

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

February 14-19, 2007
1014 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 November 2006. 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	89
Did not vote	11
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	0
(Refused).....	0
(ref:VOTE06)	

Q.7 I know it's a long way off, but what are the chances of you voting in the election for president in 2008: 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.....	93
Probably	7
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	23
Wrong track	66
(Don't know/refused)	11
Right - Wrong.....	-43
(ref:DIRECT)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve	20
Somewhat approve	18
Somewhat disapprove.....	14
Strongly disapprove.....	43
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
Total approve.....	38
Total disapprove.....	57
Approve - disapprove	-19
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Total
Strongly approve	6
Somewhat approve	28
Somewhat disapprove.....	24
Strongly disapprove.....	29
(Don't know/Refused).....	13
Total approve.....	34
Total disapprove.....	53
Approve - disapprove	-20
(ref:CONGAPRO)	

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	45.0	34	45	99
12 The Democratic Party	51.3	43	34	98
13 George W. Bush	42.0	38	51	99
[507 Respondents]				
14 (SPLIT A) Nancy Pelosi - the Speaker of the House	48.2	36	32	83
[507 Respondents]				
15 (SPLIT B) Harry Reid - the Democratic Leader of the Senate ..	45.8	20	22	54
[507 Respondents]				
16 (SPLIT A) The Congress.....	48.4	33	31	97
[507 Respondents]				
17 (SPLIT B) The Democratic Congress	49.9	39	30	93
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	49.9	37	36	93
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	47.1	36	43	97
20 NAFTA and international trade agreements	43.2	24	37	87
21 The Iraq war.....	33.5	26	61	99
22 Gay marriage	32.2	23	57	96
23 Immigration into the country.....	37.9	23	51	95
24 Your state government.....	54.9	50	28	98
25 The federal government in Washington	45.5	30	42	98
26 Liberals	40.9	24	48	95
27 Conservatives	50.3	37	34	95

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.28 Thinking about the election for Congress in 2008, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?¹

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	48
Lean Democratic candidate.....	2
Republican candidate.....	39
Lean Republican candidate.....	3
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	5
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic candidate	50
Total Republican candidate.....	42
Total (Other candidate).....	2
 Democrat - Republican	 9
(ref:CONG06)	

¹ For each district, the incumbent's name was inserted, and a generic candidate ("the Democratic candidate" or "the Republican candidate") was inserted for the opposition.

Q.30 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 Bttr	Dem Smwt Bttr	Rep Smwt Bttr	Rep Much Bttr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
30 Taxes	21	23	18	22	2	4	9	44	41	3
31 Spending.....	23	24	20	14	3	8	9	46	33	13
32 Dealing with the high costs and financial pressures on people	26	25	18	13	2	6	12	51	30	20
(ref:BETJOB)										

Q.33 Now I'd like to ask you which party you associate more with these terms, the Democrats or Republicans.

	Dem Much More	Dem Smwt More	Rep Smwt More	Rep Much More	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
33 Ethics and honesty.....	20	16	14	12	5	25	8	37	25	11
34 High spending	21	16	19	27	8	3	6	37	46	-9
35 Fiscal responsibility.....	19	22	22	14	3	10	10	41	36	5
36 Accountable to taxpayers	21	22	19	13	3	15	7	43	32	12
37 Spends money on the right priorities	25	22	18	13	2	13	7	46	32	15
38 Represents people like you	30	19	18	18	2	10	4	49	35	13
(ref:ASSOC)										

Q.39 Now, I would like you read you a list of issues. After I read each issue, please tell me on a scale from 1 to 5 how much of a financial burden it poses on you and your family, with 5 being a huge burden and 1 not a burden at all for you and your family.

	Mean	No Burdn				Huge Burden		DK/ Ref	No/ Small Burdn	Total Burdn
		1	2	3	4	5				
39 Property taxes.....	3.1	18	15	24	18	23	1	33	41	
40 Health care costs	3.5	14	15	18	14	38	1	29	53	
41 College tuition costs.....	2.7	43	6	11	9	27	5	48	36	
42 Credit card debt	2.2	50	15	14	5	14	2	64	20	
43 Income tax	3.1	16	15	28	20	20	1	31	40	

(ref:CONCN08)

[507 Respondents]

Q.44 (SPLIT A) Now, let me ask about a number of issues and how the government is handling each issue. For each one, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the way the government is handling the issue.

	Strng App	Smwt App	Smwt Disap	Strng Disap	DK/ Ref	Total App	Total Disap	App - Disap
44 The economy and job growth.....	16	31	19	29	4	47	49	-1
45 Health care.....	6	19	23	49	3	26	71	-46
46 Social Security	11	22	20	42	5	33	63	-30
47 Medicare	10	27	21	32	10	37	53	-17
48 Education	13	26	25	33	4	39	57	-18
49 The environment	8	29	22	37	4	37	59	-21
50 Energy.....	8	24	24	40	4	32	64	-32
51 National security	23	31	18	25	3	54	43	11
52 Taxes	8	28	24	34	5	36	58	-22
53 Government spending.....	4	14	28	52	3	18	80	-62

(ref:GOVINVOL)

[507 Respondents]

Q.54 (SPLIT B) Now, let me ask about a number of issues and the government's role in dealing with this issue. For each one, please tell me whether you think it's an area where there should be more governmental involvement or an area the government should be less involved in.

	More	Less	About the Same	None	DK/ Ref	More - Less
54 The economy and job growth.....	68	24	5	0	2	44
55 Health care.....	72	25	2	0	2	47
56 Social Security	66	27	5	0	2	39
57 Medicare	69	22	5	1	3	47
58 Education	67	29	2	0	2	38
59 The environment	75	20	4	0	2	55
60 Energy.....	77	17	2	0	3	60
61 National security	82	12	5	-	2	70
62 Foreign policy..... (ref:GOVINVL2)	60	28	6	1	4	32

Q.63 Now I'd like to ask you something different. What does the phrase "making the government more accountable" mean to you?

	Total
FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY	23
Spending reforms	21
Balance budget	2
TRANSPARENCY	13
GENERAL ACCOUNTABILITY	13
HONESTY AND ETHICS	11
ANSWERING/LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE	10
CHECKS AND BALANCES	5
INEQUITY	3
PUNISH WRONGDOERS.....	2
REDUCE GOVERNMENT	1
DO SOMETHING/TAKE ACTION.....	1
OTHER.....	15
NOTHING/DON'T KNOW	13
Nothing	4
Don't Know	9
(ref:ACCTABOE)	

Q.64 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 view, even if neither is exactly right.

	1st Stmt Much	1st Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Much	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
64 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.....	47	8	8	32	1	2	2	55	40	15

[507 Respondents]

65 (SPLIT B) I'm hopeful about what the Congress is doing. OR I'm doubtful about what the Congress is doing.	30	16	13	35	2	1	3	46	48	-1
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66 President Bush is being divisive and partisan. OR The Democrats in Congress are being divisive and partisan.	30	11	10	26	11	4	9	41	35	6
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[507 Respondents]

67 (SPLIT A) I want Congress to first invest in areas like health care, education and energy, even if it means spending additional money. OR I want Congress to first focus on cutting wasteful spending and making government more accountable.....	24	12	10	48	4	1	1	36	58	-22
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	1st Stmt Much	1st Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Much	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[507 Respondents]										
68 (SPLIT A) The bigger problem is that the government has the wrong priorities and spends money on the wrong things.										
OR										
The bigger problem is that the government wastes money and runs inefficiently.	30	11	13	33	10	1	2	41	46	-6

[507 Respondents]										
69 (SPLIT A) The bigger problem is that ordinary people pay their fair share but the wealthy and powerful don't pay theirs.										
OR										
The bigger problem is that government wastes money and runs inefficiently.	31	8	11	37	10	1	2	39	48	-9

[507 Respondents]										
70 (SPLIT B) The bigger problem is that politicians operate by their own rules and do what they want.										
OR										
The bigger problem is that government wastes money and runs inefficiently.	37	5	9	29	19	1	1	42	38	4

[507 Respondents]										
71 (SPLIT B) Government mostly stimulates the economy and job growth.										
OR										
Government mostly gets in the way of the economy and job growth.	17	17	19	35	4	3	5	34	54	-20

	1st Stmt Much	1st Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Much	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[507 Respondents]										
72 (SPLIT A) Government does more to help people get ahead in life.										
OR										
Government makes it harder for people to get ahead in life.....										
	15	15	18	39	2	6	6	29	57	-28

[507 Respondents]										
73 (SPLIT B) America is most successful when our government helps create conditions so that many can prosper, not just a few.										
OR										
America is most successful when we have a limited government that keeps taxes low so that businesses and individuals can prosper.....										
	35	13	10	36	1	2	2	48	46	2
(ref:VALUES06)										

[507 Respondents]
 Q.74 (SPLIT A) If the federal government were to receive additional money, do you think the additional money is more likely to be spent well or is it more likely to be wasted?

	Total
Definitely spent well.....	4
Probably spent well	10
Probably wasted.....	42
Definitely wasted	41
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
Total Spent well	13
Total Wasted	83
Spent well - Wasted.....	-70
(ref:WSTESPN)	

[507 Respondents]

Q.75 (SPLIT B) If your state government were to receive additional money, do you think the additional money is more likely to be spent well or is it more likely to be wasted?

	Total
Definitely spent well.....	11
Probably spent well	29
Probably wasted.....	27
Definitely wasted	28
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
Total Spent well	40
Total Wasted	56
Spent well - Wasted.....	-16
(ref:WSTESPNS)	

Q.76 Now I'd like to read you some things that people have said are problems in the government. After I read each one, please tell me whether you think it is a very serious problem, a serious problem, somewhat of a problem or not a problem in government.

	Very Ser Prob	Ser Prob	Smwt Prob	Not Prob	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Not Ser	Ser - Not
77 Government is too big and bureaucratic and has not changed to reflect the 21st century.....	23	30	33	11	3	53	44	8
78 Government has too many regulations that get in the way of economic growth and creating jobs	19	26	39	14	2	45	53	-8
79 Government has the wrong priorities and does not focus on what is most important	25	31	34	8	2	56	42	14
80 Officials in government put their own interests ahead of what is best for the people	34	32	28	4	2	66	32	34
81 The powerful and wealthiest have too much influence in government	39	30	22	7	2	70	28	41
82 Government is not accountable for how it spends money	38	37	21	3	1	75	24	51
(ref:GVTPROB)								

Q.83 And, thinking about that list, which do you feel is the biggest problem? Is it...

	Comb	1st	2nd
Officials in government put their own interests first.....	39	18	23
The powerful and wealthy have too much influence.....	38	23	17
Government is not accountable.....	32	16	17
Government has the wrong priorities	29	15	15
Government is too big and bureaucratic.....	25	12	14
Government has too many regulations	16	8	9
(None)	1	1	1
(All)	6	6	1
(Other)	1	0	1
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2	2

(ref:GVTPROB/GVTPROB2)

Q.84 When it comes to government spending and fiscal responsibility, who do you trust more?

	Total
Your state legislature in (the state capital)	60
The U.S. Congress.....	18
(Both).....	2
(Neither)	15
(Don't know/Refused).....	5

(ref:TRSTMRE1)

Q.85 Now I am going to read you some Democratic proposals to reduce government waste and make government more efficient. After each one please tell me whether it would make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, a little more likely, no more likely, or less likely to support the Democratic Congress?

	Much More Likely	Smwt More Likely	Lttle More Likely	No More Likely	Less	DK/ Ref	Much/Smwt/ Lttle	
[507 Respondents]								
86 (SPLIT B) Create a permanent, independent commission outside Congress to investigate and enforce ethics rules for members of Congress and their staff, instead of allowing Congress to police itself. Give this commission complete prosecutorial power.	37	23	7	12	17	3	61	68

[507 Respondents]								
87 (SPLIT A) Take the authority to vote for a congressional pay raise away from members of Congress and give it to an independent commission.	38	22	9	13	13	5	60	70

[507 Respondents]								
88 (SPLIT A) Create an Iraq Inspector General to oversee U.S. spending in Iraq, institute tough accountability measures to make sure money isn't being wasted.	39	26	7	12	13	4	65	72

[507 Respondents]								
89 (SPLIT A) Require Congress to follow 'pay-as-you-go' budgeting that prohibits them from increasing spending or cutting taxes if the budget isn't balanced unless they make spending cuts or increase taxes to offset the increased spending or tax cuts.	30	30	9	11	14	6	60	69

[507 Respondents]								
90 (SPLIT B) Eliminate no-bid contracts when companies get government contracts by requiring all government contracts to be awarded through a competitive bidding process.	39	29	8	9	11	4	69	76

	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Ltle More Likly	No More Likly	Less	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt/ Ltle	Much/ Smwt/ Ltle
[507 Respondents]								
91 (SPLIT B) Eliminate earmarked budget allocations, which give money to members' pet projects and often personally benefit their close friends, family or campaign donors.....	38	18	7	7	26	4	56	63
[507 Respondents]								
92 (SPLIT A) Create a line-item veto that allows the President to veto parts of bills or spending without vetoing everything in a bill.	31	31	8	13	14	4	62	70
[507 Respondents]								
93 (SPLIT B) Reduce health and retirement benefits of government workers to bring them in line with the benefits average workers receive from private companies.....	31	23	10	12	22	4	53	63
[507 Respondents]								
94 (SPLIT A) Audit every federal department and agency to make sure their funding is going to meaningful projects, instead of the bureaucracy.	44	31	8	8	7	2	75	83
[507 Respondents]								
95 (SPLIT A) Implement zero-based budgeting where federal agencies must justify every dollar they plan to spend, rather than starting with the assumption that their budget will be at least as big as last year.	35	32	9	10	10	4	67	75
[507 Respondents]								
96 (SPLIT B) Reduce energy costs by requiring all federal buildings to meet modern energy efficiency regulations, such as using energy efficient light bulbs and appliances.	39	25	14	10	11	1	63	77
[507 Respondents]								
97 (SPLIT B) Institute a strong whistleblower law to protect government employees from retribution if they report waste or corruption. (ref:ACCTBAT)	41	27	11	6	11	3	68	79

Q.98 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.....	24
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college.....	28
College graduate.....	27
Post-graduate school	15
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.99 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	15
Household member	7
No member belongs.....	77
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Union Household.....	22
Non College Non Union	45
Non union worker.....	32
(ref:UNION)	

Q.100 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	64
Single	16
Separated/Divorced.....	10
Widowed.....	9
(Don't know/refused)	1
Sep/Div/Wid.....	20
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.101 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total
Yes	32
No.....	68
(Don't know/Refused).....	0
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.102 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	27
Weak Democrat.....	14
Independent-lean Democrat.....	10
Independent	6
Independent-lean Republican	10
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican.....	20
(Don't know/Refused).....	0
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.103 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	18
Moderate	42
Conservative	36
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.104 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant.....	52
Catholic	27
Jewish	1
Muslim	-
(Don't know/refused)	20
(ref:RELIG1)	

[524 Respondents]

Q.105 (IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total
Fundamentalist.....	12
Evangelical	19
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	10
Moderate to liberal.....	42
(Something else)	7
(Don't know/Refused).....	9
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.106 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	16
Several times a year.....	14
Hardly ever	21
(Never)	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:RELIG2)	

[1000 Respondents]

Q.107 (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)	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....	-3
(ref:VOTE2004)	

[902 Respondents]

Q.108 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE06) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?²

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	50
Republican candidate.....	40
(Other candidate)	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	8
(Don't know/Refused).....	-
Democrat - Republican	10
(ref:VOTE2006)	

Q.109 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	Total
None.....	59
1-2	15
3-9	15
10 or more	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
(ref:GUNS)	

² For each district, the candidates' actual names on the ballot were inserted. In Florida's 16th district, Republican Joe Negron's name was inserted though Republican Mark Foley appeared on the ballot. In Texas' 22nd district, Republican Shelley Sekula-Gibbs' name was inserted though she ran as a write-in and there was no Republican on the ballot.

Q.110 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	77
African-American or Black.....	11
Hispanic or Latino.....	9
Native American	1
Asian	1
(Other)	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:RACETHN)	

[86 Respondents]

Q.111 (ASK IF HISPANIC) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Salvadoran or are you and your ancestors from another country?

	Total
Mexican	34
Puerto Rican.....	12
Salvadoran	5
Dominican	2
Cuban.....	2
Other: Central America.....	9
Other: South America.....	5
Other	22
(Don't know/Refused).....	10
(ref:ORIGIN08)	

Q.112 Do you know someone who is currently serving, or has recently served in the military in Iraq or Afghanistan? (IF YES) Is that person you, a family member, a friend, or just someone you know?

	Total
Yes - respondent	1
Yes - family member	29
Yes - friend	25
Yes - someone you know	13
No.....	31
(Don't know/refused)	0
Total Yes	69
No.....	31
Yes - No	37
(ref:IRQSERV)	

Q.113 Last year, that is in 2006, 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	8
\$30K to under \$50K	20
\$50K to under \$75K	20
\$75K to under \$100K	14
\$100K or more.....	14
(Refused).....	10
(Don't know)	4
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male.....	47
Female	53
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	6
25 - 29	7
30 - 34	8
35 - 39	8
40 - 44	8
45 - 49	13
50 - 54	10
55 - 59	10
60 - 64	9
Over 64.....	20
(No answer).....	2
(ref:AGE)	