

Democracy Corps Michigan Frequency Questionnaire

July 14-21, 2008
764 Likely Voters

Q.2 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 election for President in November 2004 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	92
Ineligible/too young	4
Did not vote	4
(Can't remember/Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:DIDVOTE)	

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	7
25 - 29	4
30 - 34	6
35 - 39	12
40 - 44	9
45 - 49	12
50 - 54	8
55 - 59	13
60 - 64	8
Over 64.....	20
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	

Q.6 I know it's a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in this November's election for President, Senator, Congress, and other offices -- 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.....	94
Probably	6
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:WILLVOTE)	

[381 Respondents]

Q.7 (SPLIT A) 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	10
Wrong track.....	81
(Don't know/refused)	9
Right - Wrong.....	-71
(ref:USDIRECT)	

[382 Respondents]

Q.8 (SPLIT B) Generally speaking, do you think that things in Michigan are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total
Right direction	12
Wrong track.....	79
(Don't know/refused)	9
Right - Wrong.....	-67
(ref:STDIRECT)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve	14
Somewhat approve	18
Somewhat disapprove.....	14
Strongly disapprove.....	49
(Don't know/refused)	5
Total approve.....	32
Total disapprove.....	64
Approve - disapprove	-32
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.10 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and groups, 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 group. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or group, please say so.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
11 Jennifer Granholm	42.8	36	48	99
13 George W. Bush	39.4	34	53	99
14 The Republican Party	43.9	34	44	97
15 The Democratic Party	49.8	39	38	98
19 Barack Obama	51.8	45	36	97
20 John McCain	46.7	38	39	97
10 Labor unions	48.2	35	38	96
12 Big corporations	44.1	25	39	95
[382 Respondents]				
16(SPLIT C) The Big Three auto companies	50.7	38	33	96
17 NAFTA and international trade agreements	34.9	17	48	86
18 Affirmative Action	44.4	28	39	87
21 The state of the economy	25.6	9	79	99
[381 Respondents]				
22(SPLIT D) The middle class	66.2	60	14	92
(ref:THERM2/THERM4)				

Q.23 Thinking about the election in November, if the election for president were held today, for whom would you vote -- the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	45
Lean Democratic candidate.....	5
Republican candidate.....	35
Lean Republican candidate.....	5
(Other candidate)	3
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	6
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic candidate	49
Total Republican candidate.....	40
Total (Other candidate).....	4

(ref:PRES08A)

Q.25 Now let me ask you again about your vote for president, but with candidate names. If the election were held today and the candidates were -- Democrat Barack Obama, Republican John McCain, Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr, or Independent candidate Ralph Nader, for whom would you vote?

	Total
Barack Obama	44
Lean Barack Obama	2
John McCain	38
Lean John McCain	1
Bob Barr	2
Lean Bob Barr	0
Ralph Nader	6
Lean Ralph Nader	0
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	4
Total Barack Obama.....	46
Total John McCain	39
Total Bob Barr	3
Total Ralph Nader.....	6
Total (Other candidate).....	1

(ref:PRES08)

Allocated Presidential Vote

Q. 27 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
Total Barack Obama.....	48
Total John McCain	43
(Undecided).....	8
(Would not vote).....	1

(ref:PRES082)

Q.28 Even though you are not supporting Democrat Barack Obama now, what are the chances that you might support him in the election for president this year -- is there a fair chance that you might support him, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support Democrat Barack Obama?

	Total
Fair chance.....	9
A small chance	7
Just a very slight chance	10
No chance at all.....	24
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
 Obama Supporter	 48
(ref:BOCHANCE)	

Q.29 Even though you are not supporting Republican John McCain now, what are the chances that you might support him in the election for president this year -- is there a fair chance that you might support him, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support Republican John McCain?

	Total
Fair chance.....	10
A small chance	7
Just a very slight chance	12
No chance at all.....	27
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
 McCain Supporter	 43
(ref:JMCHANCE)	

Q.30 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
Democratic House candidate	41
Lean Democratic House candidate	4
Republican House candidate	41
Lean Republican House candidate	4
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	8
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic House candidate	45
Total Republican House candidate.....	45
Total (Other candidate).....	1

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Q.30 (DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT)

	Total
Democratic House candidate	65
Lean Democratic House candidate	5
Republican House candidate	17
Lean Republican House candidate	4
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	8
(Refused).....	0
Total Democratic House candidate	69
Total Republican House candidate.....	21
Total (Other candidate).....	1

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.

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Q.30 (REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT)

	Total
Democratic House candidate	29
Lean Democratic House candidate	4
Republican House candidate	53
Lean Republican House candidate	4
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	8
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic House candidate	33
Total Republican House candidate.....	57
Total (Other candidate).....	1

(ref:CONG06)

[382 Respondents]

Q.32 (SPLIT C) On a scale of zero to ten, how comfortable would you feel with Barack Obama as your President? A ten would mean you feel very comfortable. A zero would mean you feel not at all comfortable.

	Total
Mean	5.2
10	16
8-10	34
6-10	49
5	11
0-4	39
0	20
(Don't know/refused)	1

(ref:COMFORT1)

[382 Respondents]

Q.33 (SPLIT C) On a scale of zero to ten, how comfortable would you feel with John McCain as your President? A ten would mean you feel very comfortable. A zero would mean you feel not at all comfortable.

	Total
Mean	4.8
10	8
8-10	24
6-10	43
5	17
0-4	39
0	19
(Don't know/refused)	1

(ref:COMFORT3)

[381 Respondents]

Q.34 (SPLIT D) On a scale of zero to ten, how comfortable would you feel having a Democrat as your President? A ten would mean you feel very comfortable. A zero would mean you feel not at all comfortable.

	Total
Mean	6.1
10	23
8-10	40
6-10	54
5	17
0-4	26
0	12
(Don't know/refused)	2
(ref:COMFORT2)	

[381 Respondents]

Q.35 (SPLIT D) On a scale of zero to ten, how comfortable would you feel having a Republican as your President? A ten would mean you feel very comfortable. A zero would mean you feel not at all comfortable.

	Total
Mean	4.8
10	13
8-10	26
6-10	39
5	18
0-4	39
0	22
(Don't know/refused)	4
(ref:COMFORT4)	

Q.36 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
[382 Respondents]								
36 (SPLIT C) Cares about people like you	30	28	17	17	9	58	34	24
37 Shares your values	23	34	18	19	6	57	38	19
[382 Respondents]								
38 (SPLIT C) Will bring the right kind of change	22	30	18	23	7	52	41	11
[382 Respondents]								
39 (SPLIT C) Patriotic.....	29	33	18	12	8	62	30	33
[381 Respondents]								
40 (SPLIT D) On your side.....	19	35	26	12	7	55	38	16
[381 Respondents]								
41 (SPLIT D) Will keep America strong	18	36	23	15	8	53	38	15
[381 Respondents]								
42 (SPLIT D) Makes me feel hopeful about the future..... (ref:BOPOS)	24	32	25	17	3	56	41	14

Q.43 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 Well
43 Just too many questions to take a chance on him as president.....	23	21	24	24	9	44	48	-4
44 Will put the interests of black Americans ahead of others	9	17	29	33	12	26	62	-36

(ref:BONEG)

Q.45 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 Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
45 I'm more concerned that John McCain would wait too long to withdraw our troops from Iraq. OR I'm more concerned that Barack Obama would leave Iraq too quickly.	36	9	9	37	2	3	5	44	46	-1
46 America is ready for a black president OR America is not ready for a black president.....	54	17	7	14	0	3	5	71	21	50
[382 Respondents]										
47 (SPLIT C) The middle class has lost income for many years and is declining. OR The middle class is resilient and has opportunities for a better life.	62	6	9	20	0	1	1	68	29	39
[381 Respondents]										
48 (SPLIT D) America has been a middle class country but now the middle class is financially squeezed and in decline. OR America is a country where there is still broad opportunity to become middle class. (ref:PREPAIR2)	58	6	8	24	1	0	2	64	33	32

Q.49 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.....	29
College graduate.....	27
Post-graduate school	15
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.50 Are you a current or retired member of a labor union?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	15
Household member	7
Retired member.....	11
No member belongs.....	66
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Union Household.....	33
Non College Non Union	36
(ref:UNION)	

Q.51 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	69
Single	18
Separated/Divorced.....	6
Widowed.....	6
(Don't know/refused)	0
Sep/Div/Wid.....	12
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.52 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	25
Weak Democrat.....	10
Independent-lean Democrat.....	13
Independent	8
Independent-lean Republican	12
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican.....	17
(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.....	17
Moderate	44
Conservative	37
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.56 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant.....	45
Catholic	28
Jewish	1
(Other/none/refused)	26
Muslim	1
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.57 On average, how often would you say you attend church or religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, hardly ever, or never?

	Total
Every week.....	39
Once or twice a month	16
Several times a year.....	14
Hardly ever	22
(Never)	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:RELIG2)	

[701 Respondents]

Q.58 (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	44
Republican George Bush	51
(Ralph Nader).....	1
(Other candidate)	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.59 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.....	77
Did not vote	19
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	4
(Refused).....	0
(ref:VOTE06)	

[585 Respondents]

Q.60 (IF VOTED IN 2006) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?

	Total
House Democrat	43
House Republican	48
(Other candidate)	2
(Don't know/Refused)	6
(ref:VOTE2006)	

Q.61 What is your race?

	Total
White	83
Black.....	8
Hispanic.....	2
(Other)	4
(Don't know/Refused)	3
(ref:RACE)	

Q.3 Sex of respondent

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