

Democracy Corps Republican Swing Districts Frequency Questionnaire

October 22-24, 2006

1200 Likely Voters in 50 Republican-held Competitive Districts

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	7
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	2
(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.....	88
Probably	10
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	-
(Refused).....	-
(Already voted)	2
(ref:CP3)	

[26 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.....	74
In person	26
(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	33
Wrong track.....	60
(Don't know/refused)	7
Right - Wrong.....	-27
(ref:DIRECT)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve	26
Somewhat approve	17
Somewhat disapprove.....	8
Strongly disapprove.....	45
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
Total approve.....	43
Total disapprove.....	54
Approve - disapprove	-10
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve	7
Somewhat approve	25
Somewhat disapprove.....	23
Strongly disapprove.....	40
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
 Total approve.....	 32
Total disapprove.....	63
 Approve - disapprove	 -31
(ref:CONGAPRO)	

[1150 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	23
Somewhat approve	21
Somewhat disapprove.....	14
Strongly disapprove.....	28
(Don't know/Refused).....	15
 Total approve.....	 43
Total disapprove.....	42
 Approve - disapprove	 2
(ref:CONGAPP)	

¹ For each district, the actual member of Congress' name was inserted, except for Texas' 22nd 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
14 The Republican Party	45.6	39	47	99
15 The Democratic Party	46.4	35	41	99
16 George W. Bush	44.8	41	49	100
[600 Respondents]				
17 (SPLIT A) The Congress.....	45.6	33	42	98
[600 Respondents]				
18 (SPLIT B) The Republican Congress.....	43.9	36	45	98
19 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	49.9	39	36	93
20 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	46.4	35	43	95
21 The Iraq war.....	35.7	29	56	97
22 Gay marriage	32.9	22	55	94
23 Immigration into the country.....	39.4	22	47	95
[1150 Respondents]				
24 (Incumbent member of Congress) ²	46.8	36	39	91
(ref:THERM04/204)				

² For each district, the actual member of Congress' name was inserted, except for Texas' 22nd 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	62
9	8
8	13
7	7
6	3
5	4
4	1
3	0
2	1
1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	0
10	62
8-10	83
6-10	93
1-5	7

(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	47
Lean Democratic candidate	2
Republican candidate	41
Lean Republican candidate	3
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	4
(Refused)	1
Total Democratic candidate	49
Total Republican candidate	44
Total (Other candidate)	2
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate	5

(ref:GC1)

Q.28 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 incumbent/candidate	47
Lean Democratic incumbent/candidate	2
Republican incumbent/candidate	44
Lean Republican incumbent/candidate	2
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	2
(Refused).....	2
Total Democratic incumbent/candidate	49
Total Republican incumbent/candidate	45
Total (Other candidate)	1
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 4
(ref:CONG06)	

Q30 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.....	7
A small chance	7
Just a very slight chance	6
No chance at all.....	29
(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.31 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	7
Just a very slight chance	8
No chance at all.....	33
(Don't know/refused)	2
 Republican candidate Supporter	 46
(ref:CONG06D)	

Q.34 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.....	26
(No more/less).....	18
(Don't know/refused)	2
 More - Less	 28
(ref:ENTHUSIA)	

Q.35/36 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? Is it....

And which of the following issues would be the NEXT most important to you in deciding how to vote for Congress?

	Comb	1st	2nd
The war in Iraq	40	24	17
Terrorism and national security	25	12	13
Jobs and the economy	24	12	13
Health care	21	8	13
Taxes and spending	19	9	10
Illegal immigration	18	8	11
Medicare and Social Security	16	8	9
Moral values	16	11	5
Energy and gas prices.....	10	4	7
(None of these).....	2	1	1
(Don't know/refused)	4	3	1
(ref:CONC06/CONC062)			

Q.37 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. If you do not know, just tell me.

	Dems Much Btrr	Dems Smwt Btrr	Reps Smwt Btrr	Reps Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dems	Total Reps	Dems - Reps
[600 Respondents] 37 (SPLIT A) The economy	25	18	16	26	1	4	11	43	42	1
[600 Respondents] 38 (SPLIT B) Taxes	22	22	16	25	1	3	10	45	41	4
[600 Respondents] 39 (SPLIT A) National security.....	18	16	13	29	2	5	17	34	43	-9
[600 Respondents] 40 (SPLIT B) The situation in Iraq.....	22	19	14	27	1	6	12	41	41	0
[600 Respondents] 41 (SPLIT A) Immigration into the country	16	18	17	16	2	10	21	34	34	.
[600 Respondents] 42 (SPLIT B) Getting useful information to voters in this election so they can make the right choice..... (ref:BETJOB05)	16	17	14	15	9	15	14	33	28	5

Q.43 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]										
43 (SPLIT A) The Iraq war has made us LESS secure										
OR										
The Iraq war made us MORE secure										
	45	9	9	32	0	2	3	54	42	12

[600 Respondents]										
44 (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.....										
	41	7	8	39	0	1	2	49	47	1

45 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.....										
	37	12	7	39	2	1	2	49	45	4

[600 Respondents]										
46 (SPLIT B) The U.S. is losing ground in Iraq										
OR										
The U.S. is making progress in Iraq.....										
	51	7	11	26	-	2	3	58	37	21

	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
[1174 Respondents]										
47 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED IN CP3) 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	8	9	19	0	1	3	69	28	41
(ref:VALUES2/04)										

Q.48 Regardless of how you intend to vote in the upcoming election, who do you expect will win control of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Democrats or the Republicans?

	Total
Democrats very certain	17
Democrats somewhat certain	38
Republicans somewhat certain	22
Republicans very certain	10
(Don't know/refused)	14
Total Democrats	54
Total Republicans	32
Democrats - Republicans	23
(ref:VTEEXPEC)	

Q.49 In the last week, have you been hearing mostly positive or mostly negative things from (Republican incumbent/candidate) for Congress?

	Total
Mostly positive	28
Mostly negative	46
(Both)	3
(None)	12
(Don't know/refused)	11
(ref:ADCONT)	

Q.50 In the last week, have you been hearing mostly positive or mostly negative things from (Democratic incumbent/candidate) for Congress?

	Total
Mostly positive	30
Mostly negative	43
(Both)	2
(None)	11
(Don't know/refused)	13
(ref:ADCONT2)	

Q.51 Do you think your vote will be counted accurately in November or do you think there is a chance that it will not be counted accurately?

	Total
Accurately, very certain	60
Accurately, somewhat certain	23
Not accurately, somewhat certain	11
Not accurately, very certain.....	3
(Don't know/refused)	3
Total Accurately	83
Total Not accurately	14
Accurately - Not accurately	68
(ref:VTECOUNT)	

Q.52 Now, I'd like to ask you something different. Over the course of the campaign, have you (READ ITEM) more from those who want you to vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Dem Lot	Dem Little	Rep Little	Rep Lot	Both	Neither	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
52 Seen TV ads	8	5	7	11	51	11	6	14	18	-4
53 Gotten information on the Internet.....	5	3	4	3	7	70	7	8	7	1
54 Received mailings.....	6	7	13	14	35	17	6	14	27	-14
55 Been contacted face to face at home	4	7	3	3	5	75	3	11	6	5
56 Received phone calls..... (ref:CAMPCONT)	7	7	9	8	5	41	8	14	17	-3

[600 Respondents]

Q.57 (SPLIT C) Now let me read you statements from two candidates for Congress. After I read them, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.

(Democratic incumbent/candidate) says, we have a clear choice. My opponent supported the drug companies rather than seniors on lowering drug costs, gave members of Congress six pay raises, and supports President Bush in just staying the course in Iraq. Well, I want to change things in Washington. We should negotiate lower drug prices for seniors, increase the minimum wage and move to a new direction in Iraq and energy independence.

OR

(Republican incumbent/candidate) says, we have a clear choice. My opponent raised taxes and wants to repeal the tax cuts for families and small businesses. Well, our economy can't afford that. My opponent wants to 'cut and run' in Iraq - which will help the terrorists and put our security at risk. I will go to Washington independent-minded and thinking about your family - how to keep taxes low, the economy growing and our country safe.

	Total
Democratic statement - STRONGLY	38
Democratic statement - NOT SO STRONGLY	12
Republican statement - NOT SO STRONGLY	10
Republican statement - STRONGLY	34
(Don't know/refused)	6
Total Democrat	50
Total Republican	44
Democrat - Republican	6
(ref:ADSNAR1)	

[600 Respondents]

Q.58 (SPLIT D) Now let me read you statements from two candidates for Congress. After I read them, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.

(Democratic incumbent/candidate) says, the attacks taking place in this campaign are exactly what's wrong with Congress. I'm not going to be part of it. Instead, I'm going to work with both Democrats and Republicans to get things done. We must put the public ahead of parties so we can achieve a new direction in Iraq, raise the minimum wage, reduce health care and gas prices, and move America toward energy independence.

OR

(Republican incumbent/candidate) says, we have a clear choice. My opponent raised taxes and wants to repeal the tax cuts for families and small businesses. Well, our economy can't afford that. My opponent wants to 'cut and run' in Iraq - which will help the terrorists and put our security at risk. I will go to Washington independent-minded and thinking about your family - how to keep taxes low, the economy growing and our country safe.

	Total
Democratic statement - STRONGLY	46
Democratic statement - NOT SO STRONGLY	10
Republican statement - NOT SO STRONGLY	8
Republican statement - STRONGLY	31
(Don't know/refused)	5
Total Democrat	57
Total Republican	39
Democrat - Republican	18
(ref:ADSNAR2)	

Q.59 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	4
High School graduate	25
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college.....	23
College graduate	28
Post-graduate school	19
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.60 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	13
Household member	9
No member belongs	78
(Don't know/refused)	1
Union Household.....	22
Non College Non Union	40
Non union worker.....	29
(ref:UNION)	

Q.61 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	66
Single	13
Separated/divorced	10
Widowed.....	10
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.62 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total
Yes	34
No.....	66
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.63 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	26
Weak Democrat.....	12
Independent-lean Democrat.....	8
Independent	6
Independent-lean Republican	9
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican.....	26
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.66 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	19
Moderate	39
Conservative	39
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.67 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	47
Catholic	28
Jewish	1
Muslim	-
(Other/none/refused)	24
(ref:RELIG1)	

[559 Respondents]

Q.68 (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.....	17
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	12
Moderate to liberal.....	44
(Something else)	6
(Don't know/refused)	10
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.69 How often do you attend religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Every week.....	39
Once or twice a month	15
Several times a year.....	14
Hardly ever	21
(Never)	6
(Don't know/refused)	5
(ref:RELIG2)	

[1190 Respondents]

Q.70 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	50
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Other candidate)	1
(Don't know/refused)	5
Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....	-6
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.71 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	Total
None.....	58
1-2	14
3-9	13
10 or more	4
(Don't know/refused)	10
(ref:GUNS)	

Q.72 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	85
African-American or Black.....	5
Hispanic or Latino.....	5
Native American	1
Asian	0
(Other)	1
(Don't know/refused)	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

[66 Respondents]

Q.74 Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Latin American, Central American, or Spanish?

	Total
Mexican	27
Puerto Rican.....	10
Cuban.....	6
Latin American	12
Central American.....	2
Spanish	37
(Other)	-
(Don't know/refused)	6
(ref:ORIGIN)	

Q.75 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	4
\$10K to under \$20K	7
\$20K to under \$30K	9
\$30K to under \$50K	17
\$50K to under \$75K	16
\$75K to under \$100K	12
\$100K or more.....	17
(Refused).....	16
(Don't know)	3
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male.....	48
Female	52
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.8 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	3
25 - 29	6
30 - 34	8
35 - 39	8
40 - 44	9
45 - 49	10
50 - 54	11
55 - 59	11
60 - 64	9
Over 64.....	25
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	