

Democracy Corps Republican Swing Districts Frequency Questionnaire

October 25-29, 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	8
(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	8
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	-
(Refused).....	-
(Already voted).....	5
(ref:CP3)	

[56 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.....	60
(Don't know/refused)	8
Right - Wrong.....	-29
(ref:DIRECT)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve	24
Somewhat approve	16
Somewhat disapprove.....	9
Strongly disapprove.....	47
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
Total approve.....	40
Total disapprove.....	55
Approve - disapprove	-15
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve	6
Somewhat approve	22
Somewhat disapprove.....	25
Strongly disapprove.....	42
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
Total approve.....	28
Total disapprove.....	67
Approve - disapprove	-39
(ref:CONGAPRO)	

[1148 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	18
Somewhat disapprove.....	15
Strongly disapprove.....	29
(Don't know/Refused).....	15
Total approve.....	41
Total disapprove.....	44
Approve - disapprove	-3
(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
13 The Republican Party	44.2	37	48	99
14 The Democratic Party	46.3	36	41	99
15 George W. Bush	43.5	40	52	100
[600 Respondents]				
16 (SPLIT A) The Congress.....	44.9	30	39	98
[600 Respondents]				
17 (SPLIT B) The Republican Congress.....	41.4	33	51	98
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	50.5	40	35	94
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	47.1	35	41	95
20 The Iraq war.....	32.7	27	60	98
21 Gay marriage	34.6	24	53	96
22 Immigration into the country.....	37.4	20	48	93
[1148 Respondents]				
23 (Incumbent member of Congress) ²	45.2	35	43	92
(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	59
9	10
8	14
7	7
6	2
5	5
4	0
3	1
2	0
1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	0
10	59
8-10	83
6-10	92
1-5	8
(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.....	48
Lean Democratic candidate.....	2
Republican candidate.....	38
Lean Republican candidate.....	4
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	1
(Undecided).....	4
(Refused).....	2
Total Democratic candidate	50
Total Republican candidate.....	42
Total (Other candidate).....	2
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	8
(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	46
Lean Democratic incumbent/candidate	2
Republican incumbent/candidate	44
Lean Republican incumbent/candidate	2
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	2
(Refused).....	2
Total Democratic incumbent/candidate	48
Total Republican incumbent/candidate	45
Total (Other candidate)	2
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 3
(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.....	5
A small chance	7
Just a very slight chance	7
No chance at all.....	30
(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	6
Just a very slight chance	8
No chance at all.....	35
(Don't know/refused)	1
 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	57
Less.....	26
(No more/less).....	15
(Don't know/refused)	2
 More - Less	 32
(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	41	27	15
Jobs and the economy	27	11	7
Terrorism and national security	23	13	10
Taxes and spending	20	9	12
Health care	20	8	12
Medicare and Social Security	17	8	9
Illegal immigration	17	6	11
Moral values	16	10	6
Energy and gas prices.....	10	3	16
(None of these).....	2	1	1
(Don't know/refused)	3	2	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 Bttr	Dems Smwt Bttr	Reps Smwt Bttr	Reps Much Bttr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dems	Total Reps	Dems - Reps
37 The economy	27	21	14	24	1	3	10	48	38	10
38 Taxes	21	22	14	27	1	4	11	43	41	2
39 National security	16	17	17	31	2	4	14	33	47	-14
40 The situation in Iraq	26	18	16	22	1	6	11	44	38	7
41 Immigration into the country (ref:BETJOB4)	17	18	16	17	2	9	21	35	34	1

Q.42 Now, let me ask about a number of areas and how President Bush is doing. For each one, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling the issue.

	Strng App	Smwt App	Smwt Disap	Strng Disap	DK/ Ref	Total App	Total Disap	App - Disap
[600 Respondents] 42 (SPLIT B) The economy	26	22	18	33	2	48	51	-3
[600 Respondents] 43 (SPLIT A) The war on terrorism	29	22	11	36	3	50	47	3
44 Iraq	18	20	10	50	2	38	61	-23
[600 Respondents] 45 (SPLIT A) Medicare	13	28	16	33	10	41	49	-8
[600 Respondents] 46 (SPLIT B) Social Security	15	23	17	37	7	39	54	-15
(ref:BUSHJOB)								

Q.47 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]										
47 (SPLIT A) The Iraq war has made us LESS secure.										
OR										
The Iraq war made us MORE secure	45	9	12	29	-	2	2	54	42	12

[600 Respondents]										
48 (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.....	45	9	7	36	-	1	3	54	43	11

[600 Respondents]										
49 (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.....										

50 The U.S. is losing ground in Iraq.										
OR										
The U.S. is making progress in Iraq.....	47	9	15	24	0	1	3	57	38	18
(ref:VALUES2/04)										

Q.51 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	50
(Both).....	3
(None)	9
(Don't know/refused)	11
(ref:ADCONT)	

Q.52 In the last week, have you been hearing mostly positive or mostly negative things from (Democratic incumbent/candidate) for Congress?

	Total
Mostly positive.....	29
Mostly negative	45
(Both).....	2
(None)	12
(Don't know/refused)	11
(ref:ADCONT2)	

Q.53 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
53 Seen TV ads	8	5	8	14	49	10	6	13	22	-8
54 Gotten information on the Internet.....	5	4	4	4	5	67	10	9	8	2
55 Received mailings.....	8	9	13	17	31	16	7	17	30	-13
56 Been contacted face to face at home	4	5	5	4	4	74	3	9	9	.
57 Received phone calls..... (ref:CAMPCONT)	7	9	10	10	17	39	8	15	19	-4

Q.58 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.....	22
Non-college post H.S.	2
Some college.....	24
College graduate	28
Post-graduate school	19
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.59 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	12
Household member	9
No member belongs	78
(Don't know/refused)	1
Union Household.....	21
Non College Non Union	40
Non union worker.....	27
(ref:UNION)	

Q.60 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	66
Single	14
Separated/divorced	9
Widowed.....	10
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.61 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total
Yes	35
No.....	64
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.62 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	24
Weak Democrat.....	14
Independent-lean Democrat.....	10
Independent	6
Independent-lean Republican	9
Weak Republican	11
Strong Republican.....	24
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.65 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	20
Moderate	39
Conservative	39
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.66 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	49
Catholic	27
Jewish	1
Muslim	0
(Other/none/refused)	23
(ref:RELIG1)	

[589 Respondents]

Q.67 (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	20
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	10
Moderate to liberal.....	43
(Something else)	6
(Don't know/refused)	10
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.68 How often do you attend religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Every week.....	42
Once or twice a month	13
Several times a year.....	14
Hardly ever	22
(Never)	5
(Don't know/refused)	4
(ref:RELIG2)	

[1187 Respondents]

Q.69 (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)	6
Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....	-5
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.70 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	Total
None.....	58
1-2	14
3-9	12
10 or more	6
(Don't know/refused)	10
(ref:GUNS)	

Q.71 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

[66 Respondents]

Q.73 (IF HISPANIC OR LATINO) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Latin American, Central American, or Spanish?

	Total
Mexican	24
Puerto Rican.....	14
Cuban.....	2
Latin American	2
Central American.....	10
Spanish	37
(Other)	5
(Don't know/refused)	6
(ref:ORIGIN)	

Q.74 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	3
\$10K to under \$20K	6
\$20K to under \$30K	6
\$30K to under \$50K	18
\$50K to under \$75K	19
\$75K to under \$100K	13
\$100K or more.....	16
(Refused).....	18
(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	5
30 - 34	8
35 - 39	9
40 - 44	9
45 - 49	11
50 - 54	10
55 - 59	11
60 - 64	9
Over 64.....	24
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	