High School graduate	25
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college.....	24
College graduate	28
Post-graduate school	18
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.50 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	14
Household member	7
No member belongs	79
(Don't know/refused)	0
Union Household.....	21
Non College Non Union	42
Non union worker	28
(ref:UNION)	

Q.51 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	68
Single	13
Separated/divorced	10
Widowed.....	8
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.52 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	23
Weak Democrat.....	12
Independent-lean Democrat.....	12
Independent	6
Independent-lean Republican	10
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican.....	22
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

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

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

Q.54 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant.....	49
Catholic	25
Jewish	1
(Other/none/refused)	25
Muslim	-
(ref:RELIG1)	

[585 Respondents]

Q.55 (ASK IF PROTESTANT IN RELIG1) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total
Fundamentalist.....	11
Evangelical	23
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	11
Moderate to liberal.....	39
(Something else)	4
(Don't know/refused)	12
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.56 How often do you attend religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Every week.....	40
Once or twice a month	14
Several times a year.....	14
Hardly ever	23
(Never)	6
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:RELIG2)	

[1183 Respondents]

Q.57 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE00) In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	Total
Democrat John Kerry	44
Republican George Bush	49
(Ralph Nader)	0
(Other candidate)	2
(Don't know/refused)	4

Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....-5
(ref:VOTE2004)

Q.58 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	Total
None	62
1-2	12
3-9	12
10 or more	5
(Don't know/refused)	8

(ref:GUNS)

Q.59 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	84
African-American or Black.....	5
Hispanic or Latino.....	6
Native American	1
Asian	1
(Other)	1
(Don't know/refused)	2

(ref:RACETHN)

[66 Respondents]

Q.60 (ASK IF HISPANIC OR LATINO IN RACETHN OR IF YES IN RACETHN2) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Latin American, Central American, or Spanish?

	Total
Mexican	30
Puerto Rican.....	20
Cuban.....	3
Latin American	15
Central American.....	6
Spanish	18
(Other)	2
(Don't know/refused)	6

(ref:ORIGIN)

Q.61 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.

	Total
Less than \$10K	2
\$10K to under \$20K	6
\$20K to under \$30K	9
\$30K to under \$50K	16
\$50K to under \$75K	20
\$75K to under \$100K	13
\$100K or more.....	16
(Refused).....	14
(Don't know)	3
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.8 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	3
25 - 29	5
30 - 34	10
35 - 39	8
40 - 44	9
45 - 49	10
50 - 54	11
55 - 59	10
60 - 64	8
Over 64.....	25
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

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