

Democracy Corps – Youth Frequency Questionnaire

July 15-29, 2008
600 Respondents 18-29
240 RDD
60 Cell
300 Web

Q.5 First of all, are you registered to vote?

	Total
Yes	78
No.....	22
(Refused).....	-
(ref:SCREEN2)	

Q.6 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
Yes, I voted in the 2004 presidential election.....	47
No, I was unable to vote in 2004	23
No, I could not vote (not registered/too young/etc.)	29
(Can't remember/Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:VOTE04)	

Q.7 (IF REGISTERED ON SCREEN2) I know it's a long way off, but 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?

(IF NOT REGISTERED ON SCREEN2) I know it's a long way off, but what are the chances of you registering and 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
Almost certain.....	67
Probably	10
50-50	11
Will not vote.....	11
(Don't know)	1
(Refused).....	-
(ref:CP3)	

Q.8 (IF REGISTERED ON SCREEN2) Let me ask you the same question a different way. On a scale of one to ten, with one meaning NOT AT ALL LIKELY and ten meaning VERY LIKELY, please tell me how likely you are to vote in the November Presidential election?

(IF NOT REGISTERED ON SCREEN2) Let me ask you the same question a different way. On a scale of one to ten, with one meaning NOT AT ALL LIKELY and ten meaning VERY LIKELY, please tell me how likely you are to register and vote in the November Presidential election?

	Total
10	54
9	9
8	9
7	5
6	5
5	5
4	1
3	1
2	2
1	9
(Don't know/refused)	-
10	54
8-10	72
6-10	82
1-5	18
(ref:VOTECHAN)	

Q.9 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
9 The Republican Party	40.1	28	49	94
10 The Democratic Party	54.4	46	30	93
11 George W. Bush	30.4	25	65	97
12 Hillary Clinton.....	49.6	45	38	97
13 Barack Obama.....	56.3	56	34	97
14 John McCain.....	43.3	34	45	93
15 Al Gore.....	48.8	40	37	94

[300 Respondents]

16 (SPLIT A) The Democratic Congress	49.4	35	34	86
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[300 Respondents]

17 (SPLIT B) The U.S. Congress.....	47.8	37	35	94
18 The Iraq war.....	29.6	21	65	97
19 Gay marriage	47.3	39	42	97
20 Immigration into the country.....	48.9	39	40	96
21 Rock the Vote	59.5	39	21	74

(ref:THERM04- THERM204)

Q.22 Some of these questions are for classification purposes only. What type of telephone services do you have?

	Total
Land line.....	72
Cell phone	90
VOIP or voice over internet phone	11
(None of the above) (EXCLUSIVE PUNCH)	0
(Don't know/refused) (EXCLUSIVE PUNCH).....	1
Yes, both	0
Cell only	21

(ref:LANDLINE)

[557 Respondents]

Q.23 (SKIP IF NONE OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED ON LANDLINE) And which of these is the main service you use for incoming and outgoing calls?

	Total
Land line.....	29
Cell phone	67
VOIP or voice over internet phone	3
None of the above	0
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:MAINLINE)	

Q.24 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the election in November, 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
Democrat Barack Obama.....	55
Lean Democrat Barack Obama.....	5
Republican John McCain	29
Lean Republican John McCain	4
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	-
(Undecided).....	2
(Refused).....	.
(Not planning on voting)	4
Total Democrat Barack Obama.....	60
Total Republican John McCain	33
Total (Other candidate)	2
(ref:PRES083)	

Q.26 Now I'm going to read you some more 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
26 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.....	44	9	9	29	6	3	-	53	38	14

[270 Respondents]

27 (SPLIT D) There is a lot of disagreement between scientists about global warming and how serious its effects are on the environment. OR Scientists mostly agree that global warming is happening and that it will harm the environment.	44	8	10	26	7	4	1	52	36	16
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[270 Respondents]

28 (SPLIT C) I am one paycheck away from having to borrow money from my parents or credit cards. OR I have enough savings to fall back on if something minor goes wrong with my finances.....	40	7	12	31	4	5	2	47	43	4
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29 (SPLIT C) Global warming represents an immediate threat and we need to start taking action now.

OR

Global warming represents a long-term threat and we need to study the problem before taking drastic action. 36

15 11 27 5 5 - 52 38 14

[270 Respondents]

30 (SPLIT D) For me, it is more important to deal with the rising cost of living and the immediate challenge of making it from pay-check to pay-check.

OR

For me, it is more important to start long-term planning and dealing with my financial future. 37

9 5 33 14 2 0 46 38 8

31 Increasing domestic oil exploration in coastal areas is a good idea because it will help lower the cost of gas.

OR

Increasing domestic oil exploration in coastal areas is a bad idea because it will hurt the environment and not do much to lower the cost of gas. 29

15 11 33 6 6 1 44 44 0

(ref:VALUES07)

Q.32 Let me read you a series of statements about Democrat Barack Obama. 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 Barack Obama?

	Much More Likely	Smwt More Likely	Ltle More Likely	No More Likely	Less Likely	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt/ Ltle	Much Smwt/ Ltle
[270 Respondents]								
32 (SPLIT E) Barack Obama opposed the Iraq war from the very beginning, even when most politicians supported it, and said it would distract from the war in Afghanistan and the effort to stop al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden. He will bring our troops home in 16 months.	31	17	14	14	23	1	48	62

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33 (SPLIT F) Barack Obama opposes Bush's failed policies in Iraq. This war cost us thousands of lives and trillions of dollars, money that could have gone to creating jobs, improving education or investments in alternative energy. He will bring our troops home in 16 months.	30	21	13	17	17	2	51	64

[270 Respondents]								
34 (SPLIT E) Barack Obama says too many young people today struggle to get by, trying to make ends meet with low wage jobs, a rising cost of living and often significant debt. He will fight for policies that help young people find jobs with decent salaries, good benefits, and affordable health insurance programs.	42	18	12	14	13	1	60	72

	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Lttle More Likly	No More Likly	Less Likly	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt/ Lttle	
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35 (SPLIT F) Barack Obama says too many young people today struggle to get by, trying to make ends meet with low wage jobs, a rising cost of living and often significant debt. He will work to reduce the debt load young people carry by taking on abusive credit card company practices and provide more scholarships and low interest loans so that young people can get an education without a crushing burden of debt.....

42	22	18	12	5	2	64	82
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[270 Respondents]

36 (SPLIT E) Barack Obama will fight to lower gas prices by cracking down on oil speculators and price gougers that may be breaking the law, taxing excess oil profits to invest in alternative energy and encouraging energy conservation through tax cuts for families that take steps to save energy.....

36	22	12	15	14	1	58	70
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[270 Respondents]

37 (SPLIT F) Barack Obama argues that even though gas prices are high, we cannot retreat from our fight with global warming. He will work to lower gas prices by cracking down on excess oil profits, but will also invest in alternative energy like wind and solar, take concrete steps to reduce carbon emissions, require 25 percent of our electricity to come from renewable sources and cut our oil use by 35 percent.....

33	24	18	15	9	2	57	74
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38 Barack Obama will reform our healthcare system to guarantee that every American has affordable health insurance. His plan will lower healthcare costs, make it easier for younger people entering the job market to afford health insurance and allow young people to continue on their parents' insurance plan.....

39	20	15	13	13	0	59	74
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	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Lttle More Likly	No More Likly	Less Likly	DK/ Ref	Much/Smwt/ Smwt	Lttle
39 Barack Obama strongly believes in giving individuals the freedom to make up their own decisions about their lives. He strongly supports a woman's right to choose to have an abortion, believes the Internet should remain free of censorship and supports efforts to open-up the military to lesbian and gays.	30	18	13	15	23	1	47	61

[270 Respondents]

40 (SPLIT E) Obama is uniquely qualified to bring Americans together after a period of deep division. The son of a black man and a white woman, Obama sees different points of view and understands people of all backgrounds. He does not see things as black or white, or right or left and will work across party lines to bring real change to Washington.	31	17	16	19	17	1	48	64
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[270 Respondents]

41 (SPLIT F) Barack Obama has helped restore our American democracy. He has made people believe that we can change our country's direction and energized young people to participate in politics who previously seemed to give up on democracy. (ref:BOPOS)	26	21	18	22	10	3	47	65
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Q.42 Let me read you another series of statements about Democrat Barack Obama. For each statement, please tell me whether this description, if accurate, raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about Barack Obama.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[270 Respondents]							
42 (SPLIT E) Barack Obama has a long-time close relationship with domestic terrorist Bill Ayres and has accepted his help and contributions to his campaign. In the 1970s, Ayres was a member of "Weather Underground," a domestic terrorist group that planted bombs in the US Capitol. After nine-eleven, Ayres said his only regret was that he hadn't planted more bombs.....	28	23	22	24	2	51	47
[270 Respondents]							
43 (SPLIT F) Barack Obama attended the same church for 20 years, where his pastor and mentor said things such as America is to blame for the AIDS virus and that we brought the nine-eleven attacks upon ourselves. And yet Obama wants us to believe he never heard these kinds of sermons, which were available in the church book store.	18	23	24	31	4	42	54
44 This country faces major problems. The economy is in shambles, we are fighting a war and under constant terrorist threat. Obama does not have the experience necessary to be President. Just four years ago he was a state senator in Illinois and he has not had a lead role in passing any major legislation since being elected U.S. Senator.....	18	20	27	33	2	39	60
45 Obama based almost his entire campaign on getting our troops out of Iraq and pledged to leave Iraq entirely in 16 months; but in recent weeks, he has started back-tracking and saying he is, quote, "refining" his position on Iraq and withdrawal depends on conditions on the ground, which is exactly what Bush has been saying.	21	25	29	24	2	46	53

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
46 Since winning the Democratic nomination, Barack Obama has changed his positions to make him more electable, including opting out of the public campaign financing system, supporting Bush's spying program and backpedaling on his support for a woman's right to choose. He said he was about change, but he is really just like any other politician.	20	25	28	26	2	45	53
47 Gas prices today are at an all time high, but Barack Obama admitted he does not have a short-term plan to lower gas prices and opposes efforts to lower the gas tax as a so-called gimmick.	19	21	31	26	2	40	57
48 Barack Obama has proposed over 1.4 trillion dollars in new government spending and proposed over 150 new spending programs, this not only means new taxes, but a huge deficit that will burden younger people and future generations of this country..... (ref:BONEG)	24	25	27	22	2	49	49

Q.49 After everything we talked about, 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
Democrat Barack Obama.....	53
Lean Democrat Barack Obama.....	4
Republican John McCain	31
Lean Republican John McCain	4
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	2
(Refused).....	
(Not planning on voting)	5
Total Democrat Barack Obama	57
Total Republican John McCain	35
Total (Other candidate)	2
(ref:REPRES83)	

Q.51 Finally, we have a few questions for classification purposes. What is your current job status?

	Total
Employed full time	53
Student	22
Employed part time	16
Unemployed/Not employed/Looking for work.....	12
Homemaker.....	7
Have a temporary job.....	3
Retired.....	0
Other (please specify):	2
(Don't know/refused)	-
(ref:EMPLOY)	

Q.52 Please tell me whether you, personally, have the following:

	Total
Credit card debt.....	38
Student loans	32
A car loan	31
Unpaid medical bills	22
A mortgage.....	16
Loans from your parents	14
Pay day loans.....	4
(None of the above).....	24
(Not sure/refused)	1
(ref:HAVE2)	

Q.53 Please answer YES or NO to each of the following statements.

	Yes	No	DK/ Ref
53 In the last 12 months, have you paid a late fee for any of your credit cards?	24	74	2
54 Do you sometimes only pay the minimum payment on your credit cards?	39	56	6
55 Have you had credit revoked, including a repossession or card cancellation, in the past 12 months?.....	8	90	2
56 In the last 12 months, have you had your phone, cable, or utilities cut off for failure to pay a bill?	20	79	1
57 Do you know anyone in your age group who is in a financial crisis or unable to pay their bills?	68	30	1
(ref:DEBTSTAT)			

[468 Respondents]

Q.58 (IF NOT STUDENT IN EMPLOY) What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1st - 11th grade/some high school	7
High school graduate	47
Trade school or technical school.....	8
Community college graduate.....	12
4-year college graduate.....	18
Post-graduate degree.....	5
(Don't know/refused)	3
HS or less	54
Some coll	20
Coll or more	23
(ref:EDUC)	

[132 Respondents]

Q.59 (IF STUDENT IN EMPLOY) What type of school are you currently attending?

	Total
High School	3
Trade school or technical school.....	4
Community college.....	27
4-year college.....	57
Post-graduate program	8
(Don't know/refused)	-
HS or less	3
Some coll	89
Coll or more	8
(ref:EDUC3)	

Combined Education

	Total
HS or less.....	43
Some coll.....	35
Coll or more.....	20
(Don't know/refused)	2
(ref:EDUC/EDUC3)	

Q.60 How many hours do you spend online in a typical week, including time spent writing emails, instant messaging, and so forth?

	0	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-30	More than 30	None	Mean
60 Enter number	6	26	19	10	12	11	13	3	16.6
(ref:ONLHOURS)									

Q.61 Thinking in political terms, would you say you are conservative, moderate or liberal?

	Total
Very liberal	8
Liberal.....	23
Moderate	37
Conservative	22
Very conservative.....	5
(Don't know/refused)	5
Total Liberal	31
Total Conservative	27
(ref:IDEO5)	

Q.62 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	19
Weak Democrat.....	22
Independent-lean Democrat.....	10
Independent	12
Independent-lean Republican	8
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican.....	13
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.65 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	61
Hispanic or Latino.....	15
African or African American.....	13
Asian	4
Native American/Eskimo/Aleutian	3
Mixed racial heritage from the Caribbean Islands	2
Pacific Islander (including Hawaiian).....	1
Chinese	1
Middle Eastern/North African	1
Central Asian.....	0
Other (SPECIFY).....	2
(Don't know/refused)	4
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.66 What is your marital status?

	Total
Married	31
Single	63
Separated.....	1
Divorced	1
Widowed.....	0
Domestic Partnership.....	3
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:MARSTAT)	

Q.67 What is your religion, if any?

	Total
Protestant.....	14
Catholic	20
Jewish	2
Muslim.....	1
None.....	18
Other (please specify):	19
(Don't know/refused)	6
(Other Christian).....	17
(Mormon/LDS).....	3
(ref:RELIGION)	

[427 Respondents]

Q.68 (SKIP IF JEWISH,MUSLIM OR NONE IN RELIGION) Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian?

	Total
Yes	38
No.....	58
(Don't know/refused)	5
(ref:BORNAGAI)	

Q.69 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
Every week.....	20
Once or twice a month	14
Several times a year.....	16
Hardly ever	27
Never.....	17
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
More than once a week	4
(ref:RELIG4)	

[284 Respondents]

Q.70 (IF PUNCH 1 IN VOTE04) Who did you vote for in the 2004 election for President?

	Total
Democrat John Kerry	45
Republican George Bush	48
Other (specify)	2
(Don't know/refused)	6
Democrat John Kerry	49
Republican George Bush	51
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.4 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male.....	50
Female	50
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.2 In what year were you born?

	Total
18	10
19	10
20	8
21	8
22	8
23	8
24	8
25	9
26	8
27	9
28	8
29	6
(ref:AGE)	

Q.3 In what month were you born?

	Total
January.....	13
February	7
March	17
April	5
May.....	9
June.....	15
July.....	22
August	3
September.....	8
October.....	-
November.....	-
December.....	-
(ref:MONTH)	