

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

September 6-10, 2006
1004 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	91
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 November: 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	33
Wrong track.....	61
(Don't know/refused)	6
Right - Wrong.....	-28
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.9 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	28
Somewhat approve	15
Somewhat disapprove.....	11
Strongly disapprove.....	43
(Don't know/refused)	4
Total approve.....	43
Total disapprove.....	53
Approve - disapprove	-10
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

[502 Respondents]

Q.10 (SPLIT A) Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Total
Strongly approve	8
Somewhat approve	25
Somewhat disapprove.....	24
Strongly disapprove.....	37
(Don't know/refused)	6
 Total approve.....	 33
Total disapprove.....	61
 Approve - disapprove	 -28
(ref:CONGAPRO)	

[502 Respondents]

Q.11 (SPLIT B) Do you approve or disapprove of the way (incumbent) is handling his/her job as a member of the U.S. Congress?¹

	Total
Strongly approve	21
Somewhat approve	31
Somewhat disapprove.....	12
Strongly disapprove.....	10
(Don't know/refused)	26
 Total approve.....	 52
Total disapprove.....	22
 Approve - disapprove	 30
(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.12 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
12 The Republican Party	45.0	37	47	99
13 The Democratic Party	47.9	38	40	99
14 George W. Bush	44.9	42	49	99
[502 Respondents]				
15 (SPLIT A) The Republican Congress.....	45.3	37	43	97
[502 Respondents]				
16 (SPLIT B) The Congress.....	46.8	29	37	96
17 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	50.5	40	35	93
18 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	48.2	38	40	96
19 The Iraq war.....	36.1	32	55	96
20 Gay marriage	31.0	23	57	94
21 Donald Rumsfeld	40.9	32	46	90
(ref:THERM04/THERM204)				

Q.24 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?

	Total
10	58
9	8
8	13
7	7
6	3
5	8
4	1
3	0
2	0
1	1
Don't know	0
10	58
8-10	80
6-10	90
1-5	10
Mean	8.8
(ref:INTEREST)	

Q.25 (IF STATE HAS SENATE ELECTION IN 2006) And thinking about the election for U.S. Senate next year, if the election for U.S. Senate were held today, would you be voting for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/ candidate)?²

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	47
Lean Democratic candidate.....	4
Republican candidate.....	40
Lean Republican candidate.....	2
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	4
(Refused).....	2
Total Democratic candidate	52
Total Republican candidate.....	42
Total (Other candidate).....	1
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	10
(ref:SEN06)	

² For each state, the actual name of each party's most likely candidate was inserted. For cases in which a party's most likely candidate could not be determined, a generic candidate ("the Democratic candidate" or "the Republican candidate") was inserted.

Q.27 Now thinking about the election for Congress this November, 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	42
Lean Republican incumbent/candidate	2
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	4
(Refused).....	2
Total Democratic incumbent/candidate	50
Total Republican incumbent/candidate	44
Total (Other candidate).....	1
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 6
(ref:CONG06)	

³ For each district in which the incumbent is expected to run for reelection in 2006, the incumbent's actual name was inserted, and the actual name of the most likely candidate was inserted for the opposition. A generic candidate (the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate) was inserted if a likely candidate could not be determined. For districts in which the incumbent is not expected to run for reelection, the actual name of each party's most likely candidate was inserted if one could be determined, and a generic candidate was inserted if a most likely candidate could not be determined.

Q.29 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.....	8
A small chance	7
Just a very slight chance	11
No chance at all.....	22
(Don't know/refused)	2
Democratic candidate Supporter	50
(ref:CONG06C)	

Q. 30 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	8
Just a very slight chance	11
No chance at all.....	28
(Don't know/refused)	1
Republican candidate Supporter	44
(ref:CONG06D)	

Q.31 In 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	51
Less.....	26
(Same).....	22
(Don't know/refused)	2
More - Less	25
(ref:ENTHUS)	

[502 Respondents]

Q.32 (SPLIT A) 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	19
Against	31
Not a factor.....	46
(Don't know/refused)	4
For - Against	-12
(ref:BUSHVTE)	

[502 Respondents]

Q.33 (SPLIT B) Will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote for Congress this year, or not?

	Total
Yes	66
No.....	31
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:PTYINCON)	

Q.34 In deciding how to vote for Congress, which ONE of the following issues is MOST important to you? Is it....

	Comb	1st	2nd
The war in Iraq	31	18	13
Jobs and economy	28	16	12
Terrorism/natl security.....	26	12	14
Health care	22	10	13
Medicare and Soc Sec	18	8	11
Taxes and spending	18	6	13
Moral values	18	13	6
Illegal immigration	17	8	10
Energy and gas prices.....	14	5	8
(None of these).....	2	1	1
(DK/Ref)	3	2	0
(ref:CONC06/CONC062)			

Q.36 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	13
Somewhat positively.....	24
Somewhat negatively	19
Very negatively.....	17
(Don't know/refused)	27
Total Positively	37
Total Negatively.....	36
Positively - negatively.....	1
(ref:DRUGBEN)	

Q.37 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 st	1 st Not	2 nd Not	2 nd	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[502 Respondents]										
37 (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.....	43	8	8	40	0	1	1	51	47	4

[502 Respondents]										
38 (SPLIT B) For me, what I most want to hear is how the candidates will find a new direction in Iraq and a better way to wage the war on terrorism.										
OR										
For me, what I most want to hear is how the candidates will deal with the terrorist threat, while making sure we don't 'cut and run' from Iraq.....	46	10	6	33	0	2	2	56	39	17

	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
39 Given what is happening in the country, I am more concerned about how the November election will affect the governor and state legislature. OR Given what is happening in the country, I am more concerned about how the November election will affect the President and the Congress.....	21	11	17	47	1	1	2	32	64	-32

[502 Respondents]

40 (SPLIT A) They say the economy is doing well, but that's not true for middle class and working people. Jobs are scarce, incomes stagnant, benefits are being cut, even while gas prices and health care costs skyrocket. OR The economic recovery has taken a long time and people feel financially pressed. But jobs are now being created, incomes are rising, and home ownership is at an all-time high. With the help of tax cuts, the economy is moving in the right direction.	51	8	10	28	1	1	1	59	37	22
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	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
[502 Respondents]										
41 (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.	44	8	9	34	3	2	1	52	42	9

[502 Respondents]										
42 (SPLIT B) The Republicans will stay in Congress and keep running up deficits, while doing nothing about middle class taxes.										
OR										
The Democrats will get into Congress and raise taxes	34	16	11	27	2	6	5	50	38	12

[502 Respondents]										
43 (SPLIT A) The Republicans will stay in Congress and do nothing about health care and gas prices.										
OR										
The Democrats will get into Congress and raise taxes	34	12	14	23	3	8	5	46	38	9

	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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[502 Respondents]

44 (SPLIT A) We are bogged down in a religious war in Iraq and need a new direction to get Iraqis to take responsibility and get America to concentrate on the terrorist threats we face at home and abroad.

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..... 41 8 6 39 2 3 1 **49** **45** **4**

[502 Respondents]

45 (SPLIT B) We are bogged down in a religious war in Iraq and need a new direction to get Iraqis to take responsibility, to 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..... 48 12 6 30 1 1 1 **60** **37** **23**

	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
46 We need a change in direction on Iraq, starting with Congress investigating the money gone missing, the no-bid contracts, and lack of body armor and a plan, and we should replace Donald Rumsfeld with a new Secretary of Defense who has a new plan to make us secure. 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.....	42	8	9	37	1	2	2	50	45	5
(ref:VALUES2\VALUES04)										

Q.47 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.

	Dems Much Betr	Dems Smwt Btr	Reps Smwt Btr	Reps Much Btr	Both	Nthr	DK/ Ref	Total Dems Btr	Total Reps Btr	Dems - Reps
47 The economy	29	22	18	20	1	2	8	51	38	14
[502 Respondents]										
48 (SPLIT A) Taxes	21	22	18	25	1	4	10	43	42	0
49 Family values.....	22	15	15	30	2	6	10	37	45	-8
[502 Respondents]										
50 (SPLIT B) Keeping America secure.....	16	19	15	29	2	5	14	35	44	-9
[502 Respondents]										
51 (SPLIT A) National Security	18	16	17	32	2	3	12	34	48	-14
52 The situation in Iraq	26	17	14	27	0	4	12	43	41	2

	Dems Much Bettr	Dems Smwt Bttr	Reps Smwt Bttr	Reps Much Bttr	Both	Nthr	DK/ Ref	Total Dems Bttr	Total Reps Bttr	Dems - Reps
53 Immigration	19	19	18	16	0	7	21	38	34	4
54 Energy policy	28	22	15	14	0	5	15	49	29	20
55 Social Security and Medicare	33	23	15	14	0	4	11	55	29	26
[502 Respondents]										
56 (SPLIT B) Spending	25	20	19	15	2	7	12	45	34	11
57 Dealing with the high costs and financial pressures on people	27	26	16	13	1	4	13	54	28	26
(ref:BETJOB)										

Q.58 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? Is it that Democrats are -

	Comb	1 st	2 nd
Too eager to withdraw from Iraq	34	19	19
Too willing to raise taxes	30	13	21
Too weak on security and dealing with terrorism	27	13	17
Too lax on moral and family issues	25	15	12
Too ready to have government tell you what to do	19	9	12
Too tied to special interest groups	19	11	10
(Other)	2	1	1
(No worries)	13	10	4
(Don't know/refused)	11	9	3
(ref:DEMWRRY2/DEMWRRY3)			

Q.60 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? Is it that Republicans -

	Comb	1st	2nd
Will do nothing about rising costs of gas and health care.....	32	16	19
Still work mainly for the big corporations, not people.....	31	18	16
Will keep us stuck in Iraq.....	28	14	17
Won't get the federal deficit under control.....	28	15	15
Will continue with the corruption and special interest favoritism.....	21	10	13
Will keep neglecting our problems at home.....	21	11	12
(Other).....	2	1	1
(No concerns).....	10	6	4
(Don't know/refused).....	12	10	2

(ref:REPCONGB/REPCNGB2)

[502 Respondents]

Q.62 (SPLIT C) 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, we face a real threat from Islamic extremists who advocate violence and terrorism to create fundamentalist regimes. Still, the President's failed policies and lack of oversight are making America less safe than it could be. We must implement 100 percent of the 9/11 Commission's recommendations, cut our dependence on foreign oil and push for the responsible redeployment of our troops from Iraq. It is time for a new direction.

OR

The Republican candidate says, the war on terror is the decisive ideological struggle of the 21st century. We must fight against Islamic extremists that are driven by anti-American feelings and present a threat to our security. History shows we can defeat Islamic extremism just as we defeated the Communists and Nazis before. This war will be long and difficult; but we must stay the course to ensure freedom and moderation prevails over violence.

	Total
Democrat strongly	38
Democrat not so strongly	14
Republican not so strongly	10
Republican strongly.....	34
(Don't know/refused)	4
Total Democrat	52
Total Republican	44
Democrat - Republican	7

(ref:IRQNAR)

[502 Respondents]

Q.63 (SPLIT D) 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, Republicans say the economy is great, but Americans are struggling to keep up with the skyrocketing costs of gas, health care, and education. We should repeal tax giveaways to companies that send jobs overseas and millionaires who don't need relief, and instead pass fiscally responsible middle class tax cuts: making college tuition tax deductible, tax credits for first-time homebuyers and hybrid car buyers, and tax breaks for care-giving expenses on behalf of an ill parent.

OR

The Republican candidate says, our tax cuts for businesses and working Americans created a strong economy. We passed a prescription drug program that makes drugs affordable for seniors, created more than 5 million new jobs over the last three years and last year our economy grew faster than any industrialized nation. Democrats now want to repeal the tax cuts, which would stifle our economic growth and increase the burden on working Americans. We must protect the tax cuts in order for our economy to improve.

	Total
Democrat strongly	48
Democrat not so strongly	10
Republican not so strongly	12
Republican strongly	25
(Don't know/refused)	4
Total Democrat	58
Total Republican	37
Democrat - Republican	21
(ref:ECONAR)	

Q.64 Now I'd like you to imagine there is a vote of no confidence for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld who is President Bush's appointment and the civilian leader of the Iraq war over the past three years. Would you want to see your member of Congress vote to support or vote to oppose the vote of no confidence for Donald Rumsfeld?

	Total
Strongly support	36
Somewhat support	12
Somewhat oppose.....	13
Strongly oppose	29
(Don't know/refused)	10
Total support	48
Total oppose	42
Support - Oppose	7
(ref:RUMSF2)	

Q.65 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.	2
Some college.....	26
College graduate.....	27
Post-graduate school	17
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.66 Are you a member of a labor union?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	13
Household member	8
No member belongs.....	78
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:UNION)	

Q.67 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	65
Single	16
Separated/divorced	10
Widowed.....	8
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.68 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	26
Weak Democrat.....	13
Independent-lean Democrat.....	11
Independent	5
Independent-lean Republican	9
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican.....	23
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.71 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	16
Moderate	39
Conservative	42
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.72 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	54
Catholic	25
Jewish	2
(Other/none/refused)	19
Muslim	0
(ref:RELIG1)	

[545 Respondents]

Q.73 (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.....	12
Evangelical	22
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	11
Moderate to liberal.....	39
(Something else)	6
(Don't know/refused)	10
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.74 How often do you attend church -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Every week.....	42
Once or twice a month	17
Several times a year.....	13
Hardly ever	21
(Never)	4
(Don't know/Refused)	3
(ref:RELIG2)	

[997 Respondents]

Q.75 (ASK 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	47
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Other candidate)	1
(Don't know/refused)	6
Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....	-2
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.76 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	Total
None.....	57
1-2	15
3-9	14
10 or more	6
(Don't know/refused)	8
(ref:GUNS)	

Q.77 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	79
African-American or Black.....	10
Hispanic or Latino.....	8
Native American	1
Asian	0
(Other)	1
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:RACETHN)	

[80 Respondents]

Q.79 (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	36
Puerto Rican.....	4
Cuban.....	5
Latin American	7
Central American.....	14
Spanish	27
(Other) (RECORD RESPONSE)	2
(Don't know/refused)	5
(ref:ORIGIN)	

Q.80 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	7
\$20K to under \$30K	10
\$30K to under \$50K	20
\$50K to under \$75K	18
\$75K to under \$100K	12
\$100K or more.....	16
(Refused).....	12
(Don't know)	2
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.7 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	2
25 - 29	6
30 - 34	7
35 - 39	9
40 - 44	11
45 - 49	13
50 - 54	11
55 - 59	10
60 - 64	9
Over 64.....	21
(No answer).....	2
(ref:AGE)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

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