

Democracy Corps Congressional Battleground Frequency Questionnaire

July 21-26, 2012

1000 Likely Voters In 54 Republican-held Districts

500 in Tier 1

500 in Tier 2

Q.4 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Yes.....	100	100	100
No	-	-	-
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:SCREEN1)			

Q.5 Many people weren't able to vote in the 2008 election for president between Barack Obama and John McCain. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Voted.....	96	97	95
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	4	3	5
Did not vote	-	-	-
(Can't remember/Don't know)	-	-	-
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:VOTE08)			

Q.6 Many people weren't able to vote in the election for Congress and other offices in 2010. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Voted.....	88	87	88
Not registered in 2010/Ineligible/too young	4	2	5
Did not vote	8	10	5
(Can't remember/Don't know)	1	1	1
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:VOTE2010)			

Q.7 I know it is a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for President and 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	Tier 1	Tier 2
Almost certain.....	92	91	92
Probably	8	8	8
50-50	-	-	-
Will not vote.....	-	-	-
(Don't know)	0	0	0
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:CP10)			

Q.9 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	Tier 1	Tier 2
Right direction	29	30	28
Wrong track	61	59	64
(Don't know/Refused)	10	11	8
Right - Wrong.....	-32	-29	-36
(ref:DIRECT)			

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the job being done by Barack Obama as president?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Strongly approve	30	34	26
Somewhat approve.....	17	17	16
Somewhat disapprove	7	6	8
Strongly disapprove.....	42	40	45
(Don't know/Refused)	4	3	5
Total approve.....	47	51	43
Total disapprove.....	49	46	52
Approve - disapprove.....	-2	5	-10
(ref:BOAPP)			

[950 Respondents]

Q.11 (DO NOT ASK IN NEW OR VACANT SEATS) Do you approve or disapprove of the way (NAMED INCUMBENT) is handling his/her job as a member of the U.S. Congress?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Strongly approve	16	17	15
Somewhat approve.....	21	22	21
Somewhat disapprove	12	11	13
Strongly disapprove.....	23	25	21
(Don't know/Refused)	27	25	30
Total approve.....	37	38	36
Total disapprove.....	35	37	34
Approve - disapprove.....	2	2	2

(ref:CONGAPP)

Q.12 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	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
12 The Republican Party.....	43.1	35	49	18	36	98	-13
Tier 1	41.4	34	51	17	39	99	-17
Tier 2.....	44.7	37	46	19	33	97	-10
13 The Democratic Party	44.7	38	46	21	35	98	-8
Tier 1	47.0	40	43	23	33	97	-3
Tier 2.....	42.4	36	48	19	37	98	-13
14 Democrats in Congress.....	42.3	34	48	17	37	97	-14
Tier 1	44.9	38	46	19	35	98	-8
Tier 2.....	39.6	30	50	14	39	97	-20
15 Barack Obama	49.1	48	45	36	39	99	3
Tier 1	52.4	51	41	39	36	99	10
Tier 2.....	45.9	45	48	33	42	99	-4

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16 (HOUSE INCUMBENT) (SKIP IF OPEN OR NEW OR VACANT SEAT)	45.2	29	33	14	25	79	-4
Tier 1	43.2	29	36	13	28	81	-7
Tier 2.....	47.4	28	30	15	23	77	-2

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
17 John Boehner - the Republican leader of the House	41.1	31	44	13	34	88	-13
Tier 1	38.9	30	48	13	38	90	-17
Tier 2	43.4	32	40	13	29	85	-8
18 Mitt Romney.....	43.3	36	47	19	36	96	-11
Tier 1	41.9	36	50	18	38	96	-14
Tier 2	44.8	37	45	21	35	96	-8
19 The Republican Congress.....	40.2	32	50	13	38	98	-19
Tier 1	38.5	29	53	12	41	97	-24
Tier 2	42.0	35	48	13	35	98	-13
20 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	53.5	44	33	30	27	92	12
Tier 1	51.8	44	36	30	30	94	8
Tier 2	55.4	45	29	31	24	90	15
21 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups	47.8	37	42	28	34	94	-5
Tier 1	45.8	36	46	29	37	96	-10
Tier 2	49.8	39	38	28	31	93	1
22 Gay marriage	47.6	39	42	32	37	95	-3
Tier 1	51.9	43	38	36	33	95	5
Tier 2	43.2	34	46	28	40	95	-12
23 The state of the economy.....	32.4	18	64	4	46	99	-46
Tier 1	34.0	19	62	5	42	99	-42
Tier 2	30.9	16	66	3	50	99	-50
24 The Tea Party movement.....	41.8	33	45	21	38	90	-12
Tier 1	39.8	32	47	21	42	90	-15
Tier 2	43.8	34	43	21	34	90	-9
25 The new health care reform law	41.0	36	48	23	41	92	-12
Tier 1	43.9	39	43	24	36	91	-5
Tier 2	38.0	33	52	22	45	92	-19

(ref:THERM04/204)

Q.26 How closely have you been following news about candidates for this year's presidential election -- very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Very closely	44	47	41
Fairly closely.....	38	34	42
Not too closely.....	13	13	13
Not closely at all	5	6	4
(Don't know/Refused)	0	-	0
Total Closely	82	81	83
Total Not closely.....	18	19	17
Closely - Not	64	62	65
(ref:CLOSE)			

Q.27 I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the presidential election this November, if the election for president were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, for whom would you vote?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Democrat Barack Obama	46	50	43
Lean Democrat Barack Obama	2	2	1
Republican Mitt Romney.....	45	42	47
Lean Republican Mitt Romney.....	1	2	1
(Other candidate).....	2	1	3
Lean (Other candidate).....	0	0	0
(Undecided).....	2	1	3
(Refused)	1	1	1
(Will not vote in 2012).....	0	0	0
Total Democrat Barack Obama.....	48	52	44
Total Republican Mitt Romney	46	44	48
Total (Other candidate)	2	2	3
(ref:PREZ12R)			

Q.29 I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the election for Congress this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for the Democratic candidate or Republican (HOUSE INCUMBENT)/the Republican candidate?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Democratic Candidate	43	47	39
Lean Democratic Candidate	2	2	2
Republican Candidate	44	41	48
Lean Republican Candidate	3	3	2
(Other candidate).....	1	0	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	1	0	1
(Undecided).....	4	4	4
(Refused)	1	1	2
Total Democratic Candidate	45	50	41
Total Republican Candidate.....	47	44	50
Total (Other candidate)	2	1	3

(ref:CONG10)

Q.31 Even though you are not supporting the Democratic candidate now, what are the chances that you might support the Democratic candidate in the election for Congress in November -- is there a fair chance that you might support the Democratic candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Fair chance.....	9	8	9
A small chance	8	7	8
Just a very slight chance	10	9	11
No chance at all.....	27	25	29
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2	1
Democratic Candidate supporter	45	50	41

(ref:CONG10C)

Q.32 Even though you are not supporting (REPUBLICAN HOUSE INCUMBENT)/the Republican candidate now, in the election for Congress 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?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Fair chance.....	7	9	6
A small chance	8	6	10
Just a very slight chance	9	11	7
No chance at all.....	27	29	25
(Don't know/Refused)	2	1	2
Republican Candidate supporter.....	47	44	50

(ref:CONG10D)

Q.33 Now I am going to read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think the Democrats or the Republicans 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.

	Dem Much Bttr	Dem Smwt Bttr	Rep Smwt Bttr	Rep Much Bttr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
33 The economy	23	18	15	29	1	5	9	41	45	-3
Tier 1	26	18	14	28	0	6	8	44	42	2
Tier 2	20	19	17	30	1	5	9	39	47	-8
34 Taxes	25	18	17	28	0	5	7	43	45	-2
Tier 1	27	18	16	29	0	4	6	45	45	0
Tier 2	22	19	18	27	0	5	8	41	45	-5
[500 Respondents]										
35 (SPLIT A) Health care	31	16	14	27	1	3	8	47	42	5
Tier 1	37	13	11	28	0	3	8	50	39	11
Tier 2	25	19	18	26	1	3	8	44	44	-1
36 Being on your side	29	13	15	25	0	6	11	43	40	3
Tier 1	33	12	15	25	-	6	9	46	39	6
Tier 2	26	14	15	25	0	6	13	40	40	-1
[500 Respondents]										
37 (SPLIT B) Medicare.....	30	16	17	22	0	3	12	45	39	6
Tier 1	35	13	16	21	-	2	13	48	37	11
Tier 2	25	18	19	22	0	4	12	43	41	1
38 Bringing the right kind of change.....	27	17	16	26	0	5	8	44	42	2
Tier 1	30	18	15	25	0	5	7	48	40	7
Tier 2	24	17	17	27	-	6	10	41	44	-3

(ref:BETTERBG)

[950 Respondents]

Q.39 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 (HOUSE INCUMBENT) 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
39 Has the right approach to the economy and jobs.....	17	25	19	21	19	41	40	2
Tier 1	17	23	19	23	18	40	42	-3
Tier 2	17	27	19	18	20	43	37	6

[477 Respondents]

40 (SPLIT A) On your side	16	22	20	24	18	39	44	-5
Tier 1	16	20	20	29	16	35	48	-13
Tier 2	17	25	20	19	19	42	39	3

[474 Respondents]

41 (SPLIT B) Fights for people here.....	19	24	17	19	21	43	36	7
Tier 1	17	27	16	19	21	44	35	10
Tier 2	21	21	17	20	21	41	37	4

[477 Respondents]

42 (SPLIT A) Has the right approach to spending and deficits	17	23	19	21	19	40	41	-1
Tier 1	19	20	21	22	19	39	43	-4
Tier 2	16	25	18	20	20	41	39	3

[477 Respondents]

43 (SPLIT A) Part of the problem in Washington.....	19	22	20	21	18	41	41	0
Tier 1	20	22	17	22	19	42	39	3
Tier 2	19	21	23	20	17	41	43	-2

[474 Respondents]

44 (SPLIT B) For the right kind of change.....	18	21	18	23	21	39	41	-2
Tier 1	18	20	17	25	20	38	42	-3
Tier 2	18	21	19	20	21	39	40	0

45 For the middle class	17	25	18	21	18	43	39	3
Tier 1	15	24	19	23	19	40	42	-2
Tier 2	19	26	17	20	18	46	37	9

[474 Respondents]

46 (SPLIT B) Has the right approach to taxes	16	23	18	21	21	40	39	1
Tier 1	18	22	15	23	21	40	39	1
Tier 2	15	24	21	18	21	39	39	0

(ref:TRAITS)

Q.47 Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. After I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

	1st Stmt Much	1st Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Much	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[861 Respondents]										
47 (DO NOT ASK IN NEW, VACANT, OR OPEN SEATS) I CAN'T vote to reelect (HOUSE INCUMBENT) in November because we need new people that will fix Washington and get things done.										
OR										
I WILL vote to reelect (HOUSE INCUMBENT) in November because (HE/SHE) is doing a good job and addressing issues that are important to us.	35	15	12	28	0	3	6	50	40	10
Tier 1	35	14	13	29	1	2	6	49	42	8
Tier 2	36	15	12	26	-	3	7	51	39	12

[500 Respondents]										
48 (SPLIT A) I want (HOUSE INCUMBENT)/the Republican candidate to try and work with President Obama to address our country's problems.										
OR										
I want (HOUSE INCUMBENT)/the Republican candidate to try to stop President Obama from advancing his agenda for the country.	47	6	3	38	0	1	4	54	41	13
Tier 1	49	6	3	37	1	1	3	54	40	14
Tier 2	46	7	3	38	-	0	5	53	41	12

	1st Stmt Much	1st Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Much	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
49 (SPLIT B) I want to vote for a Member of Congress who will ask the wealthiest to pay a greater share of taxes to address our problems and the deficit.										
OR										
I agree with (HOUSE INCUMBENT)/the Republican candidate who says (HE/SHE) won't vote for any tax increase.....										
	41	9	10	34	-	2	4	50	43	7
Tier 1	42	10	7	33	-	3	5	52	40	12
Tier 2	41	8	12	35	-	1	4	49	47	2

[450 Respondents]										
50 (DO NOT ASK IN NEW OR VACANT SEATS)										
(SPLIT A) I've had enough of Republicans in Congress like (HOUSE INCUMBENT) who went to Washington to go to war against President Obama and want to continue to fight rather than solve problems.										
OR										
Both parties are equally responsible for the gridlock in Washington and failing to address our country's problems.....										
	27	5	12	47	1	4	3	33	59	-26
Tier 1	26	8	10	47	0	6	2	35	58	-23
Tier 2	28	2	14	46	2	3	5	30	60	-30

	1st Stmt Much	1st Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Much	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[449 Respondents]										
51 (DO NOT ASK IN NEW OR VACANT SEATS) (SPLIT B) I've had enough of Republicans in Congress like (HOUSE INCUMBENT) who went to Washington to go to war against President Obama and want to continue to fight rather than solve problems.										
OR										
The problem in Washington is President Obama whose agenda is dividing the country and involves too much government spending.....	38	6	6	42	1	2	4	45	48	-3
Tier 1	41	5	8	39	1	2	4	46	47	-1
Tier 2	36	7	4	45	1	2	4	43	50	-7

[899 Respondents]										
52 (DO NOT ASK IN NEW OR VACANT SEATS) I'm worried Republicans in Congress like (HOUSE INCUMBENT) are so determined to cut taxes for the very richest that they are forced to cut Medicare and Social Security that we depend on.										
OR										
I'm worried Democrats aren't focused enough on cutting spending and we won't get our debt under control.....	36	8	6	41	1	2	5	44	47	-3
Tier 1	39	8	7	40	2	1	4	47	46	1
Tier 2	33	9	6	43	1	3	6	42	48	-7

	1st Stmt Much	1st Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Much	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[899 Respondents]										
53 (DO NOT ASK IN NEW OR VACANT SEATS) I'm fed up with Republicans in Congress like (HOUSE INCUMBENT) who said they were going to change Washington but are just part of the problem.										
OR										
I'm fed up with President Obama who said he was going to change Washington but has become part of the										
problem.....	37	8	7	40	3	3	2	46	47	-1
Tier 1	41	7	7	38	3	3	2	48	45	3
Tier 2	34	10	6	43	3	3	2	44	49	-5

[500 Respondents]										
54 (SPLIT B) The Bush tax cuts for those earning over 250,000 dollars should be ended, while maintaining the tax cuts for the middle class.										
OR										
The Bush tax cuts should be extended permanently so we raise nobody's										
taxes.....	39	9	7	39	0	1	4	48	46	1
Tier 1	40	7	9	39	0	1	4	47	48	-1
Tier 2	38	11	6	39	-	1	5	49	45	4

	1st Stmt Much	1st Smwt	2nd Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Much	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
55 (SPLIT A) I want to vote for a Member of Congress who will ask people making over 250,000 dollars a year to pay a greater share of taxes to address our problems and the deficit.										
OR										
I agree with (HOUSE INCUMBENT)/the Republican candidate who says (HE/SHE) won't vote for a tax increase on										
anyone.....	44	8	8	35	.	2	3	51	43	8
Tier 1	46	8	8	35	0	2	1	54	42	12
Tier 2	41	8	9	35	-	1	6	49	44	4
(ref:BGPAIRS)										

Q.56 Now for something a little different. Recently, Republicans in the House of Representatives proposed a budget for the next 10 years. I'm going to read what Republicans in Congress are saying about their budget.

Our plan saves the country from a future of spending and debt by cutting an additional 5.3 trillion dollars over the next ten years, bringing federal spending down to the historic level of 20 percent as a share of the economy, and bringing deficits down by 2015. Our plan fixes the broken tax code by making it simple, fair and competitive, and eliminates special interest loopholes while lowering everyone's rates to promote growth. Our plan repeals the Obama administration's health care reform law and the Wall Street reform law, which cause uncertainty for job-creating businesses. Our plan strengthens Medicaid over the next decade by providing states greater flexibility to determine what is best for the people who live in their communities. Our plan will save Medicare for future generations by making smart reforms, giving future seniors the choice to purchase private plans or traditional Medicare.

From what you know, do you favor or oppose this budget plan?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Strongly favor	31	30	32
Somewhat favor.....	20	20	21
Somewhat oppose.....	11	12	10
Strongly oppose	26	27	26
(Don't know/Refused)	11	11	11
Total favor	52	50	53
Total oppose	37	39	36
Favor - Oppose	14	11	17
(ref:RYFAV)			

Q.57 Now I am going to read you some things some people say will happen if this Republican budget plan is enacted. After I read each statement, please tell me whether this raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubts in your own mind about the Republican budget plan.¹

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
57 The budget privatizes Medicare, massively cuts health care spending for seniors, and freezes spending under inflation, which will force seniors to pay 6 thousand dollars more a year for their health care.	35	30	14	16	5	66	30
Tier 1	35	31	11	17	5	66	28
Tier 2	35	30	16	14	4	65	31

58 The plan cuts the federal education budget by 20 percent, which would force states to pay more for education, cut their budgets significantly, or lay-off more teachers.	36	26	13	20	5	62	33
Tier 1	39	25	12	19	5	64	31
Tier 2	33	28	14	21	5	61	34

[500 Respondents]

59 (SPLIT C) The plan gives those making over a million dollars a year an average tax cut of more than 150,000 dollars, while cutting programs that middle and working class families depend on.....	34	27	16	17	5	61	34
Tier 1	38	29	11	15	7	67	26
Tier 2	30	25	22	19	4	55	41

[500 Respondents]

60 (SPLIT C) The plan rolls back regulations on banks, insurance companies, oil companies and polluters and eliminates critical regulations designed to protect consumers and workers.	26	30	19	20	7	55	38
Tier 1	24	31	18	18	9	55	36
Tier 2	28	28	19	21	4	56	40

[500 Respondents]

61 (SPLIT D) The plan allows the child tax credit to expire for many working families, pushing the families of 2 million children back into poverty.	35	29	14	16	7	64	30
Tier 1	35	30	13	15	7	65	28
Tier 2	35	27	14	18	7	62	31

¹ For the first two nights, this question was asked as "please tell me how concerning it is to you -- very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not at all concerning."

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[500 Respondents]							
62 (SPLIT D) The plan cuts Pell Grant scholarships for 10 million low-income students by more than 1,000 dollars and 2 million children would be dropped from early childhood education.....	33	26	19	17	5	59	36
Tier 1	34	25	19	16	5	59	36
Tier 2	32	27	18	18	5	59	36

(ref:RCONC)

[500 Respondents]
 Q.63 (SPLIT A) Now I am going to read you some of the things critics are saying about (HOUSE INCUMBENT), the Republican Congress and the gridlock in Washington. After I read each one, please tell me whether this raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubts in your own mind about (HOUSE INCUMBENT)².

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
63 (REPEAL) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) voted to protect (his/her) own taxpayer-funded health care for life, but voted 33 times to repeal the health care reform law, wasting almost 50 million dollars of taxpayer money and now wants to go back and fight again for repeal when (he/she) should be focusing on jobs and the economy.....	34	24	14	23	6	57	37
Tier 1	38	22	13	22	6	60	34
Tier 2	30	25	15	24	6	55	39

64 (DEBT LIMIT) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) said (he/she) refused to compromise in the budget negotiations, even threatening to shut down the federal government and let the United States default on its debt for the first time. The political circus in Washington led to a credit downgrade of the U.S. that slowed the economy and cost us jobs. We need better from those in Congress.....	30	24	16	25	5	54	41
Tier 1	36	22	14	24	4	58	38
Tier 2	25	25	19	26	5	50	45

² In the three districts in this survey that are either new or have a vacant seat (MI-11, CA-21 and AZ-1), respondents were offered the generic "the Republican candidate" instead of the named incumbent.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
65 (PERKS) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) voted to protect taxpayer-funded perks like first class airplane tickets, private jets, meals and chauffeurs for Members of Congress, refusing to scale back their own budgets when Americans are scaling back theirs.....	34	27	19	15	5	61	34
Tier 1	36	27	16	15	5	63	32
Tier 2	31	27	22	14	5	58	36
66 (TEA PARTY) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) has backed the Tea Party agenda in Washington and the tactics of no compromise and doing everything to stop the Obama agenda. That has brought an impasse on every problem. We elect reasonable Democrats and Republicans but (HOUSE INCUMBENT) wants to go back to wage more political battles that we can't afford.	30	21	17	26	6	51	43
Tier 1	34	21	12	25	8	55	37
Tier 2	26	21	22	27	4	47	49
67 (MIDDLE CLASS TAX) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) voted to raise taxes on middle class and working families in order to pay for tax cuts for CEOs, big corporations that outsource jobs, big oil companies that are more profitable than ever, and millionaires and billionaires, giving them a tax break of 265,000 dollars on top of the Bush tax cuts.....	39	24	14	18	5	63	32
Tier 1	42	22	15	17	4	64	32
Tier 2	36	26	14	19	6	61	32

(ref:ATTG)

[500 Respondents]

Q.68 (SPLIT B) Now I am going to read you some of the things critics are saying about (HOUSE INCUMBENT), the Republican Congress and how they have impacted people. After I read each one, please tell me whether this raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubts in your own mind about (HOUSE INCUMBENT)³.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
68 (MEDICARE SLASH) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) voted to slash and privatize Medicare, massively cut health care spending for seniors, and freeze spending under inflation, which will force seniors to pay 6 thousand dollars more a year for their health care.....	34	27	14	19	5	61	34
Tier 1	37	28	14	16	5	65	31
Tier 2	30	27	15	22	6	57	37

69 (HEALTH CARE) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) voted to protect (his/her) own taxpayer-funded health care for life, but voted to eliminate health insurance coverage for 33 million people and eliminate tax credits which make premiums more affordable for small businesses and the middle class, while allowing health insurance companies to deny coverage to people with pre-existing conditions, charge women higher rates than men and kick millions of young people off their parents' insurance plan.	36	26	13	19	6	61	32
Tier 1	41	24	12	15	8	65	27
Tier 2	30	27	14	24	5	58	37

70 (PUSH BACK INTO POVERTY) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) voted to let tax cuts for low-income Americans expire, pushing the families of 2 million children back into poverty by giving some a tax increase of up to 1,400 dollars, while millionaires actually get a tax cut of a quarter million dollars.	36	23	14	19	8	59	33
Tier 1	39	21	14	15	10	61	29
Tier 2	32	25	13	23	7	57	36

³ In the three districts in this survey that are either new or have a vacant seat (MI-11, CA-21 and AZ-1), respondents were offered the generic "the Republican candidate" instead of the named incumbent.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
71 (MIDDLE CLASS TAX) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) voted to raise taxes on middle class and working families in order to pay for tax cuts for CEOs, big corporations that outsource jobs, big oil companies that are more profitable than ever, and millionaires and billionaires, giving them a tax break of 265,000 dollars on top of the Bush tax cuts.....	38	20	15	22	5	58	37
Tier 1	42	19	15	20	4	61	35
Tier 2	34	21	15	24	5	56	39

72 (PERKS) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) voted to protect taxpayer-funded perks like first class airplane tickets, private jets, meals and chauffeurs for Members of Congress, refusing to scale back their own budgets when Americans are scaling back theirs.....

.....	34	26	16	18	6	60	34
Tier 1	39	25	15	16	6	64	31
Tier 2	29	28	18	19	6	57	37

(ref:ATTP)

Q.73 Now I am going to read you some of the things (HOUSE INCUMBENT) and the Republicans in Congress are saying about the budget and the economy. After I read each statement, please tell me whether it makes you more likely or less likely to support (HOUSE INCUMBENT)⁴?

	Much More Likely	Smwt More Likely	Smwt Less Likely	Much Less Likely	DK Ref	No Differ ence	Total More Likely	Total Less Likely	More - Less
73 (SMALL BUSINESS) The size and scope of the federal government has exploded, tying the hands of small business owners and job creators with backward fiscal policies that have stalled our economy and killed jobs. We need common sense, pro-growth policies to give small businesses and entrepreneurs renewed confidence in our economy and remove Washington as the roadblock to job creation.	34	21	16	22	4	2	55	38	17
Tier 1	36	19	14	22	5	3	55	37	19
Tier 2	33	23	18	21	3	2	55	39	16

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	Much More Likely	Smwt More Likely	Smwt Less Likely	Much Less Likely	DK Ref	No Differ ence	Total More Likely	Total Less Likely	More - Less
74 (TAXES) America's tax code has grown too complicated and cumbersome, and it is fundamentally unfair, filled with loopholes and giveaways. We should reduce the overall tax rate to 25 percent for small businesses and individuals, to lessen the burden on families and create jobs by making America more competitive again.	39	24	12	19	4	2	63	31	32
Tier 1	40	23	10	20	5	3	63	30	33
Tier 2	38	25	14	18	4	2	62	32	31
75 (DEBT) Washington's spending binge has put our nation in debt, eroded economic confidence, and caused massive uncertainty for private sector job creators. We are approaching a fiscal cliff and need to take action to prevent saddling our children with a mountain of debt. We need to cut spending and adopt a budget that shows government is serious about its deficits.	36	21	14	23	4	2	57	36	21
Tier 1	36	20	14	24	4	3	55	38	18
Tier 2	37	23	14	21	3	2	60	35	25
76 (HEALTH CARE) President Obama's health care reform law is killing jobs and the economy and will raise, not lower, our health care costs. This law is government overreach and imposition at its finest and takes away choice. We should repeal the health care law and replace it with reforms that will specifically address our health care problems and make common-sense reforms to ensure Medicare is there for the future.	38	15	11	30	4	3	53	41	12
Tier 1	35	14	14	30	4	2	50	44	5
Tier 2	40	16	8	29	3	4	56	37	19

	Much More Likely	Smwt More Likely	Smwt Less Likely	Much Less Likely	DK Ref	No Difference	Total More Likely	Total Less Likely	More - Less
77 (MEDICARE) Medicare is on an unsustainable path. We need to save Medicare for current and future generations with no disruptions for those in or near retirement. People can choose between the traditional fee-for-service Medicare option, and a new competitive, free-market system of health plans to ensure high-quality coverage at the lowest costs, while keeping the control of care between patients and their doctors.....	32	24	12	24	5	3	56	36	20
Tier 1	31	23	11	26	6	3	54	36	18
Tier 2	32	26	13	22	4	3	58	35	23

(ref:RARGU)

Q.78 Now let me ask you again, I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the election for Congress this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for the Democratic candidate or Republican (HOUSE INCUMBENT)/the Republican candidate?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
The Democratic Candidate	44	46	42
Lean The Democratic Candidate	3	3	3
Named Republican Candidate	43	41	46
Lean Named Republican Candidate	2	2	2
(Other candidate).....	1	1	2
Lean (Other candidate).....	0	1	-
(Undecided).....	4	6	3
(Refused)	1	1	2
Total The Democratic Candidate	47	49	45
Total Named Republican Candidate	46	43	48
Total (Other candidate)	2	1	2

[500 Respondents]

Split A

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
The Democratic Candidate	44	46	43
Lean The Democratic Candidate	3	3	3
Named Republican Candidate	44	40	47
Lean Named Republican Candidate	2	3	1
(Other candidate).....	1	0	3
Lean (Other candidate).....	0	1	-
(Undecided).....	4	7	2
(Refused)	1	0	1
Total The Democratic Candidate	47	49	45
Total Named Republican Candidate.....	46	43	48
Total (Other candidate)	2	1	3

[500 Respondents]

Split B

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
The Democratic Candidate	44	46	41
Lean The Democratic Candidate	3	3	3
Named Republican Candidate	43	42	45
Lean Named Republican Candidate	2	2	3
(Other candidate).....	1	1	2
Lean (Other candidate).....	0	1	-
(Undecided).....	4	5	4
(Refused)	2	1	3
Total The Democratic Candidate	46	48	44
Total Named Republican Candidate.....	46	44	48
Total (Other candidate)	2	1	2

[500 Respondents]

Split C

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
The Democratic Candidate	44	47	40
Lean The Democratic Candidate	3	3	4
Named Republican Candidate	44	40	48
Lean Named Republican Candidate	2	3	1
(Other candidate).....	2	1	3
Lean (Other candidate).....	1	1	-
(Undecided).....	4	4	4
(Refused)	1	1	1
Total The Democratic Candidate	47	50	44
Total Named Republican Candidate.....	46	43	49
Total (Other candidate)	2	2	3

[500 Respondents]

Split D

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
The Democratic Candidate	44	45	44
Lean The Democratic Candidate	3	3	2
Named Republican Candidate	43	42	44
Lean Named Republican Candidate	2	2	3
(Other candidate).....	1	-	2
Lean (Other candidate).....	-	-	-
(Undecided).....	5	8	2
(Refused)	2	0	3
Total The Democratic Candidate	47	48	45
Total Named Republican Candidate	46	44	47
Total (Other candidate)	1	-	2

[257 Respondents]

Split AC

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
The Democratic Candidate	45	48	42
Lean The Democratic Candidate	3	2	4
Named Republican Candidate	43	40	47
Lean Named Republican Candidate	3	4	1
(Other candidate).....	2	0	3
Lean (Other candidate).....	1	1	-
(Undecided).....	4	5	3
(Refused)	-	-	-
Total The Democratic Candidate	48	50	47
Total Named Republican Candidate	46	44	48
Total (Other candidate)	2	1	3

[243 Respondents]

Split AD

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
The Democratic Candidate	43	44	43
Lean The Democratic Candidate	3	5	1
Named Republican Candidate	44	41	47
Lean Named Republican Candidate	2	2	2
(Other candidate).....	1	-	3
Lean (Other candidate).....	-	-	-
(Undecided).....	5	8	2
(Refused)	2	1	2
Total The Democratic Candidate	46	49	44
Total Named Republican Candidate	46	43	49
Total (Other candidate)	1	-	3

[243 Respondents]

Split BC

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
The Democratic Candidate	42	46	38
Lean The Democratic Candidate	4	4	3
Named Republican Candidate	44	40	49
Lean Named Republican Candidate	2	2	1
(Other candidate).....	2	2	2
Lean (Other candidate).....	1	1	-
(Undecided).....	4	3	5
(Refused)	2	2	1
Total The Democratic Candidate	46	50	42
Total Named Republican Candidate.....	46	42	50
Total (Other candidate)	3	3	2

[257 Respondents]

Split BD

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
The Democratic Candidate	45	46	45
Lean The Democratic Candidate	2	2	2
Named Republican Candidate	42	44	41
Lean Named Republican Candidate	3	1	5
(Other candidate).....	0	-	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	-	-	-
(Undecided).....	5	7	2
(Refused)	2	-	4
Total The Democratic Candidate	47	48	47
Total Named Republican Candidate.....	45	45	46
Total (Other candidate)	0	-	1

(ref:REVOTE)

Q.80 Now I am going to re-read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think the Democrats or the Republicans 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.

	Dem Much Bttr	Dem Smwt Bttr	Rep Smwt Bttr	Rep Much Bttr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
80 The economy	26	17	14	32	0	4	7	43	46	-3
Tier 1	28	15	15	30	0	5	6	44	45	-1
Tier 2	24	18	13	33	0	4	8	42	46	-5
81 Taxes	26	19	18	28	0	3	6	46	45	0
Tier 1	28	19	21	23	0	3	5	47	44	3
Tier 2	24	20	15	32	-	3	6	44	47	-3
82 Being on your side	32	13	16	26	0	6	7	45	42	3
Tier 1	36	12	16	24	-	7	5	49	40	9
Tier 2	27	15	17	28	0	5	8	42	45	-3
83 Bringing the right kind of change	27	17	17	27	0	5	6	45	44	1
Tier 1	31	16	16	27	0	5	4	48	43	5
Tier 2	23	18	18	27	1	4	9	42	45	-3

(ref:REBG)

Q.84 Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements about the health care reform law. After I read them, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

Democrats say: The most important thing is to cut costs for middle and working class people. People and small businesses with their own plans keep their policies and doctors, but will get tax credits to make premiums more affordable, and insurance companies can no longer drop your insurance if you get sick or have a pre-existing condition. We should make improvements that reduce health care costs, but our main focus should be on the economy and jobs, not re-fighting the same old health care political battles.

OR

Republicans say: The health care reform law is killing jobs and the economy and will raise, not lower, our health care costs. This law cuts 500 billion dollars from Medicare, hurting millions of seniors, and it increases taxes on small businesses and the middle class who cannot afford health insurance by thousands of dollars a year. This law was a bad idea and still is a bad idea. The federal government has no business telling American citizens what to do with their own money, including health insurance.

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Democratic statement STRONGLY	41	46	37
Democratic statement NOT SO STRONGLY	9	7	11
Republican statement NOT SO STRONGLY	6	6	7
Republican statement STRONGLY.....	38	36	40
(Both)	0	0	1
(Neither)	2	3	2
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3	3
Total Democratic Statement	50	53	47
Total Republican Statement.....	44	42	47
Democratic - Republican.....	6	10	1
(ref:HCPAIR)			

Q.85 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
1 - 11th grade	2	1	3
High School graduate	19	19	19
Non-college post H.S.....	1	1	1
Some college.....	25	22	28
College graduate	31	31	30
Post-graduate school.....	21	24	18
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	1
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.86 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Yes: Respondent belongs.....	13	16	11
Household member	7	7	7
No member belongs	78	75	81
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2	1
Union Household.....	20	23	18
Non College Non Union.....	37	32	42
(ref:UNION)			

Q.87 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Married	59	60	58
Single	20	18	21
Separated/Divorced.....	8	8	8
Widowed	8	7	9
Living with partner	4	5	2
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2	2
Sep/Div/Wid.....	16	14	17
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.88 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Strong Democrat	26	28	24
Weak Democrat.....	10	10	11
Independent-lean Democrat	11	11	10
Independent	5	3	6
Independent-lean Republican	12	13	11
Weak Republican	11	10	11
Strong Republican	24	22	26
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2	2
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.91 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Liberal	20	20	19
Moderate	34	37	32
Conservative	41	38	45
(Don't know/Refused)	4	5	4
(ref:IDEO1)			

Q.92 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?
 (IF SUPPORTER, FOLLOW UP) Is that a strong supporter or not so strong supporter of the Tea Party movement?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Strong supporter.....	21	21	22
Not so strong supporter.....	13	12	13
Not a supporter.....	58	58	58
(Don't know/Refused).....	8	9	8
Total supporter.....	34	34	34
(ref:TEASUPP)			

Q.93 What is your religion?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Protestant.....	48	45	50
Catholic.....	25	27	23
Jewish.....	2	3	2
Muslim.....	0	0	0
(Don't know/Refused).....	25	25	25
(ref:RELIG1)			

[475 Respondents]

Q.94 (ASK IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Fundamentalist.....	13	12	13
Evangelical.....	26	27	26
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	7	8	7
Moderate to liberal.....	37	39	36
(Something else).....	5	5	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	11	8	14
(ref:RELIG3)			

Q.95 How often do you attend religious services -- more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
More than once a week.....	12	11	12
Once a week.....	30	28	32
Once or twice a month.....	13	12	14
Several times a year.....	14	18	9
Hardly ever.....	21	22	20
(Never).....	6	5	7
(Don't know/refused).....	5	5	5
Weekly or more.....	42	39	45
(ref:RELIG2)			

[959 Respondents]

Q.96 (IF VOTED IN 2008) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Democrat Barack Obama	49	52	46
Republican John McCain	45	42	48
(Ralph Nader)	0	0	0
(Bob Barr)	-	-	-
(Other)	2	2	2
(Don't know/Refused)	4	4	4
(ref:VOTE2008)			

[877 Respondents]

Q.97 (IF VOTED IN 2010) In the 2010 election for Congress, did you vote for The Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Democratic candidate	42	47	38
Republican candidate	46	44	48
(Other candidate)	1	1	1
(Did Not Vote for Congress)	2	1	2
(Don't know/Refused)	9	7	10
(ref:VTCTG2010)			

Q.98 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
White	83	82	83
African-American or Black	5	5	6
Hispanic or Latino	7	8	6
Native American	1	1	1
Asian	1	1	1
(Other)	2	2	2
(Don't know/Refused)	2	1	2
(ref:RACETHN)			

Q.3 Respondent's gender

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Male	47	47	47
Female	53	53	53
(ref:GENDER)			

Q.8 In what year were you born?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
18 - 24	9	10	9
25 - 29	6	5	7
30 - 34	6	6	6
35 - 39	9	8	9
40 - 44	8	8	7
45 - 49	10	10	10
50 - 54	9	9	9
55 - 59	10	10	10
60 - 64	9	10	9
65 and over	22	21	22
(No answer)	3	4	2
(ref:AGE)			