

# 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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
Right direction.....	22	22
Wrong track .....	70	71
(Don't know/refused).....	8	8
<b>Right - Wrong</b> .....	<b>-48</b>	<b>-49</b>
(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.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
Strongly approve .....	16	18
Somewhat approve .....	20	19
Somewhat disapprove .....	11	11
Strongly disapprove .....	49	48
(Don't know/refused) .....	3	4
<b>Total approve .....</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Total disapprove .....</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove .....</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>-23</b>
(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
<b>Battleground .....</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>99</b>
12 The Democratic Party .....	49.4	39	41	98
<b>Battleground .....</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>99</b>
13 George W. Bush .....	37.8	34	56	99
<b>Battleground .....</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>99</b>

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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
<b>10.....</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>8-10 .....</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>6-10 .....</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>1-5 .....</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
(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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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
<b>Total Democrat Barack Obama .....</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Republican John McCain .....</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total Independent Ralph Nader.....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Libertarian Bob Barr .....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
(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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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
<b>Obama Supporter .....</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>
(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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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
<b>McCain Supporter</b> .....	<b>49</b>	<b>50</b>
(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)<sup>1</sup>?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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
<b>Total Democratic House candidate</b> .....	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total Republican House candidate</b> .....	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate)</b> .....	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
(ref:CONG06)		

<sup>1</sup> 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)

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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
<b>Total Democratic House candidate.....</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Total Republican House candidate.....</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

(ref:CONG06)

**[535 Respondents; 230 BG Respondents]**

Q.35 (REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT)

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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
<b>Total Democratic House candidate.....</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Total Republican House candidate.....</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

(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
<b>Battleground</b> .....	31	25	19	23	2	56	42	14
38 Has what it takes to be President .....	30	23	17	29	1	53	46	7
<b>Battleground</b> .....	30	22	20	26	1	52	46	6
39 Will keep America strong .....	30	22	18	28	2	52	46	6
<b>Battleground</b> .....	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
<b>Battleground</b> .....	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
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
41 (SPLIT A) Too liberal .....	36	19	21	20	3	55	42	13
<b>Battleground</b> .....	35	19	23	19	5	54	42	12
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
42 (SPLIT A) Too willing to withdraw from Iraq.....	42	24	15	16	2	66	32	34
<b>Battleground</b> .....	44	21	17	15	4	65	31	34
43 Will raise my taxes .....	35	18	20	24	3	53	44	8
<b>Battleground</b> .....	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
<b>Battleground</b> .....	34	13	19	29	5	47	48	-2
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
45 (SPLIT B) Will put the interests of black Americans ahead of others.....	15	15	25	39	7	29	64	-34
<b>Battleground</b> .....	15	14	26	36	8	29	63	-34
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
46 (SPLIT B) Lacks experience necessary to be president.....	34	17	21	26	1	52	47	5
<b>Battleground</b> .....	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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

(ref:BTJOBPRZ)

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.64 (SPLIT B) As you may know, Senator John McCain selected Alaska Governor Sarah Palin to be his vice presidential running mate. Does this make you more or less likely to support John McCain for President?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
Much more likely.....	33	35
Somewhat more likely.....	16	15
(No difference).....	11	9
Somewhat less likely.....	10	7
Much less likely.....	28	31
(Don't know/refused).....	2	3
<b>Total more likely.....</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total less likely.....</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>More - Less.....</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>
(ref:PALIN1)		

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.65 (SPLIT B) As you may know, the Republican Party held its convention in Minneapolis last week. How closely did you follow the Republican convention? Would you say you followed it very closely, somewhat closely, a little closely, or not at all?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
Very closely.....	30	31
Somewhat closely.....	33	31
A little closely.....	20	20
Not at all.....	17	18
(Don't know/ refused).....	0	0
<b>Very/Somewhat closely.....</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Very/Somewhat/Little closely.....</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>
(ref:CONVFOL2)		

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.66 (SPLIT B) And has what you saw or heard about the Republican convention made you more or less likely to support John McCain for president?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
Much more likely .....	24	28
Somewhat more likely.....	21	21
(No difference) .....	10	6
Somewhat less likely .....	16	10
Much less likely .....	26	31
(Don't know/refused).....	3	4
<b>Total more likely .....</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Total less likely .....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>More - Less.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
(ref:CONIMPC2)		

**[640 Respondents]**

Q.67 (SKIP IF NO CHANCE IN VCSOM2) Do you feel mostly hopeful or doubtful about Barack Obama?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
Very hopeful .....	8	10
Somewhat hopeful.....	19	17
Somewhat doubtful.....	18	18
Very doubtful .....	52	52
(Don't know/ refused).....	2	3
<b>Total Hopeful.....</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Total Doubtful .....</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Hopeful - Doubtful .....</b>	<b>-43</b>	<b>-43</b>
(ref:HOPEBO)		

**[618 Respondents]**

Q.68 (SKIP IF NO CHANCE IN VCSOM1) Do you feel mostly hopeful or doubtful about John McCain?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
Very hopeful .....	7	8
Somewhat hopeful.....	18	17
Somewhat doubtful.....	25	23
Very doubtful .....	47	49
(Don't know/ refused).....	3	5
<b>Total Hopeful.....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total Doubtful .....</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Hopeful - Doubtful .....</b>	<b>-48</b>	<b>-47</b>
(ref:HOPEJM)		

**[322 Respondents]**

Q.69 (SKIP IF NO CHANCE IN VCSOM2) (SPLIT A) A lot of voters have doubts about Barack Obama, please tell me which TWO of the following statements comes closest to capturing your own doubts about him.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
Just too inexperienced to handle the job and get things done.....	51	50
Too many unknowns about him, like his pastor saying "God damn America" .....	30	30
Will raise taxes.....	29	29
Too liberal on abortion and guns .....	26	26
Weak on national security and the military .....	25	25
Too ready to withdraw from Iraq.....	21	20
Not decisive and tough enough .....	10	9
Too snobbish and out of touch with people like me.....	9	11
(All) .....	-	-
(None).....	-	-
(Other) .....	-	-
(Don't know/ refused).....	-	-
(ref:BODOUBTS)		

**[307 Respondents]**

Q.71 (SKIP IF NO CHANCE IN VCSOM1) (SPLIT A) A lot of voters have doubts about John McCain, please tell me which TWO of the following statements comes closest to capturing your own doubts about him.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
Will continue Bush's policies.....	51	50
Will stay in Iraq too long.....	43	37
Out of touch on the economy.....	28	35
Will favor the biggest corporations and oil companies.....	26	26
Too old to become president .....	21	21
Will keep us involved abroad, and not pay attention to America .....	11	9
Too negative in his campaign .....	10	11
Favors free trade and outsourcing of jobs .....	10	11
(All) .....	-	-
(None).....	-	-
(Other) .....	-	-
(Don't know/ refused).....	-	-
(ref:JMDOUBTS)		

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.73 (SPLIT A) Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements that describe what Barack Obama and John McCain have been saying. After I read these statements, please tell me which one you agree with more.

*Barack Obama says he can bring the right kind of change because he will battle the special interests and failed policies in Washington. John McCain can't bring the change because he voted with Bush 90 percent of the time and supports even bigger tax cuts for corporations and subsidies for oil companies. Obama takes no money from Washington lobbyists and plans tax cuts for the middle class and companies that create American jobs, more affordable health care and new energy policies.*

*John McCain says he can bring the right change to Washington because he has the experience to put America ahead of partisanship and special interests. Barack Obama says he will bring change, but McCain's record proves that as a Senator he has fought pork spending and special interests and he has earned a reputation as a political maverick who refuses to toe a partisan line. As president he will reduce government spending and get rid of failed programs so that you can keep more of your own money.*

Which statement do you agree with more?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
Obama statement STRONGLY .....	35	37
Obama statement SOMEWHAT .....	14	11
McCain statement SOMEWHAT .....	16	15
McCain statement STRONGLY .....	31	30
(Both) .....	1	1
(Neither).....	1	3
(Don't know/Refused) .....	2	3
<b>Total Obama</b> .....	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total McCain</b> .....	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Obama – McCain</b> .....	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
(ref:CHGPAIR)		

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.74 (SPLIT B) Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements that describe what Barack Obama and John McCain have been saying. After I read these statements, please tell me which one you agree with more.

*Barack Obama says the economy is in trouble and the middle class is being squeezed. John McCain can't put us back on the right track because he thinks the fundamentals of our economy are strong and, like Bush, wants to give further tax cuts to the wealthiest and big corporations. Barack Obama will move on his economic plan on day one to cut taxes for families making less than 226,000 dollars a year, shift the tax breaks to companies that create jobs in America and invest in renewable sources of energy.*

*John McCain says these are tough times for American families and now more than ever we need a government that won't stand in your way. Barack Obama wants to raise your taxes, close markets and increase spending. But John McCain will strengthen our economy by cutting taxes for middle class families and American businesses so that they can compete and keep jobs from moving overseas. And he will root out government waste so that you can keep more of your own money.*

Which statement do you agree with more?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
Obama statement STRONGLY .....	35	37
Obama statement SOMEWHAT .....	11	11
McCain statement SOMEWHAT .....	14	13
McCain statement STRONGLY .....	34	34
(Both) .....	1	0
(Neither).....	1	2
(Don't know/Refused) .....	3	3
<b>Total Obama</b> .....	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total McCain</b> .....	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Obama – McCain</b> .....	<b>-2</b>	<b>1</b>
(ref:ECNPAIR)		



**[500 Respondents]**

Q.75 (SPLIT A) Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements that describe what Barack Obama and John McCain have been saying. After I read these statements, please tell me which one you agree with more.

*Barack Obama says we cannot afford the reckless and out of touch national security policies of the Bush years that have left us stuck in Iraq with our military over extended and gas prices soaring. John McCain was Bush's biggest supporter in Iraq and wants to continue spending billions over there. Obama will redeploy our combat troops out of Iraq so we can strengthen our efforts against Al Qaeda in Afghanistan, rebuild our military and pursue a new energy policy to reduce dependence on foreign oil.*

*John McCain says he has served this country and knows how important our national security is to keep America safe. Barack Obama will embrace dictators in Iran and North Korea, and pull out our troops from Iraq, handing al Qaeda a victory, and endangering our vital interests. McCain was the leading supporter of the surge which is now succeeding, and he will press for victory in Iraq. He will also strengthen our military, restructure our intelligence agencies and build missile defenses to protect us from rogue regimes like Iran.*

Which statement do you agree with more?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
Obama statement STRONGLY .....	37	39
Obama statement SOMEWHAT .....	10	9
McCain statement SOMEWHAT .....	12	11
McCain statement STRONGLY .....	35	34
(Both) .....	1	1
(Neither).....	3	3
(Don't know/Refused) .....	3	4
<b>Total Obama</b> .....	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total McCain</b> .....	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Obama - McCain</b> .....	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
(ref:SAFEPAIR)		

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.76 (SPLIT B) Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements that describe what Barack Obama and John McCain have been saying. After I read these statements, please tell me which one you agree with more.

*Barack Obama has always been an agent of change. Being the son of a single mother, Obama he worked hard to get ahead. He earned academic scholarships that enabled him to attend Harvard Law School. After graduating he returned to Chicago to work as a community organizer rather than taking a high paying job in Wall Street. As a state Senator he fought to get our economy working for the middle class, expanded health care coverage and moved thousands from welfare to work. And as a member of Congress he led the efforts for bipartisan ethics reform.*

*John McCain has always put country first. He was raised in a family of distinguished Navy admirals. As a young man he was shot down while fighting in Vietnam and held as a Prisoner of War. Despite being tortured, he refused an offer to be released unless all of his fellow prisoners were also released. Back in the U.S., McCain continued serving his country and came to Washington with the conviction that politicians should be thinking less about their party and own interests and more about service to our country.*

Which statement do you agree with more?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
Obama statement STRONGLY .....	29	32
Obama statement SOMEWHAT .....	10	8
McCain statement SOMEWHAT.....	10	10
McCain statement STRONGLY .....	41	41
(Both).....	9	7
(Neither).....	1	1
(Don't know/Refused) .....	1	1
<b>Total Obama</b> .....	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total McCain</b> .....	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Obama - McCain</b> .....	<b>-13</b>	<b>-10</b>
(ref:BIOPAIR)		

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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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?

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

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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?

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

Q.85 What is your religion?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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
<b>More than/once a week .....</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>
(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?

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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)?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
Male.....	47	47
Female.....	53	53
(ref:GENDER)		

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Battle-ground</b>
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)		