

# Center for Rural Strategies

## Frequency Questionnaire

October 22-24, 2006  
**500 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 .....	98
Ineligible/too young .....	1
Did not vote .....	1
(Can't remember/Don't know/Refused) .....	0
(ref:VOTE00)	

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 .....	90
Did not vote .....	7
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	3
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE02)	

Q.6 What are the chances of your voting in the election for Congress this 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>
Almost certain.....	87
Probably .....	11
50-50 .....	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know/refused) .....	-
(Already Voted Absentee or Early Vote) .....	2
(ref:CP3)	

Q.7 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 election? (You can use any number between one and ten.)

	<b>Total</b>
10 .....	50
9 .....	7
8 .....	16
7 .....	7
6 .....	5
5 .....	9
4 .....	1
3 .....	2
2 .....	1
1 .....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	0
<b>10 .....</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>8-10 .....</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>1-7 .....</b>	<b>26</b>
(ref:INTERES1)	

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?

	<b>Total</b>
Right direction .....	33
Wrong track .....	58
(Don't know/refused) .....	9
<b>Right - Wrong.....</b>	<b>-25</b>
(ref:DIRECT)	

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

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	26
Somewhat approve .....	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	10
Strongly disapprove.....	40
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
<b>Total approve.....</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total disapprove.....</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove .....</b>	<b>-4</b>
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

**[314 Respondents]**

Q.10 (SWING SENATE STATES) And thinking about the election for U.S. Senate this November, if the election for U.S. Senate were held today, would you be voting for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/ candidate)?<sup>1</sup>

(IF ALREADY VOTED) When you voted early or absentee in the election for Senate, did you vote for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/ candidate)?

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic candidate.....	45
Lean Democratic candidate.....	2
Republican candidate.....	41
Lean Republican candidate.....	3
(Other candidate) .....	0
Lean (Other candidate) .....	-
(Undecided).....	6
(Refused).....	3
<b>Total Democratic candidate .....</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>	<b>0</b>
 <b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....</b>	 <b>4</b>
(ref:SEN06)	

**[308 Respondents]**

Q.13 (DO NOT ASK IF ALREADY VOTED) (SWING SENATE STATES) Even though you are not supporting (Democratic incumbent/candidate) now, what are the chances that you might support (Democratic incumbent/candidate) in the election for Senate this year -- 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>
Fair chance.....	6
A small chance .....	5
Just a very slight chance .....	7
No chance at all.....	32
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
 <b>Democratic candidate Supporter.....</b>	 <b>47</b>
(ref:SEN06C)	

<sup>1</sup> For each state, the actual name of each party's most likely candidate was inserted. For cases in which a party's most likely candidate could not be determined, a generic candidate ("the Democratic candidate" or "the Republican candidate") was inserted.

**[308 Respondents]**

Q.14 (DO NOT ASK IF ALREADY VOTED) (SWING SENATE STATES) Even though you are not supporting (Republican incumbent/candidate) now, what are the chances that you might support (Republican incumbent/candidate) in the election for Senate this year -- 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>
Fair chance.....	6
A small chance.....	6
Just a very slight chance.....	5
No chance at all.....	37
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
 <b>Republican candidate Supporter .....</b>	 <b>44</b>
(ref:SEN06D)	

**[293 Respondents]**

Q.15 Thinking about the election for Congress this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/ candidate)?<sup>2</sup>

(IF ALREADY VOTED) When you voted early or absentee in the election for Congress, did you vote for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/ candidate)?

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic incumbent/candidate.....	49
Lean Democratic incumbent/candidate.....	3
Republican incumbent/candidate.....	37
Lean Republican incumbent/candidate.....	2
(Other candidate).....	0
Lean (Other candidate).....	1
(Undecided).....	7
(Refused).....	2
 <b>Total Democratic incumbent/candidate .....</b>	 <b>52</b>
<b>Total Republican incumbent/candidate .....</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>1</b>
 <b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....</b>	 <b>13</b>
(ref:CONG06)	

<sup>2</sup> For each district in which the incumbent is expected to run for reelection in 2006, the incumbent's actual name was inserted, and the actual name of the most likely candidate was inserted for the opposition. A generic candidate (the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate) was inserted if a likely candidate could not be determined. For districts in which the incumbent is not expected to run for reelection, the actual name of each party's most likely candidate was inserted if one could be determined, and a generic candidate was inserted if a most likely candidate could not be determined.

**[288 Respondents]**

Q.18 (DO NOT ASK IF ALREADY VOTED) Even though you are not supporting (Republican incumbent/candidate) now, what are the chances that you might support (Republican incumbent/candidate) in the election for Congress this year -- 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>
Fair chance.....	4
A small chance.....	6
Just a very slight chance.....	11
No chance at all.....	25
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
<b>Democratic candidate Supporter.....</b>	<b>51</b>
(ref:CONG06C)	

**[288 Respondents]**

Q.19 (DO NOT ASK IF ALREADY VOTED) Even though you are not supporting (Republican incumbent/candidate) now, what are the chances that you might support (Republican incumbent/candidate) in the election for Congress this year -- 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>
Fair chance.....	6
A small chance.....	9
Just a very slight chance.....	6
No chance at all.....	36
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
<b>Republican candidate Supporter.....</b>	<b>39</b>
(ref:CONG06D)	

Q.20 In deciding how to vote for Congress, which ONE of the following issues is MOST important to you? Is it....

	<b>Comb</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>
The war in Iraq.....	38	24	15
Medicare and Soc Sec.....	21	10	12
Taxes and spending.....	15	5	10
Moral values.....	16	12	5
Health care.....	20	9	12
Illegal immigration.....	17	8	9
Terrorism and national security.....	21	9	13
Jobs and economy.....	25	12	15
Energy and gas prices.....	10	4	7
(None of these).....	3	2	1
(DK/Ref).....	6	5	1

Q.24 Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. As I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Strng	1 <sup>st</sup> Not Strng	2 <sup>nd</sup> Not Strng	2 <sup>nd</sup> Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 <sup>st</sup> Stmt	Total 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stmt	1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>[374 Respondents]</b>										
24 (IF INCUMBENT CONGRESSMAN RUNNING) I am so angry at the way things are going in this country, I will vote for change and new leadership beginning by voting against (incumbent). OR Things in the country could be going better, but (incumbent) is different than most and deserves reelection. ....	27	10	20	31	-	4	8	37	51	-13
25 We have done as much as we can to stabilize Iraq and need to have a responsible plan that tries to get our troops home by next year. OR We can win the war in Iraq and need to stay the course until we do. ....	51	9	5	31	-	2	2	60	36	24
26 The current Congress is more corrupt than usual. OR The current Congress is NOT more corrupt than usual. ....	34	9	16	33	1	2	5	43	49	-6

	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>					Total	Total	1 <sup>st</sup>
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Not	Not	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Both	Nthr	Dk/	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-
	Strng	Strng	Strng	Strng			Ref	Stmt	Stmt	2 <sup>nd</sup>

27 When it comes to moral values, right now, I just don't think it matters if I vote for a Democrat or a Republican.

OR

While I may have some concerns about the current Republican leadership, Republicans still do a better job representing my values than the Democrats and deserve my vote.....

(ref:VALUES04)

40	12	7	33	1	4	3	52	40	12
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Q.28 Which of the following statements best describes the kind of changes you would like to see after this election?

	<b>Total</b>
An economy that works for ordinary people, not just the rich.....	38
Leaders who best represent my values on issues like gay marriage and abortion .....	15
Less corruption in government.....	12
A new direction in Iraq.....	11
Lower taxes.....	9
No waffling on the war on terrorism.....	6
More focus on rural issues .....	5
(None) .....	1
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	4
(ref:CHNELEC)	

**[489 Respondents]**

Q.29 (DO NOT ASK IF ALREADY VOTED) When it comes to Election Day, do you think the Mark Foley Congressional page scandal will make you less likely to vote for the Republican for Congress, or will the Mark Foley Congressional page scandal make no difference in who you vote for?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes, less likely strongly .....	13
Yes, less likely not so strongly .....	4
Make no difference.....	76
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	6
(ref:FOLEYVT)	

**[488 Respondents]**

Q.30 (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>
John Kerry .....	41
George Bush .....	51
(Ralph Nader) .....	0
(Other candidate) .....	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	7
<b>John Kerry - George Bush.....</b>	<b>-10</b>
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.31 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 .....	7
High School graduate .....	32
Non-college post H.S. ....	3
Some college.....	26
College graduate .....	20
Post-graduate school .....	12
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.32 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>Total</b>
Married .....	69
Single .....	10
Separated/divorced .....	10
Widowed.....	10
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.33 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat or what?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong Democrat .....	24
Weak Democrat.....	11
Independent-lean Democrat.....	12
Independent .....	7
Independent-lean Republican .....	8
Weak Republican .....	15
Strong Republican.....	23
(Don't know/Refused).....	0

Q.36 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Liberal.....	14
Moderate .....	38
Conservative .....	45
(Don't know/refused) .....	4
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.37 What is your religion?

	<b>Total</b>
Protestant.....	66
Catholic .....	18
Jewish .....	0
(Other/none/refused) .....	16
Muslim.....	0
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.38 Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Fundamentalist.....	12
Evangelical .....	16
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	10
Moderate to liberal.....	37
(Something else) .....	4
(Don't know/refused) .....	15
(None, not Christian) .....	6
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.39 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.....	44
Once or twice a month .....	17
Several times a year.....	9
Hardly ever .....	19
(Never) .....	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.40 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
18 - 24 .....	2
25 - 29 .....	7
30 - 34 .....	9
35 - 39 .....	6
40 - 44 .....	7
45 - 49 .....	11
50 - 54 .....	10
55 - 59 .....	11
60 - 64 .....	10
Over 64.....	27
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	

Q.41 How many guns or rifles do you own?

	<b>Total</b>
None.....	45
1-2 .....	15
3-9 .....	18
10 or more .....	10
(Don't know/Refused).....	12
(ref:GUNS)	

Q.42 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	<b>Total</b>
White .....	89
African-American or Black.....	3
Hispanic or Latino.....	2
Native American .....	2
Asian .....	0
(Other).....	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.44 Last year, that is in 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 .....	6
\$10K to under \$20K .....	11
\$20K to under \$30K .....	11
\$30K to under \$50K .....	21
\$50K to under \$75K .....	19
\$75K to under \$100K .....	8
\$100K or more.....	6
(Refused).....	15
(Don't know) .....	3
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.46 It is possible that a reporter for National Public Radio or the Des Moines Register 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 a reporter to have your responses on the questions and then possibly call you for a brief interview?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	48
No.....	52
(ref:NPRFOLLOW)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

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