Democracy Corp National/Presidential Battleground
Frequency Questionnaire

September 28-30, 2008
1000 Likely Voters Nationally
1024 Likely Voters in Presidential Battleground States
(CO, IA, IN, FL, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, NH , NM, NV, OH, PA, VA , WI)

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

	National	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?

	National	Battle ground
Voted	91	93
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	5	4
Did not vote	4	3
(Can't remember/Don't know)	0	1
(Refused)	-	-

(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?

	National	Battle ground
Almost certain	96	96
Probably	4	4
50-50	-	-
Will not vote	-	-
(Don't know)	-	-
(Already voted)	0	0
(Refused)	-	-

(ref:CP3)

[1 Respondents]
Q.7 (IF ALREADY VOTED IN CP3) When you voted by absentee ballot or through early voting, did you vote by mail or in person?

	National	Battle ground
By mail	69	100
In person	31	-
(Don't know/ Refused)	-	-
(ref:ABSENT4)		

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?

	National	Battle ground
Right direction	12	13
Wrong track	80	81
(Don't know/refused)	8	7
Right - Wrong	**-68**	**-68**
(ref:DIRECT)		

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

	National	Battle ground
Strongly approve	13	12
Somewhat approve	19	20
Somewhat disapprove	13	12
Strongly disapprove	52	52
(Don't know/refused)	3	4
Total approve	**32**	**32**
Total disapprove	**65**	**64**
Approve - disapprove	**-33**	**-32**
(ref:CANDAPP2)		

Q.10 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
10 The Republican Party	43.9	35	47	99
Battleground	44.1	36	48	99
11 The Democratic Party	49.9	42	39	99
Battleground	49.8	42	40	98
12 George W. Bush	34.9	31	59	99
Battleground	35.5	31	58	99
13 The Democratic Congress	44.3	36	44	97
Battleground	43.7	35	45	97
14 Barack Obama	53.5	50	38	99
Battleground	53.3	49	39	99
15 John McCain	48.5	45	43	99
Battleground	48.5	45	44	100
16 Democratic Incumbent Member of Congress	55.0	37	22	80
Battleground	54.6	37	24	77
16 Republican Incumbent Member of Congress	53.9	33	22	74
Battleground	54.2	35	22	74
17 Republicans in Congress	41.7	30	47	96
Battleground	41.9	30	48	97
18 Joe Biden	49.3	38	37	89
Battleground	48.8	37	38	89
19 Sarah Palin	44.7	39	47	94
Battleground	45.1	40	46	95
20 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	51.7	42	36	95
Battleground	53.5	44	34	95
21 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups	49.3	39	39	96
Battleground	50.1	38	38	95
22 NAFTA and international trade agreements	41.7	19	40	88
Battleground	40.4	19	42	89

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
23 The Iraq War	34.7	28	58	98
Battleground	35.5	29	57	98

[500 Respondents]

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
24 (SPLIT A) Big corporations	39.7	22	47	94
Battleground	39.3	24	50	96
25 Gay marriage	35.5	25	54	97
Battleground	32.9	24	58	96
26 Immigration into the country	42.5	25	43	95
Battleground	39.2	22	48	96
27 The state of the economy	26.0	12	75	99
Battleground	26.2	12	77	99

[500 Respondents]

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
28 (SPLIT B) Wall Street	31.7	15	59	96
Battleground	30.3	13	62	95

(ref: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?

	National	Battle ground
10	82	83
9	7	6
8	5	7
7	3	2
6	0	0
5	2	1
4	0	0
3	0	1
2	0	0
1	1	1
(Don't know/refused)	0	0
10	**82**	**83**
8-10	**94**	**95**
6-10	**97**	**97**
1-5	**3**	**3**

(ref:INTEREST)

Q32 Now thinking about the presidential election in November. If the election for president were held today and the candidates Democrat Barack Obama, Republican John McCain, Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr, Independent candidate Ralph Nader and Constitution Party/Louisiana Taxpayer Party candidate Ron Paul, for whom would you vote?

	National	Battle ground
Democrat Barack Obama	48	49
Lean Democrat Barack Obama	1	1
Republican John McCain	42	42
Lean Republican John McCain	2	2
Independent Ralph Nader	2	1
Lean Independent Ralph Nader	0	1
Libertarian Bob Barr	1	1
Lean Libertarian Bob Barr	0	-
Constitution Party/ Louisiana Taxpayer Party candidate Ron Paul	0	0
Lean Constitution Party/ Louisiana Taxpayer Party candidate Ron Paul	-	-
(Other candidate)	0	0
Lean (Other candidate)	-	-
(Undecided)	1	1
(Refused)	1	1
Total Democrat Barack Obama	**49**	**50**
Total Republican John McCain	**45**	**44**
Total Independent Ralph Nader	**2**	**2**
Total Libertarian Bob Barr	**1**	**1**
Total Constitution Party/Louisiana Taxpayer Party candidate Ron Paul	**0**	**0**
Total (Other candidate)	**0**	**0**

(ref:PRESEV/PRES083)

[43 Respondents]
Q.34 (ASK ONLY IF PUNCH 4, 6, 7 OR 8 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?

	National	Battle ground
Barack Obama	27	22
John McCain	26	41
(Undecided)	20	14
(Other)	18	14
(Refused)	4	8
(Independent Ralph Nader)	4	1
(Libertarian Bob Barr)	-	-
(Constitution Party/ Louisiana Taxpayer Party candidate Ron Paul)	-	-

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Q.35 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?

	National	Battle ground
Fair chance	3	4
A small chance	4	4
Very slight chance	6	5
No chance at all	36	37
(Don't know/Refused)	1	0
Obama Supporter	**50**	**51**

(ref:VCSOM1)

Q.36 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?

	National	Battle ground
Fair chance	3	4
A small chance	4	5
Very slight chance	8	5
No chance at all	38	40
(Don't know/Refused)	0	0
McCain Supporter	**46**	**46**

(ref:VCSOM2)

Q.39 Thinking about the November election for Congress, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)?

	National	Battle ground
Democratic House candidate	47	47
Lean Democratic House candidate	4	4
Republican House candidate	40	42
Lean Republican House candidate	4	3
(Other candidate)	1	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0	0
(Undecided)	4	3
(Refused)	1	1
Total Democratic House candidate	**51**	**51**
Total Republican House candidate	**43**	**45**
Total (Other candidate)	**1**	**1**

(ref:CONG06/CONGEV)

[510 Respondents]
Q. 39 (COMBINED EARLY/FUTURE CONG VOTE WITH CANDIDATE NAMES …
DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT)

	National	Battle ground
Democratic House candidate	60	57
Lean Democratic House candidate	4	4
Republican House candidate	28	31
Lean Republican House candidate	4	4
(Other candidate)	1	1
Lean (Other candidate)	-	-
(Undecided)	3	3
(Refused)	1	0
Total Democratic House candidate	**63**	**61**
Total Republican House candidate	**32**	**35**
Total (Other candidate)	**1**	**1**

(ref:CONG06/CONGEV)

[490 Respondents]
Q. 39 (COMBINED EARLY/FUTURE CONG VOTE WITH CANDIDATE NAMES…
REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT)

	National	Battle ground
Democratic House candidate	34	39
Lean Democratic House candidate	4	4
Republican House candidate	52	50
Lean Republican House candidate	3	3
(Other candidate)	1	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0	0
(Undecided)	4	3
(Refused)	1	1
Total Democratic House candidate	**39**	**43**
Total Republican House candidate	**56**	**53**
Total (Other candidate)	**1**	**1**

(ref:CONG06/CONGEV)

[465 Respondents]
Q.41 (ASK ONLY IN CO, FL, IA, MI, MN, MO, NV, NH, NM, NC, OH, PA, VA, WI, MT, IN) 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
41 Strong leader								
Battleground..............................	35	23	18	22	2	**58**	**40**	**18**
42 Has what it takes to be President								
Battleground..............................	35	20	17	27	1	**55**	**44**	**11**
43 Will keep America strong								
Battleground..............................	31	25	18	25	2	**55**	**43**	**13**
(ref:BOPOS)								

[465 Respondents]
Q.44 (ASK ONLY IN CO, FL, IA, MI, MN, MO, NV, NH, NM, NC, OH, PA, VA, WI, MT, IN) 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]								
44 (SPLIT A) Too liberal								
Battleground..............................	34	18	22	23	3	**52**	**45**	**7**
45 Too willing to withdraw from Iraq								
Battleground..............................	39	24	16	17	3	**64**	**33**	**31**
[500 Respondents]								
46 (SPLIT B) Will raise my taxes								
Battleground..............................	32	20	22	24	3	**52**	**45**	**7**
[500 Respondents]								
47 (SPLIT A) Just too many questions to take a chance on him as president								
Battleground..............................	31	15	17	33	4	**46**	**50**	**-4**
48 Will put the interests of black Americans ahead of others								
Battleground..............................	17	14	28	35	6	**31**	**63**	**-32**
[500 Respondents]								
49 (SPLIT B) Lacks experience necessary to be president								
Battleground..............................	33	18	18	28	3	**51**	**46**	**5**
(ref:BONEG)								

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Q.50 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
50 Shares your values	38	12	13	32	1	2	2	**49**	**45**	**4**
Battleground	39	11	13	33	1	2	2	**50**	**46**	**4**
51 Being on your side	39	12	14	29	1	3	2	**51**	**43**	**9**
Battleground	40	12	14	29	1	3	2	**51**	**43**	**9**
52 Restoring respect for America in the world	38	11	15	32	1	1	3	**48**	**47**	**2**
Battleground	38	11	16	31	1	1	2	**49**	**46**	**3**
53 In touch	40	14	17	23	1	4	2	**54**	**40**	**14**
Battleground	42	14	15	22	1	3	2	**56**	**37**	**19**
54 Bringing the right kind of change	42	11	16	26	0	2	2	**53**	**42**	**11**
Battleground	43	10	15	27	0	2	2	**54**	**42**	**11**
55 Independent	28	16	14	30	1	5	6	**43**	**44**	**-1**
Battleground	30	17	14	30	1	4	4	**47**	**44**	**3**
56 Strong leader	32	14	11	37	2	2	2	**46**	**48**	**-3**
Battleground	33	15	12	36	2	1	2	**47**	**48**	**-1**
57 Is honest and trustworthy	32	13	12	32	4	4	4	**45**	**44**	**1**
Battleground	34	13	14	30	3	4	3	**46**	**44**	**2**
58 More likeable	43	18	12	21	2	1	3	**61**	**33**	**28**
Battleground	43	20	11	20	1	1	2	**63**	**32**	**31**
59 More clear	36	14	15	27	1	3	4	**50**	**42**	**8**
Battleground	36	16	15	27	1	3	3	**51**	**42**	**10**

(ref:ASSOCAND)

Q.60 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
60 The economy	36	14	18	24	0	2	5	**50**	**42**	**8**
Battleground	37	14	17	23	0	3	5	**51**	**41**	**11**
61 Taxes	32	15	15	30	1	2	5	**47**	**45**	**2**
Battleground	33	15	14	30	0	2	6	**47**	**44**	**3**
62 Standing up to the powerful special interests in Washington	34	12	15	29	1	2	6	**47**	**43**	**3**
Battleground	35	14	13	29	1	2	6	**49**	**42**	**7**
63 National security	26	12	14	42	1	1	5	**38**	**56**	**-18**
Battleground	26	15	12	41	1	0	5	**41**	**54**	**-13**
64 The situation in Iraq	32	14	10	40	1	1	4	**46**	**49**	**-3**
Battleground	33	14	11	39	0	0	3	**47**	**50**	**-3**
65 Gas prices and the energy crisis	32	19	13	25	1	4	7	**51**	**37**	**14**
Battleground	32	18	14	25	1	3	7	**51**	**39**	**11**
66 The financial crisis in the country	33	14	15	25	0	4	8	**47**	**40**	**7**
Battleground	33	16	18	23	0	3	7	**49**	**41**	**8**

(ref:BTJOBPRZ)

Q.83 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	National	Battle ground
1 - 11th grade	4	3
High School graduate	25	26
Non-college post H.S.	1	0
Some college	27	26
College graduate	27	28
Post-graduate school	16	15
(Don't know/refused)	0	1

(ref:EDUC)

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Q.84 Are you a member of a labor union?

	National	Battle ground
Yes: Respondent belongs	12	12
Household member	7	8
No member belongs	81	79
(Don't know/Refused)	0	1

(ref:UNION)

Q.85 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	National	Battle ground
Married	65	65
Single	15	14
Separated/Divorced	12	11
Widowed	7	9
(Don't know/refused)	1	1
Sep/Div/Wid	**19**	**19**

(ref:MARITAL)

Q.86 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	National	Battle ground
Yes	34	36
No	65	63
(Don't know/Refused)	1	2

(ref:KIDS)

Q.87 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	National	Battle ground
Strong Democrat	27	29
Weak Democrat	12	12
Independent-lean Democrat	9	8
Independent	4	4
Independent-lean Republican	11	10
Weak Republican	12	12
Strong Republican	23	23
(Don't know/refused)	1	1

(ref:PTYID1)

Q.90 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	National	Battle ground
Liberal	21	18
Moderate	36	37
Conservative	40	41
(Don't know/refused)	3	4

(ref:IDEO1)

Q.91 What is your religion?

	National	Battle ground
Protestant	52	55
Catholic	24	23
Jewish	2	1
Muslim	0	0
(Don't know/refused)	22	21

(ref:RELIG1)

[524 Respondents]
Q.92 (ASK IF PROTESTANT IN RELIG1) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	National	Battle ground
Fundamentalist	9	11
Evangelical	25	29
Charismatic/Pentecostal	11	11
Moderate to liberal	38	32
(Something else)	7	5
(Don't know/Refused)	11	11

(ref:RELIG3)

Q.93 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?

	National	Battle ground
Once or twice a month	15	16
Several times a year	14	12
Hardly ever	21	20
(Never)	5	4
(Don't know/Refused)	2	4
More than once a week	11	12
Once a week	32	32
More than/once a week	**44**	**44**

(ref:RELIG2)

[912 Respondents]
Q.94 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE00) In the 2004 election for president, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	National	Battle ground
Democrat John Kerry	45	47
Republican George Bush	49	47
(Ralph Nader)	0	0
(Other candidate)	2	2
(Don't know/Refused)	4	4
Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush	**-4**	**-1**
Democrat John Kerry	**48**	**50**
Republican George Bush	**52**	**50**

(ref:VOTE2004)

Q.95 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?

	National	Battle ground
Voted	75	77
Did not vote	21	20
(Can't remember/Don't know)	3	2
(Refused)	0	1

(ref:VOTE06)

[752 Respondents]
Q.96 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE06) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (2006 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2006 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)?

	National	Battle ground
House Democrat	48	45
House Republican	41	44
(Other candidate)	5	5
(Don't know/Refused)	6	6
House Democrat - House Republican	**7**	**1**
House Democrat	**54**	**50**
House Republican	**46**	**50**

(ref:VOTE2006)

[490 Respondents]
Q.97 (ASK IF DEMOCRAT IN PTYID1 OR PTYID3) In the Democratic presidential primaries did you support Senator Barack Obama, Senator Hillary Clinton, or someone else?

	National	Battle ground
Supported Obama	49	50
Supported Clinton	37	35
Supported someone else	6	5
(None)	5	6
(DK/Refused)	3	5
(ref:CLINTSUP)		

Q.98 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	National	Battle ground
White	76	80
African-American or Black	11	8
Hispanic or Latino	9	6
Native American	1	1
Asian	1	1
(Other)	1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	2	3
(ref:RACETHN)		

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	National	Battle ground
Male	47	47
Female	53	53
(ref:GENDER)		

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	National	Battle ground
18 - 24	6	4
25 - 29	9	9
30 - 34	9	10
35 - 39	7	7
40 - 44	8	7
45 - 49	11	11
50 - 54	9	8
55 - 59	10	9
60 - 64	10	10
Over 64	21	21
(No answer)	2	2
(ref:AGE)		

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