

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

October 15-17, 2006
1000 Likely Voters

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.7 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.....	89
Probably	10
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	-
(Already voted)	1
(Refused).....	-
(ref:CP3)	

[8 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?

	Total
By mail.....	60
In person	40
(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	28
Wrong track	63
(Don't know/refused)	9
Right - Wrong.....	-35
(ref:DIRECT)	

[633 Respondents]

Q.10 (ASK ONLY IF WRONG TRACK IN DIRECT) Why do you say things are going in the wrong direction?

	Total
Iraq	48
Economy/jobs.....	19
President Bush.....	19
FINANCIAL PRESSURES/RISING COSTS	16
Energy/gas prices	10
Health care.....	7
Government spending/taxes	9
Corruption.....	8
Congress not for the average person.....	5
Moral values	5
Immigration.....	4
Education	3
Social Security/pensions	3
War on terror	2
Korea.....	2
Negative (general).....	2
Congressional in-fighting.....	1
Other	12
Don't know, no opinion	1
(ref:WTRACKOE)	

[281 Respondents]

Q.11 (ASK ONLY IF RIGHT DIRECTION IN DIRECT) Why do you say things are going in the right direction?

	Total
Economy	36
Republicans are in power.....	22
Just think things are not going poorly.....	22
Making progress in the war on terror.....	17
Making progress in Iraq.....	9
Declining gas prices	4
Taxes.....	3
Other	8
Don't know, no opinion	4
(ref:RTRACKOE)	

Q.12 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	22
Somewhat approve	17
Somewhat disapprove.....	10
Strongly disapprove.....	46
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
Total approve.....	39
Total disapprove.....	56
Approve - disapprove	-17
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.13 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Total
Strongly approve	4
Somewhat approve	22
Somewhat disapprove.....	26
Strongly disapprove.....	41
(Don't know/Refused).....	7
Total approve.....	26
Total disapprove.....	67
Approve - disapprove	-41
(ref:CONGAPRO)	

Q.14 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
15 The Republican Party	43.0	35	49	97
16 The Democratic Party	48.9	40	37	97
17 George W. Bush	43.2	39	51	100
[500 Respondents]				
18 (SPLIT A) The Republican Congress.....	41.6	32	49	97
[500 Respondents]				
19 (SPLIT B) The Congress.....	43.6	28	43	97
20 Dennis Hastert - the Republican Speaker of the House	41.2	25	41	80
21 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	48.6	38	38	94
22 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	47.4	36	42	96
23 The Iraq war.....	32.3	25	61	97
24 Gay marriage	31.5	22	57	95
25 Immigration into the country..... (ref:THERM04/204)	39.7	25	49	94

Q.26 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	7
8	15
7	7
6	3
5	7
4	1
3	1
2	0
1	1
Don't know.....	0
10	58
8-10	80
6-10	90
1-5	10
Mean	8.7
(ref:INTEREST)	

[723 Respondents]

Q.27 (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)?¹

	Total
Democratic incumbent/candidate	51
Lean Democratic incumbent/candidate	2
Republican incumbent/candidate	38
Lean Republican incumbent/candidate	3
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	-
(Undecided).....	3
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic incumbent/candidate	53
Total Republican incumbent/candidate	40
Total (Other candidate)	2
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	13
(ref:SEN06)	

¹ 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.28 I know it is far ahead, but 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?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	49
Lean Democratic candidate.....	2
Republican candidate.....	37
Lean Republican candidate.....	3
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	5
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic candidate	51
Total Republican candidate.....	40
Total (Other candidate).....	2
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	11
(ref:GC1)	

Q.29 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)?²

	Total
Democratic incumbent/candidate.....	52
Lean Democratic incumbent/candidate.....	2
Republican incumbent/candidate.....	38
Lean Republican incumbent/candidate.....	2
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	3
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic incumbent/candidate	54
Total Republican incumbent/candidate	41
Total (Other candidate).....	1
Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	14
(ref:CONG06)	

² 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.

[544 Respondents]

Q.30 (IF DEMOCRAT IN CONG06 OR CONGO6B) Why do you think you will be voting for the Democratic candidate for Congress this year?

	Total
NEW DIRECTION FOR AMERICA.....	38
Change	16
Republicans/Congress not getting anything done	10
Republicans not for the average person	5
Want bipartisan government	5
Like the Democratic candidate	17
Share the same values.....	17
I'm a Democrat	14
Don't like the Republican candidate	6
Republicans' corruption	4
Iraq	4
Economy	2
Lesser of two evils.....	2
Health care	1
Moral values	1
Other	5
Don't know, no opinion	3
(ref:CONG06B2)	

Q.31 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	8
No chance at all.....	21
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
Democratic candidate Supporter	55
(ref:CONG06C)	

[218 Respondents]

Q.32 (IF FAIR, SMALL OR SLIGHT CHANCE IN CONG06C) When thinking about voting for the Democratic candidate, what's the biggest thing holding you back?

	Total
Don't know enough about the candidate/issues	22
Usually lean towards Republicans	16
Moral values	11
Spend too much/raise taxes	8
Democrats too liberal	7
Lack a plan/don't have a good alternative to the Republicans.....	6
Gun control.....	4
Don't like the Democratic candidate	3
Like the Republican candidate	2
Immigration.....	2
Other	14
Don't know, no opinion	11
(ref:CONG06C2)	

Q.33 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	9
No chance at all.....	32
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
Republican candidate Supporter	41
(ref:CONG06D)	

Q.34 With only a couple of weeks to go before the election, what do you wish the Democratic candidate was doing or saying before election day?

	Total
Say more about what he/she stands for	14
Iraq	12
Economy	9
Honesty/run an honest campaign.....	9
Less negative advertising.....	5
Health care	5
Moral values	5
Taxes/government spending	4
Immigration.....	4
Education	4
Say how he or she will help the people in my district	3
Nothing, I hope he/she drops out of the race	3
Change/talk more about changing Congress	2
Support the troops.....	2
Terrorism	2
Social Security/pensions	2
Energy/gas prices.....	2
Stop talking about Foley.....	1
Don't support Bush.....	1
Other	12
Don't know, no opinion, doesn't matter to me	27

(ref:DEMDOING)

Q.35 With only a couple of weeks to go before the election, what do you wish the Republican candidate was doing or saying before election day?

	Total
Honesty/run an honest campaign.....	12
Iraq	8
Nothing, I hope he/she drops out of the race	7
Less negative advertising.....	5
Economy	5
Immigration.....	5
Say more about what they stand for.....	4
Health care	3
Education	3
Stop terrorism.....	2
Support the troops.....	2
Stop selling out to corporations	2
Explain how he/she will be different than Bush/the Republicans.....	1
Iran/Korea.....	1
Social Security/pensions	1
Energy/gas prices.....	1
Other	13
Don't know, no opinion, doesn't matter to me	28

(ref:REPDOING)

Q.36 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	46
Less.....	27
(Same).....	24
(Don't know/refused)	3
 More - Less	 19
(ref:ENTHUS)	

[456 Respondents]

Q.37 (IF MORE IN ENTHUS) Why are you more enthusiastic than usual?

	Total
NEW DIRECTION FOR AMERICA.....	36
Change	29
Want to get things going in the right direction.....	6
End in-fighting and bickering.....	3
Democrats have a chance to win	9
I like voting	9
Iraq	7
My vote will make a difference	6
A lot is at stake	5
It's a chance to voice my opinion	5
Economy	4
Like the Republicans/want the Republicans to stay in power.....	4
Mention of a particular candidate or race	3
I haven't voted in the past/first time voter	2
Energy/gas prices.....	1
Other	18
Don't know, no opinion	2
(ref:ENTHUSOE)	

[268 Respondents]

Q.37 (IF LESS IN ENTHUS) Why are you less enthusiastic than usual?

	Total
Politicians are all dishonest/corrupt.....	21
I don't like any of the candidates	20
Politicians are more concerned about themselves and re-election than the average person.....	9
Don't follow politics	8
Voting doesn't make a difference/my vote won't count	7
Too much negative campaigning	4
Normally vote Republican, but disappointed with Republicans.....	2
Economy	1
Other	7
Don't know, no opinion	13
(ref:ENTHUS02)	

Q.38 In deciding how to vote for Congress, which ONE of the following issues is MOST important to you? Is it....

And from that list, which one of the following issue areas would be SECOND MOST important to you in deciding how to vote for a candidate for Congress?

	Comb	1st	2nd
The war in Iraq	39	23	16
Jobs and economy	29	16	14
Terrorism and national security	23	12	11
Health care	22	8	14
Medicare and Social Security	17	9	9
Moral values	17	11	7
Taxes and spending	16	7	9
Illegal immigration	15	7	9
Energy and gas prices.....	11	3	8
(None of these).....	2	2	0
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	1
(ref:CONC06/CONC062)			

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 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.

	Dem Much Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
40 The economy	30	21	17	20	1	3	9	51	37	14
41 Taxes	26	21	15	24	1	3	9	47	39	8
42 Family values	25	15	12	28	3	5	12	40	40	0
43 Keeping America secure	21	16	14	28	4	3	13	37	42	-5
44 National Security	20	18	15	28	3	3	14	37	42	-5
45 The situation in Iraq	31	17	15	22	0	4	11	48	36	12
46 Dealing with the high costs and financial pressures on people	32	21	14	15	1	4	13	53	29	25
(ref:BETJOB)										

Q.47 - 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.

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
48 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.	42	12	8	31	3	1	2	55	39	15
49 When I vote, I will be thinking a lot about the Iraq war. OR When I vote, I will be thinking a lot about the war on terror.	38	7	12	36	4	3	1	45	48	-3
(ref:VALUES2)										

Q.50 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.....	27
College graduate.....	27
Post-graduate school	17
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.51 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	14
Household member	9
No member belongs	77
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:UNION)	

Q.52 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	63
Single	15
Separated/divorced	12
Widowed.....	9
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.53 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total
Yes	35
No.....	65
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.54 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	28
Weak Democrat.....	12
Independent-lean Democrat.....	11
Independent	7
Independent-lean Republican	8
Weak Republican	10
Strong Republican.....	22
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.55 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	18
Moderate	39
Conservative	40
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.56 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant.....	54
Catholic	25
Jewish	2
Muslim.....	1
(Other/none/refused)	19
(ref:RELIG1)	

[535 Respondents]

Q.57 (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.....	10
Evangelical	25
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	10
Moderate to liberal.....	38
(Something else)	6
(Don't know/refused)	11
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.58 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	17
Several times a year.....	16
Hardly ever	19
(Never)	3
(Don't know/Refused)	3
(ref:RELIG2)	

[987 Respondents]

Q.59 (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	45
Republican George Bush	48
(Ralph Nader)	0
(Other candidate)	2
(Don't know/refused)	5

Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....-2
(ref:VOTE2004)

Q.60 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	Total
None	59
1-2	16
3-9	12
10 or more	5
(Don't know/Refused)	8

(ref:GUNS)

Q.61 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

(ref:RACETHN)

[80 Respondents]

Q.62 (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	28
Spanish	19
Puerto Rican.....	16
Latin American	12
Central American.....	11
Cuban.....	4
(Other)	3
(Don't know/refused)	7

(ref:ORIGIN)

Q.63 Do you know someone who is currently serving, or has recently served in the military in Iraq or Afghanistan?

	Total
Yes - respondent	1
Yes - family member	24
Yes - friend	31
Yes - someone you know	16
No - don't know anyone serving	27
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:IRQSERV)	

Q.64 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	6
\$20K to under \$30K	9
\$30K to under \$50K	18
\$50K to under \$75K	18
\$75K to under \$100K	14
\$100K or more	16
(Refused)	13
(Don't know)	3
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	3
25 - 29	5
30 - 34	10
35 - 39	7
40 - 44	10
45 - 49	12
50 - 54	11
55 - 59	12
60 - 64	8
Over 64	22
(No answer)	0
(ref:AGE)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male	48
Female	52
(ref:GENDER)	