

NPR - Swing Districts Frequency Questionnaire

July 19-23, 2006
1000 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	100
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	0
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know/Refused)	-
(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 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.....	84
Probably	16
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know/refused)	-
(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	31
Wrong track	61
(Don't know/refused)	7
Right - Wrong.....	-30
(ref:DIRECT)	

[615 Respondents]

Q.9 (IF WRONG TRACK) Why do you say things are going in the wrong direction?

	Total
The war	43
The economy/jobs	22
Negative Bush (general).....	16
Gas prices	14
Wrong priorities/ money should be spent at home	9
No leadership	7
Healthcare	7
Illegal immigration	6
Bush cares only about wealthy/ rich getting richer	6
Things are generally bad.....	5
Education	5
Environmental issues	4
Deficit	4
Morality.....	3
Cost of living skyrocketing.....	3
High taxes	3
Middle East/Lebanon/Israel.....	3
Government regulation of morality/ abortion/ gay marriage/stem cell research	3
Social security	2
Poor handling of Katrina.....	1
Other	6
DK/refused	0
(ref:WTRACKOE)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve	24
Somewhat approve	17
Somewhat disapprove.....	10
Strongly disapprove.....	45
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
Total approve.....	42
Total disapprove.....	55
Approve - disapprove	-14
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.11 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	8
8	12
7	7
6	3
5	8
4	1
3	1
2	0
1	1
Don't know.....	0
Mean	8.7
10	58
8-10	78
6-10	88
1-5	11
Don't know	0
(ref:INTEREST)	

Q.12 I know it is far ahead, but 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 your district where you live?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	43
Lean Democratic candidate.....	5
Republican candidate.....	37
Lean Republican candidate.....	4
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	8
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic candidate	48
Total Republican candidate.....	41
Total (Other candidate).....	2
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 7
(ref:GC1)	

[739 Respondents]

Q.14 (IF INCUMBENT IS RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION) As you may know, there will also be an election for your Representative to Congress on the November ballot. Understanding that the election is a long way off, do you think you will definitely vote to re-elect (incumbent) to Congress, probably vote to re-elect (incumbent), probably vote for someone else, or definitely vote for someone else?¹

	Total
Definitely re-elect incumbent.....	14
Probably re-elect incumbent.....	16
Probably vote for someone else.....	22
Definitely vote for someone else	24
(Depends on the person).....	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	20
Total Re-elect.....	29
Total Someone else.....	46
 Re-elect incumbent - Someone else.....	 -17
(ref:REELECT)	

¹ For each district in which the incumbent is expected to run for reelection in 2006, the incumbent's actual name was inserted

Q.15 I know it is far ahead, but 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)?²

	Total
Democratic incumbent/candidate	47
Lean Democratic incumbent/candidate	3
Republican incumbent/candidate	40
Lean Republican incumbent/candidate	3
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	5
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic incumbent/candidate	49
Total Republican incumbent/candidate	43
Total (Other candidate)	1
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 6
(ref:CONG06)	

Q.17 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.....	9
A small chance	9
Just a very slight chance	10
No chance at all.....	19
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
 Democratic candidate Supporter.....	 49
(ref:CONG06C)	

² 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.18 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.....	10
No chance at all.....	28
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
 Republican candidate Supporter	 43
(ref:CONG06D)	

Q.19/20 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.....	31	14	18
Jobs and economy.....	27	17	11
Taxes and spending.....	22	10	13
Health care.....	21	9	13
Terrorism and national security.....	20	10	11
Medicare and Social Security.....	18	9	10
Moral values.....	17	12	5
Illegal immigration.....	17	8	10
Corruption in Washington.....	15	7	9
(None of these).....	3	2	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	3	1
(ref:CONC06/CONC062)			

Q.21 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.....	54
Less.....	26
(No more/less).....	18
(Don't know/refused).....	2
 More - less.....	 27
(ref:ENTHUSIA)	

Q.22 I'm going to ask you about a number of issues that are being debated in the Congress and with the President. For each one, based on what you have heard recently, does it make you more likely to support the Democrats or the Republicans for Congress?

	Dems Strng	Dems Smwt	Reps Smwt	Reps Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dems	Total Reps	Dems - Reps
22 The illegal immigration issue.....	24	17	17	24	1	6	11	41	41	0
23 The war in Iraq.....	41	8	13	31	1	2	5	49	44	5
24 The state of the economy	35	14	13	30	0	3	5	49	42	7
25 The president's handling of detainees at Guantanamo and wiretapping of suspected terrorists.....	34	12	10	33	0	3	7	46	44	2
[500 Respondents]										
26 (SPLIT A) The issue of stem cell research.....	39	12	11	22	1	3	12	51	33	18
[500 Respondents]										
27 (SPLIT B) Values issues, like stem cell research, flag burning and gay marriage..... (ref:DEBISSUE)	38	12	10	28	0	3	8	51	37	13

Q.28 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.....	2
High School graduate.....	25
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college.....	25
College graduate.....	27
Post-graduate school	20
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.29 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	12
Household member	9
No member belongs	78
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:UNION)	

Q.30 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	64
Single	15
Separated/divorced	12
Widowed.....	8
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.31 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	27
Weak Democrat.....	10
Independent-lean Democrat.....	12
Independent	6
Independent-lean Republican	9
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican.....	24
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.34 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	20
Moderate	40
Conservative	36
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.35 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant.....	51
Catholic	26
Jewish	2
Muslim	-
(Other/none/refused)	22
(ref:RELIG1)	

[510 Respondents]

Q.36 (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.....	21
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	10
Moderate to liberal.....	42
(Something else).....	5
(Don't know/refused).....	11
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.37 How often do you attend church -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Every week.....	39
Once or twice a month.....	16
Several times a year.....	15
Hardly ever.....	20
(Never).....	7
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
(ref:RELIG2)	

[996 Respondents]

Q.38 (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.....	46
Republican George Bush.....	49
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Other candidate).....	2
(Don't know/refused).....	4
Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....	-3
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.39 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).....	9
(ref:GUNS)	

Q.40 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	83
African-American or Black.....	6
Hispanic or Latino.....	6
Native American	1
Asian	0
(Other)	1
(Don't know/refused)	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

[56 Respondents]

Q.42 (IF HISPANIC OR LATINO) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Latin American, Central American, or Spanish?

	Total
Spanish	40
Mexican	22
Puerto Rican.....	12
Cuban.....	8
Latin American	8
Central American.....	7
(Other)	3
(Don't know/refused)	-
(ref:ORIGIN)	

Q.43 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	5
\$20K to under \$30K	9
\$30K to under \$50K	18
\$50K to under \$75K	19
\$75K to under \$100K	14
\$100K or more.....	13
(Refused).....	15
(Don't know)	3
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.44 It is possible that a reporter for National Public Radio may do a news story based on some of these topics and may want to ask a few follow-up questions of some of the people we spoke to tonight. Would you be willing to allow an NPR reporter to have your responses on the questions and then possibly call you for a brief interview?

	Total
Yes	53
No.....	47
(ref:NPRFOLLOW)	

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	5
30 - 34	9
35 - 39	7
40 - 44	8
45 - 49	11
50 - 54	11
55 - 59	12
60 - 64	9
Over 64.....	22
(No answer).....	2
(ref:AGE)	