

Democracy for 25 conducted an informal survey in south Austin and San Marcos between April and September of 2008, asking 100 residents their opinions on the actions of the president and vice president and on their representation in Congress.

A Clear Majority Favors Impeachment

61% of those surveyed believe the House should impeach President Bush and Vice President Cheney. 68% of District 25 constituents surveyed think the House should impeach Vice President Cheney, and 66% of them think that President Bush should also be impeached. 56% would be more likely to support Representative Lloyd Doggett this year if he supported impeachment of Bush and/or Cheney. Of those who were not district 25 constituents, or who were not sure in which district they reside, 56% favor impeaching President Bush, 54% favor impeaching Vice President Cheney, and 44% said they would be more likely to support their representative if he or she supported impeachment.

Doggett Supporters Overwhelmingly Favor Impeachment

82% of those surveyed *who voted for Representative Lloyd Doggett in 2006* think that both Bush and Cheney should be impeached, while 53% of those who voted for someone else, didn't vote, or chose not to say who they voted for in 2006 support the impeachment of both Bush and Cheney. 71% of 2006 Representative Doggett supporters said they would be more likely to vote for him in 2008 if he supported impeachment, while only 18% said impeachment would not be factor into their decision, and only 7% said support for impeachment would make them less likely to support Doggett.

Impeachment Could Improve Doggett's Support

Of those who voted against Representative Doggett in 2006, did not vote, live in a different district, or chose not to say, 43% said that supporting impeachment would make them more likely to support their district's incumbent, 51% of them either said it would not be a factor or were undecided, and only 4% said it would make them less likely to do so.

Of those surveyed, those who identified themselves with the Green Party or Libertarian Party were most likely to support impeachment of Vice President Cheney (82%) or President Bush (76%). 57% of Democrats supported impeachment of both Bush and Cheney, compared to only 25% of Republicans. Half (50%) of all Democrats surveyed said that supporting impeachment would make them more likely to support their district's representative, whereas 65% of Greens and Libertarians would be more likely to do so.

None of those surveyed said they would be less likely to support their representative if their representative supported impeachment.

Iran is not seen as a threat to the U.S.

Only 18% of respondents felt that Iran posed any threat to the United States.

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Who is your Congress person?				
Q1	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Doggett	50	50.00	50	50.00
Other	12	12.00	62	62.00
Don't Know	36	36.00	100	100.00

Did you vote for Lloyd Doggett in 2006?				
Q2	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Yes	28	28.00	28	28.00
No, voted for someone else	25	25.00	53	53.00
Didn't Vote	41	41.00	94	94.00
Rather not say/other	6	6.00	100	100.00

Do you plan to vote in 2008?				
Q3	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Yes	87	87.00	87	87.00
No	8	8.00	95	95.00
Undecided	4	4.00	99	99.00
Rather not say	1	1.00	100	100.00

Do you think Dick Cheney intentionally misled Congress about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq?				
Q4	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Yes	75	75.00	75	75.00
No	11	11.00	86	86.00
Not sure	11	11.00	97	97.00
Rather not say	3	3.00	100	100.00

Do you think Dick Cheney intentionally misled Congress about links between the Iraqi government and Al-Qaeda?				
Q5	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Yes	74	74.00	74	74.00
No	10	10.00	84	84.00
Not sure	14	14.00	98	98.00
Rather not say	2	2.00	100	100.00

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Do you believe Dick Cheney is threatening military violence against Iran?				
Q6	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Yes	69	69.00	69	69.00
No	6	6.00	75	75.00
Not sure	24	24.00	99	99.00
Rather not say	1	1.00	100	100.00

Do you believe George W. Bush intentionally misled Congress about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq?				
Q7	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Yes	75	75.00	75	75.00
No	16	16.00	91	91.00
Not sure	8	8.00	99	99.00
Rather not say	1	1.00	100	100.00

Do you believe George W. Bush intentionally misled Congress about links between Iraqi government and Al-Qaeda?				
Q8	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Yes	74	74.00	74	74.00
No	15	15.00	89	89.00
Not sure	10	10.00	99	99.00
Rather not say	1	1.00	100	100.00

Do you believe George W. Bush is threatening military violence against Iran?				
Q9	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Yes	68	68.00	68	68.00
No	9	9.00	77	77.00
Not sure	22	22.00	99	99.00
Rather not say	1	1.00	100	100.00

Do you think the House of Representatives should begin Impeachment proceedings against Vice President Dick Cheney?				
Q10	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Yes	61	61.00	61	61.00
No	24	24.00	85	85.00
Not sure	11	11.00	96	96.00
Rather not say	4	4.00	100	100.00

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Do you think the House of Representatives should begin Impeachment proceedings against President George W. Bush?				
Q11	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Yes	61	61.00	61	61.00
No	27	27.00	88	88.00
Not sure	9	9.00	97	97.00
Rather not say	3	3.00	100	100.00

Would you be more likely to vote for your Congress member in 2008 if he/she supported Impeachment?				
Q12	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Yes	51	51.00	51	51.00
No, Not a factor	27	27.00	78	78.00
No, Less Likely	5	5.00	83	83.00
Undecided	16	16.00	99	99.00
Rather not say	1	1.00	100	100.00

Do you believe Iran poses a threat to the United States?				
Q13	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Yes	18	18.00	18	18.00
No	44	44.00	62	62.00
Not sure	35	35.00	97	97.00
Rather not say	3	3.00	100	100.00

Would you attend a local assembly for your precinct to discuss affairs?				
Q14	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Yes	58	58.00	58	58.00
No	18	18.00	76	76.00
Not sure	22	22.00	98	98.00
Rather not say	2	2.00	100	100.00

Do you consider yourself affiliated with, or more supportive of, any political party?				
Q15	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Yes	49	49.00	49	49.00
No	47	47.00	96	96.00
Rather not say	4	4.00	100	100.00

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Which Party?				
Q16	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Democratic	28	57.14	28	57.14
Republican	4	8.16	32	65.31
Green	11	22.45	43	87.76
Libertarian	6	12.24	49	100.00

Why not?				
Q17	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Vote on issues/candidates	27	57.45	27	57.45
No party reflects my views	18	38.30	45	95.74
Not interested	2	4.26	47	100.00

How would you describe your ethnicity or heritage?				
Q18	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
African	2	2.00	2	2.00
Asian	1	1.00	3	3.00
Hispanic/Native American	13	13.00	16	16.00
White, non-Hispanic	73	73.00	89	89.00
None of the above	11	11.00	100	100.00

What is your age range?				
Q19	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Under 18	1	1.00	1	1.00
18-30	52	52.00	53	53.00
30-50	30	30.00	83	83.00
Over 50	16	16.00	99	99.00
Rather not to say	1	1.00	100	100.00

What is your annual household income?				
Q20	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Under \$30,000	42	42.00	42	42.00
\$30,000-\$60,000	28	28.00	70	70.00
\$60,000-\$100,000	12	12.00	82	82.00
Over \$100,000	7	7.00	89	89.00
Rather not say	11	11.00	100	100.00

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Table of Q1 by Q10					
Q1 (Who is your Congress person?)	Q10 (Do you think the House of Representatives should begin impeachment proceedings against Vice President Dick Cheney?)				Total
Frequency Percent	Yes	No	Not sure	Rather not say	
Doggett	34 68.00	11 22.00	4 8.00	1 2.00	50 51.02
Other	7 58.33	4 33.33	0 0.00	1 8.33	12 12.24
Don't Know	19 52.78	9 25.00	7 19.44	1 2.78	36 36.73
Total	60 61.22	24 24.49	11 11.22	3 3.06	98 100.00

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Frequency Percent	Yes	No	Not sure	Rather not say	
Doggett	33 66.00	12 24.00	4 8.00	1 2.00	50 51.02
Other	6 50.00	6 50.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	12 12.24
Don't Know	21 58.33	9 25.00	5 13.89	1 2.78	36 36.73
Total	60 61.22	27 27.55	9 9.18	2 2.04	98 100.00

Table of Q1 by Q12						
Q1 (Who is your Congress person?)	Q12 (Would you be more likely to vote for your Congress member in 2008 if he/she supported impeachment?)					Total
Frequency Percent	Yes	No, Not a factor	No, Less Likely	Undecided	Rather not say	
Doggett	28 56.00	12 24.00	3 6.00	6 12.00	1 2.00	50 51.02
Other	6 50.00	5 41.67	1 8.33	0 0.00	0 0.00	12 12.24
Don't Know	15 41.67	10 27.78	1 2.78	10 27.78	0 0.00	36 36.73
Total	49 50.00	27 27.55	5 5.10	16 16.33	1 1.02	98 100.00

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Table of Q2 by Q10					
Q2 (Did you vote for Lloyd Doggett in 2006?)	Q10 (Do you think the House of Representatives should begin impeachment proceedings against Vice President Dick Cheney?)				
Frequency Percent	Yes	No	Not sure	Rather not say	Total
Yes	23 82.14	2 7.14	2 7.14	1 3.57	28 28.00
No, voted for someone else	14 56.00	9 36.00	1 4.00	1 4.00	25 25.00
Did not vote	20 48.78	11 26.83	8 19.51	2 4.88	41 41.00
Rather not say/other	4 66.67	2 33.33	0 0.00	0 0.00	6 6.00
Total	61 61.00	24 24.00	11 11.00	4 4.00	100 100.00

Table of Q2 by Q11					
Q2 (Did you vote for Lloyd Doggett in 2006?)	Q11 (Do you think the House of Representatives should begin impeachment proceedings against President George W. Bush?)				
Frequency Percent	Yes	No	Not sure	Rather not say	Total
Yes	23 82.14	2 7.14	2 7.14	1 3.57	28 28.00
No, voted for someone else	13 52.00	11 44.00	1 4.00	0 0.00	25 25.00
Did not vote	21 51.22	12 29.27	6 14.63	2 4.88	41 41.00
Rather not say/other	4 66.67	2 33.33	0 0.00	0 0.00	6 6.00
Total	61 61.00	27 27.00	9 9.00	3 3.00	100 100.00

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Table of Q2 by Q12						
Q2 (Did you vote for Lloyd Doggett in 2006?)	Q12 (Would you be more likely to vote for your Congress member in 2008 if he/she supported impeachment?)					
Frequency Percent	Yes	No, Not a factor	No, Less Likely	Undecided	Rather not say	Total
Yes	20 71.43	5 17.86	2 7.14	1 3.57	0 0.00	28 28.00
No, voted for someone else	13 52.00	8 32.00	2 8.00	2 8.00	0 0.00	25 25.00
Did not vote	14 34.15	14 34.15	1 2.44	12 29.27	0 0.00	41 41.00
Rather not say/other	4 66.67	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 16.67	1 16.67	6 6.00
Total	51 51.00	27 27.00	5 5.00	16 16.00	1 1.00	100 100.00

Table of Q16 by Q10					
Q16 (Which Party?)	Q10 (Do you think the House of Representatives should begin Impeachment proceedings against Vice President Dick Cheney?)				
Frequency Percent	Yes	No	Not sure	Rather not say	Total
Democratic	16 57.14	7 25.00	5 17.86	0 0.00	28 57.14
Republican	1 25.00	3 75.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	4 8.16
Green	9 81.82	1 9.09	1 9.09	0 0.00	11 22.45
Libertarian	5 83.33	1 16.67	0 0.00	0 0.00	6 12.24
Total	31 63.27	12 24.49	6 12.24	0 0.00	49 100.00

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Democratic	16 57.14	8 28.57	4 14.29	0 0.00	28 57.14
Republican	1 25.00	3 75.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	4 8.16
Green	8 72.73	2 18.18	1 9.09	0 0.00	11 22.45
Libertarian	5 83.33	1 16.67	0 0.00	0 0.00	6 12.24
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Democratic	14 0.00	9 32.14	0 0.00	5 17.86	0 0.00	28 57.14
Republican	1 25.00	3 75.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	4 8.16
Green	6 54.55	2 18.18	0 0.00	3 27.27	0 0.00	11 22.45
Libertarian	5 83.33	1 16.67	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	6 12.24
Total	26 53.06	15 30.61	0 0.00	8 16.33	0 0.00	49 100.00