

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

October 16-18, 2010
801 Likely Voters¹

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 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	96
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	4
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.5 As you know, there was an election for Congress and other offices in 2006. 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	91
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young	9
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE062)	

¹ Likely voters are defined as those 2008 voters who voted or were not eligible in 2006 AND are almost certain to vote, probably to vote, or don't know if they will vote in 2010.

Q.9 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.....	81
Probably	15
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	0
(Already voted)	4
(Refused).....	-
(ref:CP10)	

[31 Respondents]

Q.10 (IF ALREADY VOTED IN CP10) When you voted by absentee ballot or through early voting, did you vote by mail or in person?

	Total
By mail.....	72
In person	28
(Don't know/ Refused)	-
(ref:ABSENT4)	

Q.11 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	31
Wrong track.....	64
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
Right - Wrong.....	-33
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.12 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	28
Somewhat approve	17
Somewhat disapprove.....	11
Strongly disapprove.....	40
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
Total approve.....	45
Total disapprove.....	51
(ref:BOAPP)	

Q.13 Please tell me how interested you are in November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a "ten" means that you are very interested in November's elections and a "one" means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten.

	Total
10	60
9	7
8	13
7	7
6	4
5	5
4	0
3	2
2	0
1	2
(Don't know/Refused)	0
Mean	8.8
10	60
8-10	80
6-10	91
1-5	9
(ref:NOVINT)	

Q.14 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
14 The Republican Party	44.4	36	43	14	30	96	-7
15 The Democratic Party	44.4	37	47	21	37	98	-10
16 The Democratic Congress	42.3	35	49	20	40	97	-14
17 Barack Obama	48.7	45	43	34	38	99	2
[347 Respondents]							
18 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT)(ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE) ²	50.5	35	31	21	24	81	4
[335 Respondents]							
18 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT)(ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE) ²	57.9	43	24	26	16	77	19
19 Republicans in Congress	42.6	32	44	11	31	97	-12

² The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
20 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	56.4	47	29	32	22	93	18
21 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	53.0	43	32	30	27	93	11
24 The state of the economy	33.5	19	64	7	46	98	-45
25 The Tea Party movement	47.1	37	38	23	31	90	-1

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.27 Thinking about the elections this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)³?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	43
Lean Democratic candidate.....	2
Republican candidate.....	47
Lean Republican candidate.....	3
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	4
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic candidate	45
Total Republican candidate.....	50
Total (Other candidate).....	1

(ref:CONG10)

[770 Respondents]

Q.30 Even though you are not supporting (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) now, what are the chances that you might support (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) 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
Fair chance.....	5
A small chance.....	7
Just a very slight chance	8
No chance at all.....	32
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
Democratic Candidate Supporter	46

(ref:CONG10C)

³ In the landline sample, the candidate names were inserted preceded by party identification. For the cell phone sample, both candidates were given as generic.

[770 Respondents]

Q.31 Even though you are not supporting (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) now, what are the chances that you might support (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) 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
Fair chance.....	7
A small chance.....	6
Just a very slight chance.....	7
No chance at all.....	30
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
 Republican Candidate Supporter	49
(ref:CONG10D)	

Q.32 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 Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
32 The economy	24	18	18	29	1	3	7	42	47	-6
33 Taxes	23	15	19	32	1	3	6	38	51	-13

[401 Respondents]

34 (SPLIT A) Health care.....	30	14	16	29	1	3	7	45	45	0
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[401 Respondents]

35 (SPLIT B) Retirement and Social Security	27	17	19	23	2	5	7	44	42	2
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36 Being on your side	28	15	17	24	0	9	7	43	41	1
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[401 Respondents]

37 (SPLIT B) Government spending	19	16	20	29	2	8	6	35	49	-14
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[401 Respondents]

38 (SPLIT A) The federal budget deficit.....	19	16	23	25	1	8	10	34	47	-13
(ref:BETJOBBCG)										

Q.39 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 Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
39 I want somebody in Washington who will fight big corporate special deals and work for the middle class and American jobs. OR I want somebody in Washington who will rein in government spending and deficits and stop higher taxes.	41	6	8	40	3	1	1	47	48	-1
[401 Respondents]										
40 (SPLIT A) The more I hear from Republican candidates for the Congress and Senate, the less I like. OR The more I hear from Republican candidates for the Congress and Senate, the more I like.	39	10	13	32	0	3	4	48	44	4
[401 Respondents]										
41 (SPLIT B) The more I hear from Democratic candidates for the Congress and Senate, the more I like. OR The more I hear from Democratic candidates for the Congress and Senate, the less I like. (ref:PAIRS10)	24	14	11	44	0	3	3	38	55	-17

Q.42 Now let me read you some statements that (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) might make this fall about the election. After I read each statement, please tell me whether each statement would make you MUCH MORE LIKELY to support (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) this November, SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY, JUST A LITTLE MORE LIKELY, NO MORE LIKELY, or LESS LIKELY to support (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) this November.

	Much More Lkly	Smwt More Lkly	Littl More Lkly	No More Lkly	Less Lkly	No Diff	DK/ Ref	Much/Much/ Smwt Smwt/ More Littl
[401 Respondents]								
42 (SPLIT A)								
(REFORM/SPECIAL INTERESTS/MIDDLE CLASS)								
We have to change Washington. That means eliminating the special deals and tax breaks won by corporate lobbyists for the oil companies and Wall Street, paid for with higher deficits. (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) has pledged to protect those breaks for Wall Street CEOs, oil companies like BP and companies that ship our jobs to India and China. I'll take a different approach by cutting taxes for the middle class and small businesses so they can start creating jobs again. Let's make our country work for the middle class.	29	18	13	18	20	1	2	47 59

	Much More Lkly	Smwt More Lkly	Littl More Lkly	No More Lkly	Less Lkly	No Diff	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt/ More	Much/ Smwt/ Littl
[401 Respondents]									
43 (SPLIT B) (MADE IN AMERICA/INDIA AND CHINA/AMERICAN JOBS) My passion is "made in America," working to support small businesses, American companies and new American industries. (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) opposed efforts to make it easier for small businesses to get credit and has pledged to support job-killing free trade deals and to protect tax breaks for companies that send American jobs to places like India and China. I have a different approach: cutting taxes for companies that create jobs right here in America and helping small business expand and hire new workers by cutting red tape and making it easier for them to get credit.	26	23	14	14	17	3	3	49	62
(ref:DEMTCSMSG)									

Q.44 Now let me read you some statements that (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) might make this fall about the election. After I read each statement, please tell me whether each statement would make you MUCH MORE LIKELY to support (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) this November, SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY, JUST A LITTLE MORE LIKELY, NO MORE LIKELY, or LESS LIKELY to support (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) this November.

	Much More Lkly	Smwt More Lkly	Littl More Lkly	No More Lkly	Less Lkly	No Diff	DK/ Ref	Much/Much/ Smwt Smwt/ More Littl	
[401 Respondents]									
44 (SPLIT A) (CHECK AND BALANCE) We need a check and balance in Washington. One-party control by the Democrats has led to higher unemployment, tripling the deficit, giving more control of our health care to bureaucrats, and increasing the size of government. (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) made things worse by supporting Nancy Pelosi and an agenda that grew government, cut Medicare, and gave tax breaks to companies manufacturing in China and India. I'll take a different approach by working to cut wasteful spending, and focusing on policies that help create jobs, not kill jobs.....	25	18	9	19	22	3	3	43	53

	Much More Lkly	Smwt More Lkly	Littl More Lkly	No More Lkly	Less Lkly	No Diff	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt/ More	Much/ Smwt/ Littl
[401 Respondents] 45 (SPLIT B) (OBAMA/PELOSI/ECONOMY) Congress is way off track when it comes to jobs and the economy. (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) supports an Obama-Pelosi agenda that kills jobs by trying to raise taxes on energy, increasing costly regulations on nearly all businesses with a trillion dollar health care law, and eight hundred billion dollars on an economic stimulus bill that failed to lower unemployment. I have a different approach that allows small businesses to take tax deductions to create jobs, repeal the small business mandates in the new health care bill, and limits federal spending.	25	18	10	21	22	3	2	43	53
(ref:REPTCMMSG)									

Q.46 Now let me read you some statements that (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) may make about (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE). For each statement, please tell me whether this raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubt in your own mind about (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE).

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[401 Respondents] 46 (SPLIT A) (SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE) (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) has pledged to make sweeping cuts, including cuts to programs for the middle class, like Social Security and Medicare. The Republican plan to privatize Social Security shifts savings to the stock market and ends guaranteed benefit levels. Medicare as we know it will end and seniors will have to purchase private insurance using a voucher.	20	29	15	31	5	49	46

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[401 Respondents] 47 (SPLIT B) (CHAMBER) (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) has pledged to protect tax breaks for companies that export American jobs and support free trade agreements with countries like South Korea that will bleed American jobs. As a result, that campaign has received massive financial and advertising support from big business groups that get money from foreign corporations and that champion outsourcing as good for consumers and oppose any buy American rules. That's a bad deal for America.	14	30	19	32	5	45	50
[401 Respondents] 48 (SPLIT A) (FAIR TAX) (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) supports the eliminating of taxes on big corporations and wants a new twenty-three percent national sales tax on nearly everything we buy, including groceries, medicine, clothes, and gas, which would hit the middle class hard.....	24	31	11	30	4	55	41
[401 Respondents] 49 (SPLIT B) (BIG OIL) Even after the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) continues to support big oil companies like BP, protecting their subsidies that cost taxpayers twenty-five billion dollars, and refuses to hold them accountable for their pollution. They would make taxpayers pay for clean up, rather than the oil companies.....	23	26	18	28	5	49	46
[401 Respondents] 50 (SPLIT A) (EXTREME/WAGES) The extreme right has taken over the Republican Party and (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) has promised to undo everything our "Greatest Generation" created. They have opposed increasing the minimum wage for the last thirty years and now want to eliminate it entirely at a time when so many working families are struggling just to get by.....	17	28	16	35	4	45	51

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[401 Respondents]							
51 (SPLIT B) (EXTREME/SOCIAL SECURITY) The extreme right has taken over the Republican Party and (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) has promised to undo everything our "Greatest Generation" created. They opposed the creation of Social Security and now vow to eliminate it.....	20	27	17	30	7	46	47
(ref:RDOUTMSG)							

Q.52 Now let me read you some statements that (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) may make about (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE). For each statement, please tell me whether this raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubt in your own mind about (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE).

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[401 Respondents]							
52 (SPLIT A) (PELOSI) (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) will be a rubber stamp for Nancy Pelosi in Washington and supports her on every major issue, including the failed stimulus, unnecessary bailouts, and a health care law that takes away our choices. These failed programs are exploding our deficit, haven't improved our economy and are taking away our freedoms. We must end the Democrats' two-year experiment in expanding government.	16	31	15	35	3	47	50

[401 Respondents]							
53 (SPLIT A) (HEALTH CARE) (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) and the Democratic Congress passed a health care law that will cut five hundred billion dollars from Medicare and hurt senior citizens, raise taxes on families and small businesses, and increase the deficit by hundreds of billions of dollars.	18	32	16	30	3	50	46

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[401 Respondents]							
54 (SPLIT B) (SPENDING) (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) is addicted to spending our tax dollars and supports running up the deficit to record levels with failed economic policies. We can't continue to put our government into more debt to countries like China. This Democratic spending spree will raise taxes on working families and burden our small businesses.	22	26	17	32	4	48	48

[401 Respondents]							
55 (SPLIT B) (EXTREME) (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) wants to undermine free enterprise and move us closer to socialism. The Democratic agenda has already taken over health care and wants to see an America where every illegal alien has the right to a job or welfare. They're the party of food stamps; we're the party of paychecks.	21	27	14	32	7	48	45
(ref:DDOUTMSG)							

[770 Respondents]
 Q.56 (IF NOT ALREADY VOTED) Now let me ask you again, thinking about the elections this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)⁴?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	45
Lean Democratic candidate.....	2
Republican candidate.....	45
Lean Republican candidate.....	3
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	3
(Refused).....	0
Total Democratic candidate	47
Total Republican candidate.....	48
Total (Other candidate).....	1
(ref:RECONG10)	

⁴ In the landline sample, the candidate names were inserted preceded by party identification. For the cell phone sample, both candidates were given as generic.

Q.58 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

	Total
Strong supporter.....	25
Not so strong supporter.....	11
Not a supporter.....	56
(Don't know/Refused).....	7
Total Supporter.....	36
(ref:TEASUPP)	

Q.59 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.....	23
Non-college post H.S.	2
Some college.....	25
College graduate.....	30
Post-graduate school	16
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.60 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	8
No member belongs.....	77
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Union Household.....	22
(ref:UNION)	

Q.61 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	62
Single	18
Separated/Divorced.....	12
Widowed.....	7
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Sep/Div/Wid.....	19
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.62 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	25
Weak Democrat.....	12
Independent-lean Democrat.....	9
Independent	6
Independent-lean Republican	14
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican.....	22
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.65 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	18
Moderate	34
Conservative	46
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:IDEO1)	

[116 Respondents]

Q.66 (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	45
No.....	55
(Don't Know/Refused)	-
(ref:LANDLINE)	

[685 Respondents]

Q.67 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total
Yes	82
No.....	18
(Don't Know/Refused)	0
(ref:CELLLINE)	

[615 Respondents]

Q.68 (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	36
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone.....	36
(Don't Know/Refused)	1
(ref:DUALUSE)	

Phone Use Table

	Total
Cell Only	8
Cell Mostly	20
Dual User	28
Landline Mostly	28
Landline Only	15
Landline Unknown.....	1
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample).....	6
Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample)	14

[767 Respondents]

Q.69 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	49
Republican John McCain	50
(Ralph Nader)	-
(Bob Barr)	-
(Other)	0
(Don't Know/Refused)	1
(ref:VOTE2008)	

[767 Respondents]

Q.70 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)⁵?

	Total
(2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT).....	42
(2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)	43
(Other candidate)	3
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	4
(Don't Know/Refused)	8
(ref:VT CG2008)	

⁵ Actual candidate names were inserted preceded by party identifications for all districts. In unopposed districts, a generic candidate was used as the opposition. In the cell sample, “the Democratic candidate” and “the Republican candidate” were used.

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

	Total
White	76
African-American or Black.....	11
Hispanic or Latino.....	9
Native American	1
Asian	1
(Other).....	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	Total
Male.....	48
Female	52
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	7
25 - 29	4
30 - 34	5
35 - 39.....	9
40 - 44	9
45 - 49.....	11
50 - 54	10
55 - 59.....	12
60 - 64	10
65 and over	22
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	