

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

November 1-4, 2012
1080 Likely voters

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

	Total
Yes	100
No	-
(Refused)	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

Q.4 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
Voted	94
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	6
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know)	-
(Refused)	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.5 As you may know, there was an election in 2010 for Congress and other offices. 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	78
Did not vote	15
(Can't remember/Don't know)	4
(Refused)	-
Not registered/ineligible/too young	4
(ref:VOTE10)	

Q.9 What are the chances of your voting in the election for President and Congress on Tuesday, November 6th: 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	74
Probably.....	3
50-50.....	-
Will not vote	-
(Don't know).....	-
(Already voted).....	23
(Refused)	-
(ref:CP10)	

Q.10 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	42
Wrong track.....	52
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
Right - Wrong	-11
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.11 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	33
Somewhat approve	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	8
Strongly disapprove	38
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
Total approve	52
Total disapprove	45
Approve - disapprove	7
(ref:BOAPP)	

Q.12 Now, I'd like you 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.....	44.6	38	45	17	33	98	-7
13 The Democratic Party	49.8	45	40	24	29	98	5
14 The Republican Congress.....	41.4	33	46	13	37	96	-13
15 Democrats in Congress.....	47.1	39	42	19	30	96	-2
16 Barack Obama	54.3	53	39	41	32	99	13
17 Mitt Romney.....	48.0	46	43	27	35	98	2
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	56.6	47	30	32	22	92	17
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups	48.6	38	38	27	32	96	-1
20 Gay marriage	48.8	40	39	33	36	97	1
21 The state of the economy.....	40.5	33	52	9	37	99	-19
22 The state of your personal finances	59.6	54	22	27	14	96	32
23 The new health care reform law	45.2	39	44	27	37	91	-4
24 Planned Parenthood	59.0	52	28	39	23	94	24

[540 Respondents]

25 (PC) (SPLIT A) A plan to replace the current campaign finance system of large private contributions with one where campaigns get limited public funding with no large contributions.....	62.0	47	19	35	14	86	28
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[540 Respondents]

26 (PC) (SPLIT B) A plan to replace the current campaign finance system of large private contributions with one that relies on small contributions and limited public funds	65.3	48	14	35	11	85	33
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(ref:THERM04/THERM204/THERM205)

Q.27 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
Very closely.....	54
Fairly closely	36
Not too closely	7
Not closely at all	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	0
Total close	90
Total not close.....	10
Close - Not Close	79
(ref:CLOSE1)	

Q.28 Thinking about the presidential election on Tuesday, November 6th, if the election for president were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, for whom would you vote? ¹

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	48
Lean Democrat Barack Obama	1
Republican Mitt Romney	44
Lean Republican Mitt Romney	1
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	2
(Refused)	4
(Will not vote in 2012)	0
Total Democrat Barack Obama	49
Total Republican Mitt Romney	45
Total (Other candidate)	1
(ref:PREZ12A)	

¹ Respondents who indicated in question 9 that they have already voted were asked, "Thinking about the presidential election, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican Mitt Romney?"

Q.30 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) Even though you are not supporting Democrat Barack Obama now, what are the chances that you might support Democrat Barack Obama in the election for President this November -- is there a fair chance that you might support Democrat Barack Obama, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support Democrat Barack Obama?

	Total
Fair chance	3
A small chance.....	2
Just a very slight chance	5
No chance at all	40
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
 Obama supporter	 49
(ref:PREZVCS1)	

Q.31 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) Even though you are not supporting Republican Mitt Romney now, what are the chances that you might support Republican Mitt Romney in the election for President this November -- is there a fair chance that you might support Republican Mitt Romney, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support Republican Mitt Romney?

	Total
Fair chance	3
A small chance.....	3
Just a very slight chance	5
No chance at all	42
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
 Romney supporter	 45
(ref:PREZVCS2)	

Q.32 Thinking about the election for Congress on Tuesday, November 6th, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for the Democratic Candidate or the Republican candidate?²

	Total
Democratic candidate	44
Lean Democratic candidate.....	1
Republican candidate.....	44
Lean Republican candidate.....	1
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	4
(Refused)	3
(Will not vote in 2012)	1
Total Democratic candidate.....	46
Total Republican candidate.....	46
Total (Other candidate).....	1
(ref:GENCONG)	

² Respondents who indicated in question 9 that they have already voted were asked, "Thinking about the election for Congress, did you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?"

Q.34 Now I am going to read you a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would do a better job with each issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we'll move on.

	BO Much Btrr	BO Smwt Btrr	MR Smwt Btrr	MR Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total BO	Total MR	BO - MR
34 The economy	31	15	12	37	1	1	4	46	49	-3
35 Medicare	38	11	14	28	0	1	7	50	42	8
36 Having the better temperament to deal with a natural disaster	43	11	10	24	4	1	6	54	34	20

(ref:PBETJOB)

Q.37 Think back to 2005 to the federal government's response to Hurricane Katrina. Looking now at the federal government's response to Hurricane Sandy over the past few days, do you feel more or less confident in the federal government's ability to deal with a natural disaster?

	Total
Much more confident.....	39
Somewhat more confident.....	26
Somewhat less confident	9
Much less confident	9
(Same/no difference).....	9
(Don't remember 2005 or Katrina)	0
(Not affected by the hurricanes)	0
(Don't know/Refused).....	7
More confident	65
Less confident.....	18
More confident- Less confident	48

(ref:SANDY)

Q.38 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
1 - 11th grade.....	3
High School graduate.....	19
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college	29
College graduate.....	32
Post-graduate school	16
(Don't know/Refused).....	1

(ref:EDUC)

Q.39 I'm going to read you a list of economic experiences some people have recently had. For each one, please tell me if you have directly experienced this in the last year, if your family has directly experienced this in the last year, or if someone you know well, like a friend, neighbor or co-worker, has experienced this or if no one you know well has experienced it.

	Impct Self	Impct Fam	Impct Know	No Impct	Dk/ Ref	Total Self	Total Self Fam	Total Impct	Total No Impct
39 Loss of a job.....	12	21	28	36	3	12	33	61	36
40 Reduced wages, hours or benefits at work.....	19	20	22	36	3	19	38	61	36
[540 Respondents]									
41 (SPLIT A) Lost health insurance coverage.....	11	13	18	54	4	11	24	42	54
[540 Respondents]									
42 (SPLIT B) Fallen behind on mortgage payments or home was foreclosed on.....	6	15	23	54	3	6	21	43	54
43 Got a new job.....	14	24	23	37	3	14	37	60	37
44 Rejoined the job market and began to look for work again	15	22	28	32	3	15	36	64	32
[540 Respondents]									
45 (SPLIT A) Made big changes to buying habits at the grocery store due to rising prices	43	12	8	32	5	43	56	64	32
[540 Respondents]									
46 (SPLIT B) Moved in with a family member or had someone move in to save money	10	19	20	48	3	10	29	49	48
(ref:ECONIMPC)									

Q.47 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	12
Household member.....	6
No member belongs.....	81
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Union Household	18
(ref:UNION)	

Q.48 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married.....	57
Single.....	20
Separated/Divorced	8
Widowed	8
Living with partner	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Sep/Div/Wid	16
Unmarried.....	43
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.49 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	26
Weak Democrat	9
Independent-lean Democrat.....	11
Independent.....	7
Independent-lean Republican	13
Weak Republican.....	11
Strong Republican.....	21
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.52 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	22
Moderate.....	36
Conservative	39
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
(ref:IDEO1)	

[307 Respondents]

Q.53 (ASK IN CELL SAMPLE ONLY) Now, thinking about your telephone use, is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?

	Total
Yes	47
No	53
(DK/Refused)	-
(ref:LANDLINE)	

[773 Respondents]

Q.54 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total
Yes	83
No	14
(DK/Refused)	3
(ref:CELLLINE)	

[784 Respondents]

Q.55 (DO NOT ASK IF NO IN LANDLINE) (DO NOT ASK IF NO OR DK/REF IN CELLLINE) Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get..?

	Total
All or almost all calls on a cell phone.....	26
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone.....	40
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	33
(DK/Refused)	0
(ref:DUALUSE)	

Phone Use

	Total
Cell Only	15
Cell Mostly	19
Dual User.....	29
Landline Mostly	24
Landline Only.....	10
Landline Unknown.....	2
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample).....	6
Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample).....	13
(ref:DUALUSE)	

[839 Respondents]

Q.56 Now let me ask you about the election for Congress last November. Did you vote for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE)?

	Total
(DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE).....	40
(REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE).....	45
(Other candidate)	3
(Did Not Vote for Congress)	4
(Don't Know/Refused)	8
(ref:VTCG2010)	

[1011 Respondents]

Q.57 In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	51
Republican John McCain	43
(Ralph Nader)	0
(Bob Barr)	-
(Other)	3
(Don't Know/Refused)	3
(ref:VOTE2008)	

Q.58 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White.....	74
African-American or Black.....	12
Hispanic or Latino	9
Native American.....	1
Asian.....	1
(Other)	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

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

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24.....	9
25 - 29.....	7
30 - 34.....	8
35 - 39.....	8
40 - 44.....	9
45 - 49.....	10
50 - 54.....	8
55 - 59.....	10
60 - 64.....	10
65 and over	18
(No answer)	3
(ref:AGE)	