

US Action Education Fund Frequency Questionnaire

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613 Likely Swing Voters

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

	Total
Yes	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?

	Total
Voted	99
Not registered in 2004/Ineligible/too young	1
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-
(Refused).....	-
(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?

	Total
Voted	92
Did not vote	5
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	3
(Refused).....	-
(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 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.....	86
Probably	14
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?

	Total
Right direction	19
Wrong track	73
(Don't know/refused)	7
Right - Wrong.....	-54
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.8 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	1
Weak Democrat.....	5
Independent-lean Democrat.....	30
Independent	27
Independent-lean Republican	23
Weak Republican	9
Strong Republican.....	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.11 I know it is far ahead, but thinking about the election for Congress this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for

	Total
Democratic incumbent/candidate	38
Lean Democratic incumbent/candidate	6
Republican incumbent/candidate	24
Lean Republican incumbent/candidate	4
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	22
(Refused).....	3
Total Democratic incumbent/candidate	45
Total Republican incumbent/candidate	28
Total (Other candidate).....	3
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 17
(ref:CONG06)	

[521 Respondents]

Q.13 (ONLY IF SENATE RACE) 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

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	49
Lean Democratic candidate.....	4
Republican candidate.....	29
Lean Republican candidate.....	2
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	1
(Undecided).....	12
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic candidate	53
Total Republican candidate.....	31
Total (Other candidate).....	3
 Democratic candidate - Republican candidate.....	 22
(ref:SEN06)	

Q.15 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	10
Somewhat approve	20
Somewhat disapprove.....	16
Strongly disapprove.....	49
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
Total approve.....	29
Total disapprove.....	66
Approve - disapprove	-36
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.16 How would you rate the overall state of the economy--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

	Total
Excellent.....	6
Good.....	27
Just fair.....	37
Poor.....	28
(Don't know/refused)	1
Excellent/Good	33
Fair/Poor.....	65
(ref:ECONOMY)	

Q.17 As you know, it is campaign season and candidates for public office will talk about a lot of issues. Imagine that a candidate for Congress makes only one commitment. I'd like to read to you several of these commitments and after I read each, I'd like you to rate each statement on a scale of zero to ten. A ten would mean you find the statement a very convincing reason to support this candidate. A zero would mean you find the statement a not at all convincing reason to support this candidate. A five would be a neutral response. You can use any number from zero to ten.

	Mean	% 10	% 8-10	% 6-10	% 0-5	DK/ Ref
17 I will fight the culture of corruption in Washington, the special favors given to powerful special interest and the politically connected.....	7.1	34	56	68	32	1
18 My first responsibility is to protect America and will work to help prosecute the war on terrorism abroad and protect American security here at home.....	7.0	30	47	66	33	1
[307 Respondents]						
19 (SPLIT A) I will fight for a bold plan of new investments that strengthens education, provides guaranteed access to quality affordable health care and that develops technology to achieve energy independence.	7.5	31	57	77	23	0

	Mean	% 10	% 8-10	% 6-10	% 0-5	DK/ Ref
[307 Respondents]						
20 (SPLIT B) Instead of tax giveaways Congress has been giving to millionaires, I will fight to use that money for a bold plan of new investments that strengthens education, provides guaranteed access to quality affordable health care and that develops technology to achieve energy independence.....	7.0	31	54	63	36	1
21 Our government is already big enough and I will work to maintain middle class tax cuts, while eliminating waste and restraining the size and cost of government.	6.9	24	48	66	33	1
[307 Respondents]						
22 (SPLIT B) Our national priorities are upside down. Rather than spending so much money in Iraq, I will fight to invest in the people of this country through improved education, health care and advancements in technology.	6.7	28	48	61	38	1
23 We have added over 4 million jobs in the last four years and I will continue to fight for lower taxes in order to keep our economy growing.....	6.4	20	40	58	41	1
[307 Respondents]						
24 (SPLIT A) Our national priorities are upside down. Congress has been handing out tax giveaways to millionaires and paying for it by cutting health care for kids and seniors, slashing Head Start programs and school funding. I will fight to turn those priorities around.	7.1	31	55	72	27	0
(ref:PRIOR)						

Q.25 I am going to read you a series of statements about several issues. After each one I read, please tell me if you agree, disagree or if you neither agree, nor disagree.

	Comp letly Agree	Smwt Agree	Nei ther	Smwt Disag	Comp letly Disag	DK/ Ref	Total Agree	Total Disag	Agree -Disag
[307 Respondents] 25 (SPLIT A) They say the economy is doing well, but that's not true for middle class and working people.....	45	20	7	15	13	0	65	27	38
[307 Respondents] 26 (SPLIT B) It is still possible for most people to achieve the American Dream in this country.....	35	31	7	13	14	1	66	26	40
[307 Respondents] 27 (SPLIT A) Government should do more so that working class and middle income people do not get left behind in today's economy.	48	26	6	9	10	0	74	19	56
[307 Respondents] 28 (SPLIT B) It seems like the federal government always puts the needs of corporate special interests ahead of the needs of average families.....	56	18	5	10	10	1	73	21	52
[307 Respondents] 29 (SPLIT A) It seems like the federal government always puts the needs of the wealthy ahead of the needs of average families.	46	25	7	11	10	0	71	22	49
[307 Respondents] 30 (SPLIT B) I often do not have enough money to make ends meet.....	16	16	8	26	31	3	32	57	-25
[307 Respondents] 31 (SPLIT A) I don't like paying taxes because the government wastes them because it is inefficient and spends too much money.	37	23	11	17	12	0	61	28	32

	Com letly Agree	Smwt Agree	Nei ther	Smwt Disag	Com letly Disag	DK/ Ref	Total Agree	Total Disag	Agree -Disag
[307 Respondents]									
32 (SPLIT B) The government should do more to help needy Americans, even if it means higher taxes.	21	28	10	21	18	2	49	39	10
[307 Respondents]									
33 (SPLIT A) Government has become too intrusive in our personal lives.	46	23	7	13	11	0	69	24	45
[307 Respondents]									
34 (SPLIT B) As a people, Americans are losing their sense of self-reliance and relying too much on government to do things they should be doing for themselves.	41	29	7	13	9	2	70	22	47
[307 Respondents]									
35 (SPLIT A) The federal government is spending about \$400 billion a year more than it takes in, and transferring that debt to our children and grandchildren; our most important priority should be to reduce the federal budget deficit.	51	30	4	10	4	0	82	14	68
[307 Respondents]									
36 (SPLIT B) It should be a goal of the federal government to provide free access to high speed Internet service to everyone in this country.	9	9	11	22	47	2	18	69	-50
[307 Respondents]									
37 (SPLIT A) Government should invest more in early childhood programs like Head Start and in improving schools and college aid, so that all kids have a real opportunity to achieve the American dream.	54	25	4	8	9	0	79	17	61

	Comp letly Agree	Smwt Agree	Nei ther	Smwt Disag	Comp letly Disag	DK/ Ref	Total Agree	Total Disag	Agree -Disag
[307 Respondents]									
38 (SPLIT B) Government should invest more in public schools and college aid, so that all kids have a real opportunity to achieve the American dream.	51	24	5	10	9	1	75	19	56
(ref:NORM1)									

[307 Respondents]

Q.39 (SPLIT A) Now let me read you brief descriptions of two candidates running for Congress. After I read these descriptions, please tell me which one you would support.

Candidate A will fight for a plan for new investments to strengthen education, guarantee access to high quality, affordable health care for all, and make investments in technology to make America energy independent and provide access to high speed Internet to all Americans. In order to pay for this, he will fight to roll back recently passed tax hand-outs for corporations and those earning over \$200,000 a year, which would still leave enough money to reduce the federal deficit.

Candidate B will fight to maintain tax cuts for middle class Americans and businesses to keep the economy moving and stop the reckless tax and spend policies of the past. He will work to improve schools with more accountability, help small businesses pay health care costs and expand prescription drug coverage for seniors. He opposes increasing government spending because that would increase the deficit.

Which candidate do you support?

	Total
Candidate A, strongly	26
Candidate A, not so strongly	20
Candidate B, not so strongly	17
Candidate B, strongly	24
(Don't know/refused)	14
Total Candidate A	46
Total Candidate B	40
Candidate A - Candidate B	5
(ref:CAND1)	

[307 Respondents]

Q.40 (SPLIT B) Now let me read you brief descriptions of two candidates running for Congress. After I read these descriptions, please tell me which one you would support.

Candidate A will fight for a plan for new investments to strengthen education, guarantee access to high quality for all, affordable health care, and make investments in technology to make America energy independent and provide access to high speed Internet to all Americans. In order to pay for this, he will fight to roll back recently passed tax hand-outs for corporations and those earning over \$200,000 a year.

Candidate B will fight to maintain tax cuts for middle class Americans and businesses to keep the economy moving and stop the reckless tax and spend policies of the past. He will work to improve schools with more accountability, help small businesses pay health care costs and expand prescription drug coverage for seniors. He opposes increasing government spending because that would increase the deficit.

Which candidate do you support?

	Total
Candidate A, strongly	18
Candidate A, not so strongly	14
Candidate B, not so strongly	20
Candidate B, strongly	33
(Don't know/refused)	14
Total Candidate A	32
Total Candidate B	54
Candidate A - Candidate B	-21
(ref:CAND3)	

[307 Respondents]

Q.41 (SPLIT E) Let me read you an argument against a candidate for Congress. After I read this argument, please tell me if it raises very serious doubts in you mind about supporting this candidate, serious doubts about supporting this candidate, minor doubts about supporting this candidate or no real doubts.

Rather than supporting investments in health care, education and technology that could help all of us, he voted to cut taxes for millionaires by \$40,000, while only giving middle income people \$20 in tax cuts.

	Total
Very serious doubts.....	38
Serious doubts	27
Minor doubts.....	21
No real doubts	9
(Don't know)	5
Total serious doubts	65
Total not serious doubts	30
(ref:ARG1A)	

[307 Respondents]

Q.42 (SPLIT F) Let me read you an argument against a candidate for Congress. After I read this argument, please tell me if it raises very serious doubts in you mind about supporting this candidate, serious doubts about supporting this candidate, minor doubts about supporting this candidate or no real doubts.

He voted to cut taxes for millionaires by \$40,000, while only giving middle income people \$20 in tax cuts.

	Total
Very serious doubts.....	27
Serious doubts	36
Minor doubts.....	22
No real doubts	12
(Don't know)	4
Total serious doubts	63
Total not serious doubts	33
(ref:ARG1B)	

[307 Respondents]

Q.43 (SPLIT A) Let me tell you about something called the [plan]. Under this plan, government will invest more money to expand access to quality child development and preschool programs that help kids start school ready to succeed, will strengthen public schools, expand college aid will provide access to high quality, affordable health care for all. This plan will also provide all Americans access to free high speed Internet and promote safe, clean energy to help end our dependence on oil. In order to pay for the plan, it would eliminate recently passed tax cuts for corporations and those earning over \$200,000 per year and include new measures to hold government accountable and reduce corruption and waste. Having heard this, do you favor or oppose [plan]?

	Total
Strongly favor	35
Somewhat favor	36
Somewhat oppose.....	12
Strongly oppose	10
(Don't know/refused)	7
Total favor	72
Total oppose	22
Favor - Oppose	50
(ref:AGENDAA)	

[307 Respondents]

Q.44 (SPLIT B) Let me tell you about something called the [plan]. Under this plan, government will invest more money to expand access to quality child development and preschool programs that help kids start school ready to succeed, will strengthen public schools, expand college aid will provide access to high quality, affordable health care for all. This plan will also provide all Americans access to free high speed Internet and promote safe, clean energy to help end our dependence on oil. In order to pay for the plan, it would eliminate recently passed tax cuts for corporations and those earning over \$200,000 per year. - Having heard this, do you favor or oppose [plan]?

	Total
Strongly favor	32
Somewhat favor	34
Somewhat oppose.....	11
Strongly oppose	16
(Don't know/refused)	6
Total favor	67
Total oppose	27
Favor - Oppose	39
(ref:AGENDAB)	

Q.45 What do you like best about this agenda, is it

	Total
Creation of clean energy and end dependence on oil.....	31
Improving and expanding health care	21
[307 Respondents]	
(SPLIT A) Would make government more accountable	15
Investments in schools	13
Investments in pre-school and child development programs	8
Expanding college aid	4
Making free Internet available to all.....	1
(All)	8
(None)	4
(Don't know/refused)	2
(ref:POSRECAP)	

Q.46 And what do you think is the best reason to support this agenda, is it

	Total
Education and health care are smart investments in America's future	22
It will make life better for all Americans, not just special interests and the wealthy	20
It will help make sure working class and middle income people do not get left behind in the new economy	13
It will help America compete in the global economy.....	10
It will make corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share of taxes.....	10
It will help bring America together as a community and advance the common good.....	7
(All)	8
(None)	7
(Don't know/refused)	5
(ref:THEMECAP)	

Q.47 This plan would help provide all Americans free access to high speed Internet. Does this aspect of the plan make you more likely to support it, less likely to support it or does it make no real difference either way?

	Total
Much more likely	5
Somewhat more likely	6
Somewhat less likely	9
Much less likely	21
(No difference).....	57
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Total more likely	11
Total less likely.....	30
More - Less	-19
(ref:INTERNET)	

Q.48 This plan also mentions strengthening education. If as part of that mission, it increased funding for pre-school and child development programs, would that make you more likely to support it, less likely to support it or does it make no real difference either way?

	Total
Much more likely	31
Somewhat more likely	25
Somewhat less likely	6
Much less likely	10
(No difference).....	27
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Total more likely	55
Total less likely	16
More - Less	39
(ref:PRESC)	

Q.49 Thinking about name of this plan which one or two of the following different names do you think best describes than plan?

	Total
Invest in America's Future	28
Putting People First	26
Plan for All Americans	11
Plan for American Renewal.....	11
The American Opportunity Agenda	7
The Opportunity Agenda	6
The American Opportunity and Prosperity Agenda.....	6
(None)	9
(Don't know/refused)	7
(ref:NAME1)	

Q.50 Now let me read you some/other statements about the [plan]. After I read these statements, please tell me how convincing you find each statement as a reason to OPPOSE the plan. A ten would mean you find the statement very convincing. A zero would mean you find the statement not at all convincing. You can use any number from zero to ten.

	Mean	%	%	%	%	DK/ Ref
	10	8-10	6-10	0-5		
[307 Respondents]						
50 (SPLIT A) This program sounds nice, but the fact is government cannot be trusted to spend this money wisely; the U.S. Senate recently passed a bill spending money that was supposed to go for hurricane relief in New Orleans, but instead it went to a highway project in Hawaii.	6.2	27	42	59	38	3

	Mean	% 10	% 8-10	% 6-10	% 0-5	DK/ Ref
[307 Respondents]						
51 (SPLIT B) Right now the burden on American taxpayers has never been heavier and the federal government is setting records on spending; if the answer to our problem was more taxes and more spending, we would not have the problems we have right now.....	4.9	19	28	39	58	3
52 As Americans, we need to learn again how to do more for ourselves and not rely on big governments programs to help us improve our own lives.	6.6	29	47	64	35	1
53 The fact is they might say this agenda will help all Americans, but it will be mostly spent on government bureaucrats, welfare and the poor, and immigrants who just arrived in this country.	5.3	16	28	42	54	4
54 Right now we are running a deficit of nearly \$500 billion dollars a year; we simply can not afford a dramatic increase in government spending. (ref:NEGARG)	6.8	35	51	63	35	2

Q.55 Let me ask you again, after everything we talked about do you favor or oppose the [plan].

	Total
Strongly favor	27
Somewhat favor	40
Somewhat oppose.....	11
Strongly oppose	11
(Don't know/refused)	11
Total Favor	67
Total Oppose	22
Favor – Oppose	45
(ref:AGNREVT)	

Q.56 I am going read you a list of people or organizations who may voice their support for this agenda or may voice their opposition to this agenda. After each name or organization I read, please tell me if you find them very credible, somewhat credible, not very credible or not at all credible.

	Very Cred	Smwt Cred	Not Very Cred	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Cred	Not Cred
[307 Respondents]							
56 (SPLIT A) Clergy.....	20	58	9	7	5	79	16
[307 Respondents]							
57 (SPLIT B) A coalition of faith-based organizations.....	11	47	19	13	9	59	32
58 Local business leaders	14	65	13	5	3	79	18
59 A coalition of citizen groups	13	55	13	5	14	68	18
60 Grassroots citizens' organizations	19	52	13	5	11	71	18
61 Teachers..... (ref:MESSNGER)	38	47	9	5	1	85	14

[307 Respondents]

Q.62 (SPLIT C) As noted above, education would be a major part of this agenda. Almost everyone agrees a strong education system is important to this country, but sometimes disagree WHY it is important. Which of the following reasons best describes why you think a strong education system is important: -

	Total
Education helps every child reach his or her full potential.....	24
Education helps level the playing field in our democracy and allows anyone willing to work hard to succeed.....	23
Education is the key to competing in a global economy.....	15
Education is the building block of a good economy.	10
Education is the foundation of the American dream.....	9
Education is an example of a community coming together to accomplish something important.....	2
(All)	15
(None)	2
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC1)	

[307 Respondents]

Q.63 (SPLIT D) Which one of the following two statements comes closer to your point of view when it comes to education in this country, even if neither statement fully captures your view:

Statement A: In the 21st century, an individuals' ability to compete in the world both depend on kids getting the right start in the first years of life, and then getting a good education and professional training. Government should invest more so all families have affordable access to education, from quality preschool and child development programs to first-rate public schools, and college or specialized training.

Statement B: Its parents' responsibility to make sure kids are ready to start school and while the government can help, it is primarily the parents and students responsibility to pay for college and post-high school education. There's nothing wrong with kids working their way thru college. The reality is that with good parents and hard work, kids have the opportunity to succeed in this country.

	Total
Statement A, strongly	34
Statement A, not so strongly	10
Statement B, not so strongly	13
Statement B, strongly	41
(Don't know/refused)	3
Total Statement a	44
Total Statement b	54
Statement a - Statement b	-10
(ref:EDUC2)	

Q.64 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	3
25 - 29	3
30 - 34	6
35 - 39	7
40 - 44	9
45 - 49	11
50 - 54	10
55 - 59	14
60 - 64	11
Over 64.....	23
(No answer).....	3
(ref:AGE)	

Q.65 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	4
High School graduate.....	22
Non-college post H.S.	2
Some college.....	23
College graduate.....	30
Post-graduate school	18
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.66 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	14
Household member	9
No member belongs.....	77
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:UNION)	

Q.67 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	66
Single	13
Separated/divorced	10
Widowed.....	10
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.68 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	16
Moderate	50
Conservative	31
(Don't know/refused)	4
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.69 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant.....	46
Catholic	22
Jewish	2
(Other/none/refused)	30
Muslim.....	-
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.70 How often do you attend church -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Every week.....	38
Once or twice a month	16
Several times a year.....	13
Hardly ever	23
(Never)	8
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.71 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	84
African-American or Black.....	7
Hispanic or Latino.....	5
Native American	1
Asian	0
(Other)	2
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male.....	53
Female	47
(ref:GENDER)	