

# Democracy Corps – Seniors Panel

## Frequency Questionnaire

October 17-22, 2006  
**418 Senior Likely Voters**

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

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	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>Total</b>
Voted .....	99
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young .....	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>Total</b>
Voted .....	95
Did not vote .....	3
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	2
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE02)	

Q.7 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.....	92
Probably .....	4
50-50 .....	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know) .....	-
(Already voted) .....	4
(Refused).....	-
(ref:CP3)	

**[17 Respondents]**

Q.8 (IF ALREADY VOTED IN CP3) When you voted by absentee ballot or through early voting, did you vote by mail or in person?

	<b>Total</b>
By mail.....	90
In person .....	10
(Don't know/refused) .....	-
(ref:ABSENT4)	

Q.10 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>	<b>9/12</b>
Right direction .....	32	30
Wrong track.....	60	61
(Don't know/refused) .....	8	9
<b>Right - Wrong.....</b>	<b>-28</b>	<b>-30</b>
(ref:DIRECT)		

Q.11 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>9/12</b>
Strongly approve .....	28	31
Somewhat approve .....	13	13
Somewhat disapprove.....	7	8
Strongly disapprove.....	51	47
(Don't know/refused) .....	2	1
<b>Total approve.....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total disapprove.....</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove .....</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-11</b>
(ref:CANDAPP2)		

Q.12 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	5
Somewhat approve .....	17
Somewhat disapprove.....	25
Strongly disapprove.....	48
(Don't know/refused) .....	5
<b>Total approve.....</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total disapprove.....</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove .....</b>	<b>-51</b>
(ref:CONGAPRO)	

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 .....	43.7	37	48	99
<b>9/12/06</b> .....	45.2	40	46	98
14 The Democratic Party .....	44.9	33	42	98
<b>9/12/06</b> .....	45.0	37	44	98
15 George W. Bush .....	43.1	42	51	99
<b>9/12/06</b> .....	43.2	42	53	100
16 The Republican Congress .....	40.6	33	48	98
<b>9/12/06</b> .....	39.4	35	50	99
17 The Congress .....	43.0	29	47	99
<b>9/12/06</b> .....	43.4	23	47	96
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association .....	47.4	40	41	92
<b>9/12/06</b> .....	48.4	40	38	92
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	47.9	38	41	94
<b>9/12/06</b> .....	50.6	40	36	94
20 The Iraq war .....	33.6	28	59	98
<b>9/12/06</b> .....	36.0	33	54	97
21 Gay marriage .....	27.2	17	62	94
<b>9/12/06</b> .....	28.3	20	60	94
22 Immigration into the country.....	35.3	20	53	93
<b>9/12/06</b> .....	36.9	20	46	88

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.23 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>	<b>9/12</b>
10 .....	71	73
9 .....	8	8
8 .....	9	7
7 .....	4	3
6 .....	1	1
5 .....	5	6
4 .....	1	-
3 .....	-	0
2 .....	1	0
1 .....	1	0
Don't know.....	-	0
<b>Mean .....</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>9.2</b>
(ref:INTEREST)		

Q.24 Thinking about the elections this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live?

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic candidate.....	48
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3
Republican candidate.....	41
Lean Republican candidate.....	2
(Other candidate) .....	2
Lean (Other candidate) .....	-
(Undecided).....	2
(Refused).....	1
<b>Total Democratic candidate .....</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>8</b>
(ref:GC1)	

Q.26 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>1</sup>

	<b>Total</b>	<b>9/12</b>
Democratic incumbent/candidate .....	48	44
Lean Democratic incumbent/candidate .....	0	3
Republican incumbent/candidate .....	44	39
Lean Republican incumbent/candidate .....	1	2
(Other candidate) .....	1	3
Lean (Other candidate) .....	-	1
(Undecided) .....	4	8
(Refused).....	2	0
<b>Total Democratic incumbent/candidate .....</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Republican incumbent/candidate .....</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate....</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
(ref:CONG06)		

#### [401 Respondents]

Q.28 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) 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>	<b>9/12</b>
Fair chance.....	7	9
A small chance .....	6	10
Just a very slight chance .....	7	6
No chance at all.....	30	23
(Don't know/refused) .....	2	7
<b>Democratic candidate Supporter .....</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>
(ref:CONG06C)		

<sup>1</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> district, Republican Joe Negron's name was inserted though Republican Mark Foley will appear on the ballot. In Texas' 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**[401 Respondents]**

Q.29 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) 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>	<b>9/12</b>
Fair chance.....	7	8
A small chance.....	5	5
Just a very slight chance.....	7	10
No chance at all.....	33	30
(Don't know/refused).....	3	6
 <b>Republican candidate Supporter .....</b>	 <b>45</b>	 <b>42</b>
(ref:CONG06D)		

Q.30 In deciding how to vote for Congress, which ONE of the following issues is MOST important to you? Is it....

**Current**

	<b>Comb</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>
The war in Iraq.....	44	27	18
Medicare and Social Security.....	27	16	12
Terrorism and national security.....	25	14	12
Health care.....	21	8	13
Illegal immigration.....	21	7	14
Jobs and economy.....	16	7	10
Taxes and spending.....	14	5	10
Moral values.....	14	9	6
Energy and gas prices.....	6	2	5
(None of these).....	1	1	0
(Don't know/refused).....	7	5	2

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The war in Iraq.....	35	21	14
Medicare and Social Security.....	31	15	16
Illegal immigration.....	26	13	14
Terrorism and national security.....	26	15	12
Health care.....	21	8	13
Jobs and economy.....	20	10	10
Moral values.....	13	8	6
Taxes and spending.....	11	4	7
Energy and gas prices.....	10	4	6
(None of these).....	1	1	1
(Don't know/refused).....	3	2	1
(ref:CONC06/CONC06B)			

Q.31 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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>9/12</b>
More .....	60	59
Less.....	28	24
(Don't know/refused) .....	12	17
(ref:ENTHUSIA)		

Q.32 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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>9/12</b>
For.....	21	22
Against .....	38	42
Not a factor.....	40	34
(Don't know/refused) .....	1	2
<b>For - Against .....</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-20</b>
(ref:BUSHVTE)		

Q.33 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>	<b>9/12</b>
Very positively .....	16	18
Somewhat positively.....	20	19
Somewhat negatively .....	20	17
Very negatively.....	25	28
(Don't know/refused) .....	19	18
<b>Total Positively .....</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Total Negatively.....</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Positively - Negatively .....</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-7</b>

(ref:DRUGBEN)

Q.34 Now I am going to ask you something different. I am going to read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think the Democrats or the Republicans would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	<b>Dems Much Better</b>	<b>Dems Smwt Better</b>	<b>Reps Smwt Better</b>	<b>Reps Much Better</b>	<b>Both</b>	<b>Nthr</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Total Dems Better</b>	<b>Total Reps Better</b>	<b>Dems - Reps</b>
34 Immigration .....	18	22	16	20	1	8	16	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>9/12/06 .....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>
35 Social Security .....	31	20	13	20	1	4	11	<b>51</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>9/12/06 .....</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>19</b>
36 Taxes .....	25	19	12	29	1	4	11	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>9/12/06 .....</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5</b>
37 Dealing with the high costs and financial pressures on people .....	27	23	11	21	1	3	13	<b>50</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>9/12/06 .....</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>
38 Making America secure ...	23	16	11	31	2	6	11	<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-4</b>
<b>9/12/06 .....</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-6</b>
39 The situation in Iraq .....	31	17	11	26	1	5	10	<b>48</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>9/12/06 .....</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>

(ref:BETJOB)

Q.40 Now I'm going to read you some statements. 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> Stmt Strng	1 <sup>st</sup> Smwt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Stmt Smwt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Stmt 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>
40 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.....	45	6	10	35	0	2	3	51	44	7
<b>9/12/06</b> .....	39	13	10	32	1	2	3	52	42	10
41 The Iraq war has made us LESS secure OR The Iraq war made us MORE secure .....	51	7	9	26	-	2	4	59	35	24
42 We are bogged down in a religious war in Iraq and need a new direction to get Iraqis to take responsibility, rebuild our alliances with other countries and make America energy independent OR Iraq is a test of our resolve in the war against the terrorists. If we 'cut and run' before Iraq can defend itself, we will give al Qaeda a victory that will leave us vulnerable to terrorist attacks in America ...	52	9	4	28	0	2	5	61	32	29
<b>9/12/06</b> .....	40	13	9	28	3	4	2	53	37	16

	1 <sup>st</sup> Stmt Strng	1 <sup>st</sup> Smwt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Stmt Smwt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Stmt 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>
43 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.....	32	8	7	43	5	1	4	<b>40</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-11</b>
44 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 .....	42	7	6	36	2	3	5	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>7</b>
45 The U.S. is losing ground in Iraq OR The U.S. is making progress in Iraq..... (ref:VALUES2/VALUES04)	55	7	11	21	-	2	5	<b>61</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>

Q.46 With the election just two weeks away, let me ask you which TWO of the following stands would be most important to you in thinking about supporting the Democratic candidate for Congress?

	<b>Total</b>
For securing our borders and barring illegal immigrants from getting benefits .....	26
<b>[209 Respondents]</b>	
(SPLIT A) For a new direction on Iraq.....	20
Opposes Bush on privatizing Social Security.....	19
Will stop price gouging by oil companies and move toward energy independence .....	19
Supports bonuses and health care benefits for returning Iraq veterans .....	15
Will have Medicare negotiate lower drug prices.....	14
Opposes congressional pay raises until the incomes of average Americans rise.....	14
Supports a strong military and giving the president the power to fight terrorism.....	14
<b>[209 Respondents]</b>	
(SPLIT B) Against 'cut and run', but for a new direction on Iraq .....	12
Favors relief for seniors on federal and state taxes .....	10
(Other) .....	2
(None) .....	3
(Will never vote for a Democrat).....	6
(Don't know/refused) .....	7
(ref:SUPDEM)	

Q.47 With the election just two weeks away, let me ask you which TWO of the following stands would be most important to you in thinking about supporting the Republican candidate for Congress?

	<b>Total</b>
For securing our borders and barring illegal immigrants from getting benefits .....	32
Will change the tone in Washington to have less in-fighting and more progress.....	17
Supports tax cuts across the board and making tax cuts permanent.....	16
Against 'cutting and running' from Iraq, which would help the terrorists.....	15
Supports a strong military and giving the president the power to fight terrorism.....	15
Supports the new drug benefit for seniors.....	14
Supports the traditional family and opposes gay marriage .....	14
Stands up to the president and own party on issues where they differ .....	14
(Other) .....	3
(None) .....	3
(Will never vote for the Republican) .....	9
(Don't know/refused) .....	8
(ref:SUPREP)	

Q.48 Finally, I'd like to ask you some questions for statistical purposes. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>9/12</b>
Strong Democrat .....	31	29
Weak Democrat.....	7	8
Independent-lean Democrat.....	12	9
Independent .....	4	8
Independent-lean Republican .....	11	8
Weak Republican .....	8	12
Strong Republican.....	28	25
(Don't know/refused) .....	-	1
(ref:PTYID1)		

Q.49 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>9/12</b>
Liberal.....	16	15
Moderate .....	39	37
Conservative .....	43	45
(Don't know/refused) .....	1	3
(ref:IDEO1)		

**[414 Respondents]**

Q.50 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE00) In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>9/12</b>
Democrat John Kerry .....	47	47
Republican George Bush .....	49	48
(Ralph Nader) .....	1	1
(Other candidate) .....	0	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	3	3
<b>John Kerry - George Bush.....</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-1</b>
(ref:VOTE2004)		

Q.51 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 .....	5
High School graduate .....	32
Non-college post H.S. ....	1
Some college.....	25
College graduate .....	21
Post-graduate school .....	15
(DK/ref) .....	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.52 Are you a member of a labor union?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes: Respondent belongs .....	9
Household member .....	6
No member belongs .....	84
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:UNION)	

Q.53 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>Total</b>
Married .....	54
Single .....	6
Separated/divorced .....	10
Widowed.....	30
(Don't know/refused) .....	0
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.54 What is your religion?

	<b>Total</b>
Protestant .....	62
Catholic .....	20
Jewish .....	2
(Other/none/refused) .....	16
Muslim .....	-
(ref:RELIG1)	

**[259 Respondents]**

Q.55 (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.....	11
Evangelical.....	18
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	8
Moderate to liberal.....	38
(Something else).....	10
(Don't know/refused).....	14
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.56 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.....	49
Once or twice a month.....	10
Several times a year.....	11
Hardly ever.....	20
(Never).....	7
(Don't know/refused).....	2
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.57 Are you currently serving in the active United States military?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes - Respondent currently serving.....	6
Know someone currently serving.....	22
No: Neither respondent nor anyone respondent knows currently serving.....	71
(Don't know/refused).....	1
(ref:MIL6)	

**[393 Respondents]**

Q.58 (IF OTHER THAN YES IN MIL6) Have you served in the active United States military in the past or have you not been in the military?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes: Served in military.....	33
Household member past service.....	28
No: Neither respondent nor household member in service/has served.....	38
(Served in the US Reserves).....	-
(Don't know/refused).....	1
(ref:MIL5)	

Q.59 In terms of your job status, are you employed, unemployed but looking for work, retired, a student, or a homemaker?

	<b>Total</b>
Employed .....	7
Unemployed .....	0
Retired.....	89
Student .....	0
Homemaker.....	2
(Other) .....	0
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:EMPLOY)	

Q.60 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	<b>Total</b>
White .....	92
African-American or Black.....	3
Hispanic or Latino.....	0
Native American .....	2
Asian .....	-
(Other) .....	2
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:RACETHN)	

**[2 Respondents]**

Q.61 (IF HISPANIC) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Latin American, Central American, or Spanish?

	<b>Total</b>
Mexican .....	100
Puerto Rican.....	-
Cuban.....	-
Latin American .....	-
Central American.....	-
Spanish .....	-
(Other) .....	-
(Don't know/refused) .....	-
(ref:ORIGIN)	

Q.62 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 .....	3
\$10K to under \$20K .....	12
\$20K to under \$30K .....	14
\$30K to under \$50K .....	25
\$50K to under \$75K .....	12
\$75K to under \$100K .....	5
\$100K or more.....	1
(Refused).....	18
(Don't know) .....	9
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.3 Respondent's gender

	<b>Total</b>
Male.....	42
Female .....	58
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.9 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
65 - 69 .....	28
70 - 74 .....	27
75 - 79 .....	24
80 or over .....	20
(No answer).....	0
(ref:AGE)	