

Democracy Corps Swing Districts Survey Frequency Questionnaire

September 12-14, 2006
966 Likely Voters

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	88
Did not vote	9
(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 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.....	87
Probably	13
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?

	Total
Right direction	35
Wrong track	58
(Don't know/refused)	7
Right - Wrong.....	-23
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.9 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.....	11
Strongly disapprove.....	42
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
Total approve.....	43
Total disapprove.....	53
Approve - disapprove	-10
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.10 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	21
Somewhat approve	25
Somewhat disapprove.....	13
Strongly disapprove.....	20
(Don't know/Refused).....	21
 Total approve.....	 46
Total disapprove.....	33
 Approve - disapprove	 13
(ref:CONGAPP)	

¹ For each district, the actual member of Congress' name was inserted, except for Texas' 22nd district, where the question was not asked.

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	47.2	40	42	99
12 The Democratic Party	46.7	36	40	98
13 George W. Bush	47.0	43	47	99
[483 Respondents]				
14 (SPLIT A) The Congress.....	50.3	37	33	97
[483 Respondents]				
15 (SPLIT B) The Republican Congress.....	43.8	37	46	96
16 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	51.7	41	34	94
17 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	47.5	38	42	96
18 The Iraq war.....	39.6	35	52	98
19 Gay marriage	33.7	24	53	95
20 Immigration into the country.....	39.2	23	46	93
21 (Incumbent member of Congress) ²	49.9	36	32	87

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

² For each district, the actual member of Congress' name was inserted, except for Texas' 22nd district, where the question was not asked.

Q.22 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	58
9	9
8	14
7	5
6	3
5	6
4	1
3	1
2	0
1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	0
10	58
8-10	82
6-10	90
1-5	10
(ref:INTEREST)	

Q.23 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.....	45
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3
Republican candidate.....	39
Lean Republican candidate.....	5
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	6
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic candidate	48
Total Republican candidate.....	44
Total (Other candidate).....	2
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	4
(ref:GC1)	

Q.24 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	44
Lean Democratic incumbent/candidate	2
Republican incumbent/candidate	45
Lean Republican incumbent/candidate	2
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	-
(Undecided)	4
(Refused).....	1
 Total Democratic incumbent/candidate	45
Total Republican incumbent/candidate	48
Total (Other candidate)	1
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	-2
(ref:CONG06)	

Q.25 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.....	11
A small chance	8
Just a very slight chance	13
No chance at all.....	21
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
 Democratic candidate Supporter.....	45
(ref:CONG06C)	

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Q.26 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.....	8
A small chance	7
Just a very slight chance	11
No chance at all.....	24
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
 Republican candidate Supporter	 48
(ref:CONG06D)	

Q.27 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	52
Less.....	28
(No more/less).....	19
(Don't know/refused)	2
 More - Less	 24
(ref:ENTHUSIA)	

Q.28 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	32
Not a factor.....	49
(Don't know/refused)	2
 For - Against	 -15
(ref:BUSHVTE)	

Q.29/30 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	1st	2nd
The war in Iraq	32	18	15
Terrorism and national security	27	15	12
Jobs and the economy	26	14	13
Health care	21	10	12
Illegal immigration	21	9	13
Taxes and spending	19	8	11
Medicare and Social Security	18	9	9
Moral values	15	9	6
Energy and gas prices.....	12	4	9
(None of these).....	1	1	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	1

(ref:CONC06/CONC062)

Q.31 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?

	Total
Very positively	14
Somewhat positively.....	23
Somewhat negatively	18
Very negatively	18
(Don't know/Refused).....	28
Total Positively	36
Total Negatively	35
Positively - Negatively	1

(ref:DRUGBEN)

Q.32 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
[483 Respondents]										
32 (SPLIT A) The Iraq war has made us LESS secure.										
OR										
The Iraq war made us MORE secure.	38	8	12	36	-	4	3	46	48	-2
33 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.	38	7	8	45	0	1	1	45	52	-8
34 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.....	40	11	6	38	3	1	1	50	45	5
35 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	40	13	11	31	0	4	2	52	41	11

	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
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36 (SPLIT B) President Bush has mismanaged Iraq, leaving us bogged down in a religious war. We need a new direction, with more accountability for wasted money on no-bid contracts for Halliburton and a lack of body armor, and new leadership that speeds up the hand-over to Iraqis.

OR

We cannot 'cut and run' in Iraq and appease the terrorists who are watching whether we have the resolve to finish the job. Osama bin Laden says Iraq is the battlefield where the extremists will defeat the Americans. We have to stay the course in the war on terrorism.....

43	7	9	38	0	1	2	49	47	2
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37 (SPLIT B) Those who stay the course in Iraq are keeping us bogged down in an occupation, preventing us from hunting down terrorists elsewhere and undermining our ability to secure our own country.

OR

Those calling for a withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq are advocating 'cutting and running' from Iraq, which will increase the terrorist threat against America and make us less secure.....

40	11	9	32	1	3	4	51	41	9
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	1 st	1 st	2 nd					Total	Total	1 st
	1 st	Not	Not	2 nd	Both	Nthr	Dk/	1 st	2 nd	-
	Strng	Strng	Strng	Strng			Ref	Stmt	Stmt	2 nd

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38 (SPLIT A) We are bogged down in a religious war in Iraq and need a new direction to get Iraqis to take responsibility while we redeploy our troops, rebuild our alliances with other countries and make America energy independent.

OR

We cannot 'cut and run' in Iraq and appease the terrorists who are watching whether we have the resolve to finish the job.

Osama bin Laden says Iraq is the battlefield where the extremists will defeat the Americans. We have to stay the course in the war on terrorism.....

44	9	8	32	2	2	2	53	40	13
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(ref:VALUES04/VALUES2)

Q.39 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 do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	Dems	Dems	Reps	Reps		Nei-	DK/	Total	Total	Dems
	Strng	Smwt	Smwt	Strng	Both	ther	Ref	Dems	Reps	-
										Reps
39 The economy	25	22	16	22	1	4	10	47	38	9
40 Taxes	18	19	20	26	1	5	12	36	46	-9
41 National security	13	15	19	31	2	7	14	27	51	-24
42 The situation in Iraq	21	16	16	26	0	6	13	37	43	-5
43 Oil, gas and energy.....	24	22	15	13	2	9	16	46	28	18
44 Family values	19	15	13	31	3	6	13	34	45	-11
45 Immigration	14	19	18	14	2	12	22	32	32	0

(ref:BETJOB04)

Q.46/47 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?

	Comb	1st	2nd
Too eager to withdraw from Iraq	32	19	17
Too willing to raise taxes	31	14	22
Too weak on security and dealing with terrorism	27	14	16
Too lax on moral and family issues	20	12	10
Too ready to have government tell you what to do.....	19	9	12
Too tied to special interest groups	19	10	12
(Other)	1	1	1
(No worries).....	15	12	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	13	9	5

(ref:DEMWRRY2/DEMWRRY3)

Q.48/49 Now I'd like you to imagine that the Republicans hold on to control of Congress next November. Which ONE of these worries you the most when thinking about the Republicans still being in control of Congress next year? And which one is your second biggest worry when thinking about the Republicans still being in control of Congress next year?

	Comb	1st	2nd
Still work mainly for the big corporations, not people.....	31	17	17
Will do nothing about rising costs of gas and health care.....	26	14	16
Won't get the federal deficit under control	25	14	14
Will continue with corruption and special interest favoritism	24	11	16
Will keep us stuck in Iraq.....	23	12	15
Will keep neglecting our problems at home	20	10	13
(Other)	2	2	3
(No concerns).....	16	12	5
(Don't know/refused)	10	8	2

(ref:REPCONGB/REPCNGB2)

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Q.50 (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.

The Democratic candidate says, we must have more effective tools to monitor, hunt down and kill terrorists. But the current "cowboy approach" puts our own soldiers at risk if they become POWs, which is why it is opposed by the Army, Navy and Marines and the Republican Armed Services chairman and former POW, John McCain. With them, I support credible courts to bring these terrorists to justice.

OR

The Republican candidate says, I am determined to bring the terrorists who killed 3,000 Americans on 9/11 to justice. The mastermind of the attack now sits at Guantanamo Bay and the Republicans voted to create the court to put him on trial, but the Democrats want to give him as many rights as our own soldiers have. We need a Congress that will put the 9/11 terrorists on trial.

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

	Total
Democrat strongly	31
Democrat not so strongly	11
Republican not so strongly	12
Republican strongly	35
(Don't know/Refused)	11
Total Democrat	42
Total Republican	47
Democrat - Republican	-5
(ref:IRQNAR1)	

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Q.51 (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.

The Democratic candidate says, we must have more effective tools to monitor, hunt down and kill terrorists. I want the president to have the flexibility to move fast and obtain warrants after the fact in special courts. But both parties and the Supreme Court say the president can't just make up his own laws. We need the most effective tools possible to fight terrorism while protecting our democracy.

OR

The Republican candidate says, America has not been attacked in the five years since 9/11, and it is no accident. The president has used his authority to interrupt phone calls between the terrorists and potential cells in the United States when lives may be at risk. But the Democrats now want to force the president to apply for a court warrant even if valuable time is lost. You can depend on the Republicans to keep America safe.

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

	Total
Democrat strongly	36
Democrat not so strongly	15
Republican not so strongly	11
Republican strongly	29
(Don't know/Refused)	8
Total Democrat	51
Total Republican	41
Democrat - Republican	10
(ref:IRQNAR2)	

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Q.52 (SPLIT F) Now let me read you statements from two candidates for Congress. After I read them, please tell me which statement comes closest to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.

The Democratic candidate says, my priorities are a new direction in Iraq and a better way to fight the war on terrorism. And I'm determined that we address the financial pressures that average Americans are facing, with gas prices, health care costs and local taxes skyrocketing.
OR

The Republican candidate says, my priorities are to cut taxes for all taxpayers and get immigration under control. And I'm determined that we will not 'cut and run' in Iraq and give the terrorists a victory when we have so much to do to keep America safe.

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

	Total
Democrat strongly	34
Democrat not so strongly	15
Republican not so strongly	13
Republican strongly	32
(Don't know/Refused)	7
Total Democrat	48
Total Republican	45
Democrat - Republican	4
(ref:IRQNAR4)	

Q.53 Now, thinking again about the election for Congress this year, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/ candidate)?⁴

	Total
Democratic incumbent/candidate	43
Lean Democratic incumbent/candidate	2
Republican incumbent/candidate	45
Lean Republican incumbent/candidate	2
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	5
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic incumbent/candidate	45
Total Republican incumbent/candidate	48
Total (Other candidate)	1
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 -3
(ref:RECONG06)	

Q.54 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.....	26
College graduate	27
Post-graduate school	18
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.55 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	8
No member belongs	78
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:UNION)	

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Q.56 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	66
Single	13
Separated/divorced	11
Widowed.....	9
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.57 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	21
Weak Democrat.....	13
Independent-lean Democrat.....	14
Independent	5
Independent-lean Republican	10
Weak Republican	14
Strong Republican.....	23
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.58 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	17
Moderate	41
Conservative	39
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.59 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	50
Catholic	25
Jewish	2
Muslim	0
(Other/none/refused)	23
(ref:RELIG1)	

[482 Respondents]

Q.60 (IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total
Fundamentalist.....	14
Evangelical	22
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	7
Moderate to liberal.....	41
(Something else)	5
(Don't know/refused)	11
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.61 How often do you attend religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Every week.....	41
Once or twice a month	14
Several times a year.....	14
Hardly ever	21
(Never)	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
(ref:RELIG2)	

[959 Respondents]

Q.62 (IF VOTED IN 2004) In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	Total
Democrat John Kerry	45
Republican George Bush	49
(Ralph Nader).....	1
(Other candidate)	1
(Don't know/refused)	3
Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....	-4
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.63 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	Total
None.....	58
1-2	16
3-9	13
10 or more	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	8
(ref:GUNS)	

Q.64 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	86
African-American or Black.....	4
Hispanic or Latino.....	5
Native American	1
Asian	0
(Other)	1
(Don't know/refused)	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

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Q.65 (IF HISPANIC OR LATINO) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Latin American, Central American, or Spanish?

	Total
Mexican	48
Spanish	22
Latin American	14
Puerto Rican.....	5
Central American.....	5
Cuban.....	2
(Other)	-
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:ORIGIN)	

Q.66 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	8
\$30K to under \$50K	20
\$50K to under \$75K	16
\$75K to under \$100K	14
\$100K or more.....	16
(Refused).....	15
(Don't know)	3
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.2 Respondent's gender

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

Q.7 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	3
25 - 29	6
30 - 34	8
35 - 39	8
40 - 44	8
45 - 49	10
50 - 54	10
55 - 59	10
60 - 64	9
Over 64.....	26
(No answer).....	2
(ref:AGE)	