

Democracy Corps...National/Presidential Battleground

Frequency Questionnaire

September 8-10, 2008

1000 Likely Voters

1017 Likely Voters in Presidential Battleground States (401 weighted)

(CO, IA, IN, FL, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NH , NM, NV, OH, PA, VA , WI)

Q.3 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total	Battle-ground
Yes	100	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	Battle-ground
Voted	92	90
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	5	5
Did not vote	3	5
(Can't remember/Don't know)	1	0
(Refused)	0	0
(ref:VOTE00)		

Q.6 What are the chances of you voting in the election for president in 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	Battle-ground
Almost certain	94	94
Probably	6	6
50-50	-	-
Will not vote	-	-
(Don't know)	-	-
(Refused)	-	-
(ref:CP3)		

Q.7 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	Battle-ground
Right direction.....	22	22
Wrong track	70	71
(Don't know/refused).....	8	8
Right - Wrong	-48	-49
(ref:DIRECT)		

[500 Respondents]

Q.8 (SPLIT A) Now, I am going to read you a list of concerns that people have. Please tell me which ONE of these you think the President and Congress should be paying the most attention to.

	Total	Battle-ground
The economy and jobs	29	32
Terrorism and national security	12	12
Health care	11	11
Energy and gas prices.....	10	10
The war in Iraq.....	10	7
Taxes and spending	6	6
Corruption and special interests in Washington	5	4
Illegal immigration.....	5	6
Social Security and Medicare	5	5
Moral values	3	4
(Other)	2	2
(None).....	0	1
(Don't know/Refused)	3	2
(ref:CONC1)		

[500 Respondents]

Q.9 (SPLIT A) (SKIP IF NONE OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED IN CONC1) And which of the following should the President and Congress be paying the next most attention to?

	Total	Battle-ground
The economy and jobs	20	21
Energy and gas prices.....	17	14
The war in Iraq.....	11	12
Taxes and spending	11	9
Health care	9	13
Terrorism and national security	8	9
Illegal immigration.....	6	5
Corruption and special interests in Washington	6	5
Social Security and Medicare	5	5
Moral values	2	3
(Other)	1	2
(None).....	-	-
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
(ref:CONC2)		

Combined Concerns

	Total	Battle-ground
The economy and jobs	48	52
Energy and gas prices.....	27	23
The war in Iraq.....	21	19
Health care	20	24
Terrorism and national security	19	20
Taxes and spending	17	15
Illegal immigration.....	11	11
Corruption and special interests in Washington	11	9
Social Security and Medicare	10	10
Moral values	5	7
(Other)	2	3
(None).....	0	1
(Don't know/Refused)	4	3
(ref:CONC1/CONC2)		

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

	Total	Battle-ground
Strongly approve	16	18
Somewhat approve.....	20	19
Somewhat disapprove	11	11
Strongly disapprove.....	49	48
(Don't know/refused).....	3	4
Total approve	37	37
Total disapprove.....	61	60
Approve - disapprove.....	-24	-23
(ref:CANDAPP2)		

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	45.4	37	44	98
Battleground.....	45.1	38	45	99
12 The Democratic Party	49.4	39	41	98
Battleground.....	49.8	42	41	99
13 George W. Bush	37.8	34	56	99
Battleground.....	37.3	34	57	99

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
14 The Democratic Congress	44.3	35	44	96
Battleground	45.3	36	43	97
15 Barack Obama	51.6	47	41	98
Battleground	52.1	46	40	98
16 John McCain	52.3	49	37	98
Battleground	50.3	49	41	99
17 Democratic Incumbent Member of Congress	55.2	36	22	75
Battleground	55.2	37	24	77
17 Republican Incumbent Member of Congress.....	52.5	35	22	75
Battleground	52.4	35	24	77
18 Republicans in Congress	41.7	29	48	96
Battleground	41.2	31	49	97
19 Joe Biden	49.5	36	35	85
Battleground	49.1	37	37	87
20 Sarah Palin	52.5	43	34	88
Battleground	52.0	44	36	90
21 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	50.9	40	35	93
Battleground	52.4	42	33	94
22 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	48.9	38	40	97
Battleground	50.6	39	38	97
23 NAFTA and international trade agreements	44.5	26	38	88
Battleground	40.6	22	43	91
24 The Iraq War	37.4	31	55	98
Battleground	38.5	32	53	98
25 Big corporations	43.0	28	41	94
Battleground	42.2	28	44	96
26 Gay marriage	34.1	25	55	96
Battleground	34.0	23	55	96
27 Immigration into the country.....	42.2	26	44	95
Battleground	41.5	25	45	94
28 The state of the economy	35.1	22	62	99
Battleground	33.9	22	63	100
(ref:THERM04/THERM204)				

Q.29 As you know, there will be elections in November for President 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	Battle-ground
10.....	79	82
9.....	8	7
8.....	7	5
7.....	2	2
6.....	1	1
5.....	3	2
4.....	0	0
3.....	1	0
2.....	0	1
1.....	0	0
(Don't know/refused).....	0	0
10.....	79	82
8-10	93	94
6-10	96	96
1-5	4	3
(ref:INTEREST)		

Q.30 Now thinking about the presidential election in November. If the election for president were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican John McCain, Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr and Independent candidate Ralph Nader for whom would you vote?

	Total	Battle-ground
Democrat Barack Obama	44	44
Lean Democrat Barack Obama	2	2
Republican John McCain.....	45	45
Lean Republican John McCain.....	2	3
Independent Ralph Nader.....	1	0
Lean Independent Ralph Nader.....	0	0
Libertarian Bob Barr.....	1	2
Lean Libertarian Bob Barr.....	0	0
(Other candidate).....	1	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	.	0
(Undecided)	1	1
(Refused).....	1	1
Total Democrat Barack Obama	46	47
Total Republican John McCain	48	48
Total Independent Ralph Nader.....	2	0
Total Libertarian Bob Barr	1	2
Total (Other candidate)	1	1
(ref:PRES083)		

[35 Respondents]

Q.32 (ASK ONLY IF PUNCH 4, 6, OR 7 IN PRES083 OR PRES08B3) Well, if the election for President were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain, for whom would you vote?

	Total	Battle-ground
Barack Obama.....	15	7
John McCain.....	44	62
(Undecided)	12	9
(Other)	5	6
(Refused).....	20	7
Independent Ralph Nader.....	1	-
Libertarian Bob Barr.....	3	8
(ref:PRE2WAY)		

Q.33 Even though you are not supporting Democrat Barack Obama now, what are the chances that you might support Democrat Barack Obama in the election for President in November -- 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	Battle-ground
Fair chance	6	5
A small chance	5	4
Very slight chance	4	5
No chance at all	38	38
(Don't know/Refused)	0	1
Obama Supporter	47	47
(ref:VCSOM1)		

Q.34 Even though you are not supporting Republican John McCain now, what are the chances that you might support Republican John McCain in the election for President in November -- 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	Battle-ground
Fair chance	4	4
A small chance	5	4
Very slight chance	5	6
No chance at all	36	36
(Don't know/Refused)	0	0
McCain Supporter	49	50
(ref:VCSOM2)		

Q.35 Thinking about the November election for Congress, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)¹?

	Total	Battle-ground
Democratic House candidate.....	46	45
Lean Democratic House candidate.....	3	2
Republican House candidate.....	41	43
Lean Republican House candidate.....	4	4
(Other candidate).....	1	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	-	-
(Undecided)	3	3
(Refused)	1	1
Total Democratic House candidate	50	48
Total Republican House candidate	45	47
Total (Other candidate)	1	1
(ref:CONG06)		

¹ For each district, the candidates' names were inserted where they are known and otherwise a generic candidate ("the Democratic candidate" or "the Republican candidate") was inserted.

[465 Respondents; 172 BG Respondents]

Q.35 (DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT)

	Total	Battle-ground
Democratic House candidate.....	59	61
Lean Democratic House candidate.....	3	3
Republican House candidate.....	28	28
Lean Republican House candidate.....	4	4
(Other candidate).....	1	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	-	-
(Undecided)	2	2
(Refused).....	2	1
Total Democratic House candidate.....	63	64
Total Republican House candidate.....	33	33
Total (Other candidate)	1	1

(ref:CONG06)

[535 Respondents; 230 BG Respondents]

Q.35 (REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT)

	Total	Battle-ground
Democratic House candidate.....	35	34
Lean Democratic House candidate.....	3	2
Republican House candidate.....	52	55
Lean Republican House candidate.....	4	3
(Other candidate).....	1	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	-	-
(Undecided)	4	4
(Refused).....	1	2
Total Democratic House candidate.....	39	36
Total Republican House candidate.....	55	58
Total (Other candidate)	1	1

(ref:CONG06)

Q.37 Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes Barack Obama very well, well, not too well, or not well at all.

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
37 Strong leader	31	25	20	23	1	56	43	13
Battleground.....	31	25	19	23	2	56	42	14
38 Has what it takes to be President	30	23	17	29	1	53	46	7
Battleground.....	30	22	20	26	1	52	46	6
39 Will keep America strong	30	22	18	28	2	52	46	6
Battleground.....	30	22	18	27	2	52	46	7
40 Means what he says and says what he means	28	24	20	24	3	53	45	8
Battleground.....	29	23	21	24	3	52	45	6

(ref:BOPOS)

Q.41 Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes Barack Obama very well, well, not too well, or not well at all.

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[500 Respondents]								
41 (SPLIT A) Too liberal	36	19	21	20	3	55	42	13
Battleground.....	35	19	23	19	5	54	42	12
[500 Respondents]								
42 (SPLIT A) Too willing to withdraw from Iraq.....	42	24	15	16	2	66	32	34
Battleground.....	44	21	17	15	4	65	31	34
43 Will raise my taxes	35	18	20	24	3	53	44	8
Battleground.....	37	15	21	24	3	52	45	7
44 Just too many questions to take a chance on him as president.....	32	15	18	31	4	47	49	-1
Battleground.....	34	13	19	29	5	47	48	-2
[500 Respondents]								
45 (SPLIT B) Will put the interests of black Americans ahead of others.....	15	15	25	39	7	29	64	-34
Battleground.....	15	14	26	36	8	29	63	-34
[500 Respondents]								
46 (SPLIT B) Lacks experience necessary to be president.....	34	17	21	26	1	52	47	5
Battleground.....	34	16	21	27	2	50	48	2

(ref:BONEG)

Q.47 Now I'd like to ask you which presidential candidate you associate more with these terms, Barack Obama or John McCain.

	BO Much More	BO Smwt More	JM Smwt More	JM Much More	Both	Nei ther	DK Ref	Total BO	Total JM	BO - JM
47 Shares your values	34	12	15	33	2	2	2	46	48	-2
Battleground	35	12	13	34	2	2	2	47	47	0
48 Being on your side	34	13	15	31	1	2	3	48	46	2
Battleground	34	14	13	32	1	3	3	48	45	3
49 Restoring respect for America in the world	36	11	14	32	2	1	3	47	46	1
Battleground	35	12	13	33	2	1	3	47	46	1
50 Bringing the right kind of change	41	10	15	28	1	3	3	50	43	7
Battleground	39	11	16	28	1	3	2	50	44	6
51 Independent	28	16	16	29	2	3	5	44	45	-1
Battleground	28	16	15	29	2	3	6	45	45	.
52 Strong leader	29	12	12	40	3	2	2	41	53	-11
Battleground	29	12	13	40	3	2	2	41	53	-12
53 Will work across party lines.....	26	16	15	33	4	2	4	43	47	-5
Battleground	28	14	16	33	3	2	4	42	49	-8
54 Is honest and trustworthy	30	11	14	33	6	3	3	41	47	-6
Battleground	31	10	12	35	6	4	3	41	47	-6

Q.55 Now I'd like to ask you which presidential candidate you associate more with each of these phrases, Barack Obama or John McCain.

	BO Much More	BO Smwt More	JM Smwt More	JM Much More	Both	Nei ther	DK Ref	Total BO	Total JM	BO - JM
55 Too negative in his campaign	18	15	15	31	7	8	6	33	46	-13
Battleground	18	14	17	32	6	8	5	32	50	-18

Q.56 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 Barack Obama or John McCain 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.

	BO Much Bttr	BO Smwt Bttr	JM Smwt Bttr	JM Much Bttr	Both	Nei ther	DK Ref	Total BO	Total JM	BO - JM
56 The economy	34	14	21	24	1	2	4	48	45	3
Battleground.....	36	12	19	25	1	3	5	47	44	3
57 Taxes	27	16	16	32	1	2	6	43	48	-5
Battleground.....	29	15	14	33	1	2	6	44	47	-3
58 Standing up to the powerful special interests in Washington	31	14	15	30	1	3	6	45	45	0
Battleground.....	32	13	14	30	1	3	6	46	44	1
59 National security	23	11	14	44	2	1	4	35	59	-24
Battleground.....	22	13	13	46	1	1	5	34	59	-25
60 The situation in Iraq	32	12	11	40	0	1	3	44	51	-7
Battleground.....	32	13	11	40	0	1	3	45	51	-6
61 Gas prices.....	26	17	16	23	1	7	10	43	39	4
Battleground.....	28	14	15	25	1	6	10	43	40	2
[500 Respondents]										
62 (SPLIT A) Handling our energy crisis.....	32	14	16	28	1	2	6	47	45	2
Battleground.....	33	16	14	28	1	2	6	49	42	7
[500 Respondents]										
63 (SPLIT B) Making American independent of foreign oil	29	15	16	27	1	4	7	45	44	1
Battleground.....	31	16	12	32	1	3	6	47	44	2

Q.77 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	Battle-ground
1 - 11th grade	4	4
High School graduate	23	25
Non-college post H.S.....	2	2
Some college	26	25
College graduate	28	28
Post-graduate school.....	17	15
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1
(ref:EDUC)		

Q.78 Are you a member of a labor union?

	Total	Battle-ground
Yes: Respondent belongs	11	13
Household member	9	8
No member belongs	79	79
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
(ref:UNION)		

Q.79 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Battle-ground
Married	66	67
Single.....	17	18
Separated/Divorced.....	9	7
Widowed.....	8	8
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1
Sep/Div/Wid.....	16	15
(ref:MARITAL)		

Q.80 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total	Battle-ground
Yes	35	33
No.....	64	66
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
(ref:KIDS)		

Q.81 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Battle-ground
Strong Democrat	26	29
Weak Democrat	12	9
Independent-lean Democrat	10	9
Independent.....	5	6
Independent-lean Republican.....	10	10
Weak Republican	12	12
Strong Republican	24	25
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1
(ref:PTYID1)		

Q.84 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Battle-ground
Liberal.....	19	19
Moderate	38	36
Conservative.....	41	42
(Don't know/refused).....	3	3
(ref:IDEO1)		

Q.85 What is your religion?

	Total	Battle-ground
Protestant	54	56
Catholic.....	24	23
Jewish.....	2	1
Muslim	0	0
(Don't know/refused).....	19	19
(ref:RELIG1)		

[536 Respondents]

Q.86 (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	Battle-ground
Fundamentalist	11	11
Evangelical	22	26
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	11	10
Moderate to liberal	41	38
(Something else).....	5	6
(Don't know/Refused)	10	10
(ref:RELIG3)		

Q.87 How often do you attend religious services -- more than once a week, every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total	Battle-ground
Once or twice a month.....	14	16
Several times a year	13	14
Hardly ever	22	20
(Never).....	4	4
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3
More than once a week	13	13
Once a week.....	31	30
More than/once a week	44	44
(ref:RELIG2)		

[919 Respondents]

Q.88 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE00) In the 2004 election for president, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	Total	Battle-ground
Democrat John Kerry.....	44	42
Republican George Bush.....	52	53
(Ralph Nader)	0	1
(Other candidate).....	1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3
Democrat John Kerry	46	44
Republican George Bush.....	54	56
(ref:VOTE2004)		

Q.89 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	Battle-ground
Voted	79	79
Did not vote	18	19
(Can't remember/Don't know)	2	2
(Refused).....	1	0
(ref:VOTE06)		

[790 Respondents]

Q.90 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE06) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?

	Total	Battle-ground
House Democrat.....	46	42
House Republican	44	47
(Other candidate).....	3	2
(Don't know/Refused)	7	8
(ref:VOTE2006)		

[481 Respondents]

Q.91 (ASK IF DEMOCRAT IN PTYID1 OR PTYID3) In the Democratic presidential primaries did you support Senator Barack Obama, Senator Hillary Clinton, or someone else?

	Total	Battle-ground
Supported Obama	50	48
Supported Clinton	38	37
Supported someone else.....	5	6
(None).....	4	6
(DK/Refused).....	2	3
(ref:CLINTSUP)		

Q.92 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Battle-ground
White	75	79
African-American or Black	11	9
Hispanic or Latino	9	6
Native American	1	1
Asian.....	1	1
(Other)	1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2
(ref:RACETHN)		

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total	Battle-ground
Male	47	47
Female.....	53	53
(ref:GENDER)		

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total	Battle-ground
18 - 24	6	5
25 - 29	8	8
30 - 34	9	9
35 - 39	8	7
40 - 44	9	8
45 - 49	11	10
50 - 54	10	8
55 - 59	10	10
60 - 64	9	10
Over 64.....	20	21
(No answer)	1	2
(ref:AGE)		