

# National Public Radio Frequency Questionnaire

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**800 Likely Voters**

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

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	100
No.....	-
(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>
Voted .....	99
Not registered/Ineligible/too young.....	1
Did not vote .....	-
(Can't remember/Don't know/Refused) .....	-
(ref:DIDVOTE)	

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?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted .....	88
Did not vote .....	8
(Can't remember/Don't know/Refused) .....	4
(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?

	<b>Total</b>
Almost certain.....	84
Probably .....	16
50-50 .....	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know/refused) .....	-
(ref:WILLVOTE)	

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>
Right direction .....	30
Wrong track .....	64
(Don't know/refused) .....	7
<b>Right - Wrong</b> .....	<b>-34</b>
(ref:DIRECT)	

**[400 Respondents]**

Q.8 (SPLIT A) (IF RIGHT DIRECTION) Why do you say things are going in the right direction?

	<b>Total</b>
<b>ECONOMY</b> .....	<b>40</b>
Economy (general) .....	39
Job growth/unemployment is low .....	10
Investments/interest rates .....	1
Bush doing a good job .....	23
War on terrorism .....	19
Congress doing a good job .....	8
Iraq .....	6
Values .....	1
(Other) .....	11
(Don't know) .....	6
(ref:RTRACKOE)	

**[400 Respondents]**

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

	<b>Total</b>
The war in Iraq/lives lost.....	38
<b>ECONOMY</b> .....	<b>25</b>
Economy (general).....	14
Not enough jobs/outsourcing/unemployment.....	13
Low wages/getting harder for poor people and middle class .....	4
George Bush .....	19
Health care .....	13
Government spending/debt/deficit.....	8
Energy/gas prices/Too dependent on foreign oil.....	8
Education .....	8
Foreign policy/too much spending overseas, not enough at home .....	7
Ports deal .....	6
War on terrorism/not secure.....	4
Illegal immigration .....	3
Katrina .....	3
Values eroding .....	2
Losing our freedoms/wire tapping .....	2
Environmental policies .....	1
(other).....	12
(Don't know) .....	2
(ref:WTRACKOE)	

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

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	23
Somewhat approve .....	16
Somewhat disapprove.....	13
Strongly disapprove.....	45
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
<b>Total approve</b> .....	<b>39</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b> .....	<b>58</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove</b> .....	<b>-18</b>
(ref:BUSHAPP2)	

Q.11 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic candidate.....	47
Lean Democratic candidate.....	5
Republican candidate.....	32
Lean Republican candidate.....	5
(Other candidate) .....	0
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided).....	9
(Refused).....	1
<b>Total Democratic candidate .....</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>14</b>
(ref:GC1)	

Q.12 And, which ONE of the following issue areas would be MOST important to you in deciding how to vote for a candidate for Congress? Is it....

	<b>Total</b>
Jobs and the economy .....	18
Moral values .....	15
Health care .....	11
The war in Iraq .....	10
Medicare and Social Security.....	10
Education .....	10
Taxes and spending.....	9
Terrorism and national security.....	9
Illegal immigration .....	5
(None of these).....	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:CONC06)	

Q.13 I want you to think about some things that are happening in the world that could impact things here in America. After I read the following list of issues, please tell me which one concerns you the most.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Comb
Global economic competition and the outsourcing of American jobs.....	26	21	46
Continuing Iraq war and violence between religious groups .....	23	25	46
Iran resisting international pressure and working to develop nuclear weapons .....	21	19	38
Illegal immigration into the United States .....	14	17	29
Foreign ownership of U.S. port operations and lack of attention to homeland security .....	11	17	27
(All) .....	3	0	3
(None of these).....	1	1	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	0	1
(ref:GLBLCON)			

Q.14 Now, I would like you to tell me how concerned you are with each of these issues. After I read each issue, please tell me whether it makes you extremely concerned, very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not concerned at all?

	Extr Conc	Very Conc	Smwt Cont	Not Very Conc	Not Conc At All	DK/ Ref	Extr/ Very Conc	Extr/ Very/ Smwt
14 Illegal immigration into the United States.....	16	34	35	11	5	0	<b>50</b>	<b>84</b>
15 Foreign ownership of U.S. port operations and lack of attention to homeland security.....	18	41	24	9	6	2	<b>59</b>	<b>83</b>
16 Global economic competition and the outsourcing of American jobs.....	19	44	27	7	4	0	<b>62</b>	<b>89</b>
17 Continuing Iraq war and violence between religious groups.....	21	48	23	5	3	0	<b>69</b>	<b>91</b>
18 Iran resisting international pressure and working to develop nuclear weapons..... (ref:GLBLCONB)	21	46	24	5	3	0	<b>67</b>	<b>92</b>

**[400 Respondents]**

Q.19 (SPLIT A) Now I would like to read you a list of issues and for each one please tell me who you trust more to handle that issue: George Bush or the Democrats?

	Dems Strng	Dems Smwt	Bush Smwt	Bush Strng	DK/ Ref	Total Dems	Total Bush	Dems - Bush
19 Illegal immigration into the United States.....	27	25	18	21	9	<b>51</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>11</b>
20 Foreign ownership of U.S. port operations and lack of attention to homeland security.....	33	22	13	26	7	<b>55</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>16</b>
21 Global economic competition and the outsourcing of American jobs.....	35	20	15	23	7	<b>55</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>17</b>
22 Continuing Iraq war and violence between religious groups.....	35	17	10	33	5	<b>52</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>9</b>
23 Iran resisting international pressure and working to develop nuclear weapons..... (ref:GLBLBSH)	25	19	12	36	8	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-4</b>

**[400 Respondents]**

Q.24 (SPLIT B) Now I would like to read you a list of issues and for each one please tell me who

you trust more to handle that issue: the Republicans or Democrats?

	Dems Strng	Dems Smwt	Reps Smwt	Reps Strng	DK/ Ref	Total Dems	Total Reps	Dems - Reps
24 Illegal immigration into the United States.....	24	21	23	19	14	44	42	3
25 Foreign ownership of U.S. port operations and lack of attention to homeland security.....	25	24	19	22	10	49	41	8
26 Global economic competition and the outsourcing of American jobs.....	30	27	17	17	8	57	34	23
27 Continuing Iraq war and violence between religious groups.....	29	17	16	29	9	46	45	2
28 Iran resisting international pressure and working to develop nuclear weapons..... (ref:GLBLREP)	23	20	16	32	9	43	48	-5

**[400 Respondents]**

Q.29 (SPLIT C) As you know, the Bush Administration approved a government-owned company from the United Arab Emirates operating six American ports. Why do you think the Bush administration approved that?

	<b>Total</b>
Economic reasons/money/profit .....	24
Show the Arab world that we are not against them/support an ally .....	16
Ties to oil companies/Arab businesses/big corporations ....	12
Bush is incompetent/not smart .....	11
Private deal/did not involve government .....	9
Shouldn't have opposed it/company has good record .....	5
Must have had his reasons/trust him.....	3
(Other) .....	6
(Don't know) .....	26
(ref:PORTSOE)	

**[400 Respondents]**

Q.30 (SPLIT D) As you know, President Bush approved a government-owned company from the United Arab Emirates operating six American ports. Which of the following best explains why President Bush approved that?

	<b>Total</b>
Trying to strengthen relations with allies .....	29
Homeland security experts said there is no threat .....	17
Most interested in helping big global corporations .....	16
Mishandling many big issues .....	16
Not paying enough attention to homeland security .....	12
(Other) .....	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	7
(ref:PORTSCE)	

**[400 Respondents]**

Q.31 (SPLIT E) Now I am going to read you two different viewpoints on America's national security and after I read them please tell me which statement comes closest to your own opinion...

*The Democrat says, the President is asleep at the switch. He is more concerned with the needs of global corporations than he is with American security and needs. President Bush defended turning over operations of American ports to a United Arab Emirates company and has failed to strengthen homeland security. He went to India and said the outsourcing of American jobs is good for both economies. And the Bush administration has stopped imposing penalties on American companies that employ illegal immigrants. The Democrat says, it's time to put America's security first.*

OR

*The Republican says that in a world after September 11th, President Bush is right in saying we must build close relations with countries that support us in the war on terror and we must compete globally in the new economy that is driven by technology. If we fail to recognize the global technological nature of the new economy, countries like China and India will leave us behind. The economy is changing and we need to cut regulations and improve education to keep America the best place to create jobs. The Republican says we must work with other countries to win the war on terror and strengthen our economy.*

Which statement comes closer to your own point of view, the Democratic statement or the Republican statement?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat STRONGLY .....	40
Democrat NOT SO STRONGLY .....	12
Republican NOT SO STRONGLY .....	9
Republican STRONGLY.....	33
Less likely .....	6
(Don't know/Refused) .....	-
<b>Total Democrat .....</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Total Republican .....</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Democrat - Republican .....</b>	<b>9</b>
(ref:DBSHGLBL)	

**[400 Respondents]**

Q.32 (SPLIT F) Now I am going to read you two different viewpoints on America's national security and after I read them please tell me which statement comes closest to your own opinion...

*The Democrat says, the President is asleep at the switch. He is more concerned with the needs of global corporations than he is with American security and needs. President Bush defended turning over operations of American ports to a United Arab Emirates company and has failed to strengthen homeland security. He went to India and said the outsourcing of American jobs is good for both economies. And the Bush administration has stopped imposing penalties on American companies that employ illegal immigrants. The Democrat says, it's time to put America's security first.*

OR

*The Republican says that we are independent of President Bush on important issues like the ports deal, outsourcing of jobs, and illegal immigration. It was wrong to turn the security of the ports over to a company from Dubai and the Republicans voted to stop it. We also need to cut regulations to make it easier to keep jobs in America, and we need much stronger laws against illegal immigrants to protect our national security. The Republican says the best way to protect America's security is to protect our ports and borders from people who may do us harm.*

Which statement comes closer to your own point of view, the Democratic statement or the Republican statement?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat STRONGLY .....	39
Democrat NOT SO STRONGLY .....	12
Republican NOT SO STRONGLY .....	12
Republican STRONGLY.....	31
Less likely .....	7
(Don't know/Refused).....	-
<b>Total Democrat .....</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Total Republican .....</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Democrat - Republican .....</b>	<b>8</b>
(ref:DREPGLBL)	

**[400 Respondents]**

Q.33 (SPLIT C) Now I am going to read you two different viewpoints on America's port security and after I read them please tell me which statement comes closest to your own opinion...

*The Democrat says, it is good for America's security that the recent ports deal fell through, but there is still much more that needs to be done to secure our ports. Currently less than 6 percent of the containers entering our ports are inspected and more than 30 percent of our port terminals are owned by foreign companies. In order to protect Americans, we need to expand our container inspection and implement much stricter security measures at our ports and borders.*

OR

*The Republican says, we were opposed to President Bush's decision to approve the ports deal and thanks to our hard fought efforts, a company from the United Arab Emirates will no longer be taking over control of U.S. ports. While stopping this deal was a major success, we recognize that more needs to be done and will work to ensure that all future transactions involving our ports are in the best interest of America's national security.*

Which statement comes closer to your own point of view, the Democratic statement or the Republican statement?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat STRONGLY .....	47
Democrat NOT SO STRONGLY .....	16
Republican NOT SO STRONGLY .....	10
Republican STRONGLY .....	20
Less likely .....	7
(Don't know/Refused) .....	-
<b>Total Democrat .....</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Total Republican .....</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Democrat - Republican .....</b>	<b>31</b>
(ref:DREPPORT)	

Q.34 Now, I'd like to read you two statements about trade and America's place in the world. After hearing the statements please tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

*In today's world, technology has enabled individuals and businesses anywhere to network and compete with each other. This presents America with new challenges, but also with new opportunities. Failing to step up to the challenges will only cause us to fall behind the rest of the world. Rather than attempting to reverse globalization, we must move quickly to improve our education system and update our economic institutions to compete and maintain our leadership position in the world economy.*

OR

*For too long, we have been told that free trade is good for us, but in reality it has resulted in record trade deficits, a weakening dollar and the loss of 3 million American manufacturing jobs over the past three years. Good US jobs, from manufacturing to software design, are outsourced to foreign countries every day and, if they are replaced at all, it is by jobs with lower pay and less benefits. We must stop subsidizing companies that take jobs abroad and start rewarding those that create them here at home.*

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

	<b>Total</b>
1st stmt strongly .....	30
1st stmt not strongly .....	11
2nd stmt not strongly .....	14
2nd stmt strongly .....	40
(Both).....	3
(Neither) .....	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
<b>Total 1st stmt .....</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total 2nd stmt.....</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>1st stmt - 2nd stmt .....</b>	<b>-13</b>
(ref:ECNGLOBL)	

Q.35 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>
1 - 11th grade .....	5
High School graduate.....	22
Non-college post H.S. ....	4
Some college.....	23
College graduate .....	27
Post-graduate school .....	18
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.36 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>Total</b>
Married .....	64
Single .....	16
Separated/Divorced.....	11
Widowed.....	8
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.37 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong Democrat .....	26
Weak Democrat.....	13
Independent-lean Democrat.....	12
Independent .....	6
Independent-lean Republican .....	9
Weak Republican .....	13
Strong Republican.....	20
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.38 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are conservative, moderate, or liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Very Liberal .....	7
Somewhat Liberal.....	11
Moderate .....	39
Somewhat Conservative .....	25
Very Conservative .....	15
Don't know/refused.....	2
<b>Liberal</b> .....	<b>18</b>
<b>Moderate</b> .....	<b>39</b>
<b>Conservative</b> .....	<b>40</b>
<b>Liberal-Conservative</b> .....	<b>-22</b>
(ref:IDEO1)	

**[795 Respondents]**

Q.39 In the 2004 election for President, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat John Kerry .....	47
Republican George Bush .....	47
(Ralph Nader) .....	0
(Other candidate) .....	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	4
<b>Democrat John Kerry - Republican George Bush.....</b>	<b>0</b>
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.40 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
18 - 24 .....	5
25 - 29 .....	5
30 - 34 .....	7
35 - 39 .....	9
40 - 44 .....	11
45 - 49 .....	12
50 - 54 .....	11
55 - 59 .....	10
60 - 64 .....	8
Over 64.....	20
(No answer).....	2
(ref:AGE)	

Q.41 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	<b>Total</b>
White .....	79
African-American or Black.....	10
Hispanic or Latino.....	8
Native American .....	1
Asian .....	0
(Other) .....	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:RACETHN)	

**[64 Respondents]**

Q.42 Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Latin American, Central American, or Spanish?

	<b>Total</b>
Spanish .....	26
Mexican .....	23
Central American.....	15
Puerto Rican.....	12
Latin American .....	10
Cuban.....	5
Other .....	-
(Don't know/refused) .....	6
(ref:ORIGIN)	

Q.43 What is your religion?

	<b>Total</b>
Protestant.....	46
Catholic .....	24
Jewish .....	1
(Other).....	16
(None) .....	9
(Don't know/refused) .....	5
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.44 How often do you attend church -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	<b>Total</b>
Every week.....	43
Once or twice a month .....	16
Several times a year.....	13
Hardly ever.....	20
(Never) .....	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:RELIG2)	

**[366 Respondents]**

Q.45 (IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Fundamentalist.....	17
Evangelical .....	20
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	9
Moderate to liberal.....	40
(Something else) .....	2
(Don't know/refused) .....	12
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.46 Last year, that is 2005, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	<b>Total</b>
Less than \$10K .....	5
\$10K to under \$20K .....	7
\$20K to under \$30K .....	10
\$30K to under \$50K .....	18
\$50K to under \$75K .....	17
\$75K to under \$100K .....	13
\$100K or more.....	14
(Refused).....	13
(Don't know) .....	2
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.47 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	55
No.....	45
(ref:NPRFOLLOW)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	<b>Total</b>
Male.....	48
Female .....	52
(ref:GENDER)	