

Democracy Corps National Frequency Questionnaire

December 5-9, 2015
900 Likely 2016 Voters

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

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

Q.7 Many people weren't able to vote in the 2012 election for president between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted.....	93
Not registered in 2012/Ineligible/too young.....	7
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know)	-
(Refused)	-
(ref:VOTE12)	

Q.8 As you may know, there was an election in 2014 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.....	79
Did not vote	16
(Can't remember/Don't know)	2
(Refused)	-
Not registered/ineligible/too young.....	3
(ref:VOTE14)	

Q.9 What are the chances of your voting in the election for President in November 2016: 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.....	95
Probably	5
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	-
(Refused)	-
(ref:CP16)	

[153 Respondents]

Q.10 (IF ANOTHER MEMBER IN NAMEFILE) How often would you say you vote?

	Total
Always.....	64
Nearly always	36
Part of the time	-
Seldom	-
(Never)	-
(Other/Don't know/Refused)	-
(ref:OFTVOTE)	

Q.11 How interested are you in the November, 2016 elections for President, U.S. Congress and other state and local offices? Please rate your interest from one to ten, with one meaning that you have no interest in this election and ten meaning that you are extremely interested. Of course, you can choose any number between one and ten.

	Total
10.....	63
9.....	8
8.....	14
7.....	6
6.....	2
5.....	3
4.....	0
3.....	0
2.....	0
1.....	1
0.....	-
(Don't know/Refused)	3
Mean	9.1
10.....	63
8-10.....	84
6-10.....	93
0-5.....	5
(ref:INTRST1)	

Q.12 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	29
Wrong track	65
(Don't know/Refused)	6
Right - Wrong	-36
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.13 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	29
Somewhat approve.....	21
Somewhat disapprove	11
Strongly disapprove.....	37
(Don't know/Refused)	2
Total approve	50
Total disapprove	48
Approve - disapprove	2
(ref:BOAPP)	

Q.14 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
14 The Republican Party.....	41.7	33	50	13	36	100	-18
15 The Democratic Party	49.2	45	39	22	29	99	7
16 Hillary Clinton.....	42.9	42	48	22	40	99	-6
17 The Republican Congress.....	37.6	27	53	8	39	98	-26
18 The Democrats in Congress.....	46.3	39	42	17	29	99	-3
19 (ALWAYS READ FIRST) Barack Obama	51.3	51	42	35	34	100	9
[450 Respondents]							
20 (SPLIT A) Mitch McConnell, the Republican leader of the Senate	35.2	16	46	3	32	84	-30
[450 Respondents]							
21 (SPLIT B) Paul Ryan, the Republican Speaker of the House	47.1	34	38	16	26	89	-4
22 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	49.1	42	40	28	33	97	2
23 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups	46.3	36	44	26	36	97	-8
[450 Respondents]							
24 (SPLIT B) Gay marriage.....	55.5	48	36	40	33	98	13
[450 Respondents]							
25 (SPLIT A) Undocumented immigrants in the U.S.....	36.6	26	53	13	43	96	-27
26 The Tea Party	34.2	20	51	10	42	90	-30
[450 Respondents]							
27 (SPLIT A) The Affordable Care Act or Obamacare	46.1	42	44	28	38	98	-2

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
28 (EVERY VOICE) A plan to overhaul campaign spending by getting rid of big donations and allowing only small donations to candidates, matched by taxpayer funds.	64.4	55	20	40	15	93	35
[450 Respondents]							
29 (SPLIT A) CEOs of large businesses	46.1	28	34	8	21	93	-7
[450 Respondents]							
30 (SPLIT B) Donald Trump.....	31.8	26	64	13	54	100	-38
[450 Respondents]							
31 (SPLIT B) Syrian refugees who are being settled in the United States	44.8	37	44	22	36	97	-7
[450 Respondents]							
32 (SPLIT A) Muslims	54.3	38	24	26	19	92	15
[450 Respondents]							
33 (SPLIT B) Muslim Americans	61.7	51	22	36	16	93	29
(ref:THERM04/THERM204/THERM205/THERM206)							

Q.34 I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the election for President in 2016, if the election for President were held today, would you vote for – Democrat Hillary Clinton or Republican Donald Trump?

	Total
Democrat Hillary Clinton	49
Lean Democrat Hillary Clinton	1
Republican Donald Trump	36
Lean Republican Donald Trump	1
(Other candidate).....	10
Lean (Other candidate).....	0
(Undecided).....	2
(Refused)	2
Total Democrat Hillary Clinton	50
Total Republican Donald Trump.....	37
Total (Other candidate)	10

Allocated Vote¹

	Total
Democrat Hillary Clinton	49
Lean Democrat Hillary Clinton	1
Republican Donald Trump	41
Lean Republican Donald Trump	1
(Other candidate).....	5
Lean (Other candidate).....	-
(Undecided).....	2
(Refused)	2
Total Democrat Hillary Clinton	50
Total Republican Donald Trump.....	42
Total (Other candidate)	5

(ref:PRS16VT1DT)

¹ Self-identifying Republicans and Republican-leaning independents who volunteered another candidate were allocated to the Trump/Republican candidate category.

Q.36 Thinking about the election for Congress in 2016, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for – (Democratic candidate) or (Republican candidate)?

	Total
Democratic candidate	44
Lean Democratic candidate	2
Republican candidate	41
Lean Republican candidate	3
(Other candidate).....	2
Lean (Other candidate).....	0
(Undecided).....	6
(Refused)	2
Total Democratic candidate	46
Total Republican candidate	44
Total (Other candidate)	3

(ref:CONG16)

Q.38 Now I am going to read you some things lawmakers from different parties have proposed to deal with the economy.

DEMOCRATS propose:

- to protect Medicare and Social Security from any cut in benefits;
- to protect working women by ensuring equal pay to men;
- to help working mothers by providing 3 months of paid family leave, more paid sick days, and access to affordable childcare;
- to make college affordable by reducing student debt and providing free tuition at community colleges;
- to make sure jobs pay enough by raising the minimum wage to 12 dollars and empowering workers to bargain for better wages
- and to create millions of good paying jobs by investing in a long-term infrastructure plan.

REPUBLICANS propose:

- to cut taxes and regulations on businesses to create jobs;
- to build the Keystone XL pipeline which will create thousands of jobs;
- to cut welfare spending by cutting payments on those who refuse to work;
- to close our borders to protect workers from unfair competition from illegal immigrants who depress wages;
- to eliminate the 500 billion dollar a year deficit and pay down the 17 trillion dollar federal debt;
- and to repeal and replace Obamacare which costs our economy 716 billion dollars a year, is increasing insurance rates and gives small businesses an incentive NOT to hire more employees.

From what you know, which plan for the economy do you favor, the Democratic plan or the Republican plan?

	Total
Democratic plan strongly	38
Democratic plan somewhat	13
Republican plan somewhat.....	14
Republican plan strongly	30
(Don't know/Refused)	5
 Total Democratic plan	 51
Total Republican plan	44
 Democratic - Republican plan	 7
(ref:DEMAGEND)	

Q.55 Now let me ask again. How interested are you in the November, 2016 elections for President, U.S. Congress and other state and local offices? Please rate your interest from one to ten, with one meaning that you have no interest in this election and ten meaning that you are extremely interested. Of course, you can choose any number between one and ten.

	Total
10.....	69
9.....	8
8.....	12
7.....	6
6.....	1
5.....	1
4.....	0
3.....	-
2.....	-
1.....	0
0.....	-
(Don't know/Refused)	3
Mean	9.3
10.....	69
8-10.....	89
6-10.....	95
0-5.....	2
(ref:INTRST2)	

Q.56 Thinking again about the election for Congress in 2016, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for – (Democratic candidate) or (Republican candidate)?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	47
Lean Democratic candidate	1
Republican candidate	42
Lean Republican candidate	2
(Other candidate).....	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	-
(Undecided).....	6
(Refused)	1
Total Democratic candidate.....	48
Total Republican candidate	44
Total (Other candidate)	1
(ref:CONG162)	

Q.58 (EVERY VOICE) Now I am going to read you some information about how election campaigns are funded these days. After I read this list, tell me which TWO are the most upsetting to you about money and politics.

	Total
The big campaign donors are overwhelmingly white, rich, older and male, and have made their money in finance, oil and coal in a nation that is increasingly younger, more diverse, and where women are a majority.....	39
The Super PACs supporting Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz, Jeb Bush and Chris Christie have all raised much more money than they have raised for their own campaigns.	33
Just 158 families contributed nearly half of all the money given to presidential campaigns so far.	33
Candidates spend more than half their time raising money from the wealthiest Americans.	31
Small donations from people like you and me make up a very small part of where candidates get money, which means candidates are talking to the wealthy more than ordinary Americans.....	30
(All).....	5
(None)	6
(Don't know/Refused)	6
(ref:EVPROB)	

Q.59 (EVERY VOICE) Now let me tell you about a proposal that directly changes the way campaigns are financed.

Some people propose addressing the role of money in politics with a new law that would provide qualified candidates with limited public matching funds for small contributions they raise from constituents. The law would also require disclosure for all political spending by outside groups, and strictly enforce election laws.

From what you know, would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Total
Favor strongly.....	39
Favor somewhat.....	34
Oppose somewhat.....	14
Oppose strongly	7
(Don't know/Refused)	7
Total Favor	72
Total Oppose	21
Favor - Oppose	52
(ref:EVPROP)	

Q.60 (EVERY VOICE) Regardless of how you feel about the specific proposal, which two of the following do you believe is the most appealing way to describe a system of using small donations and public funds to pay for political campaigns?

	Total
Honest elections	39
Fair election funding	30
Anti-corruption policy	30
Accountable elections.....	28
Small donor funding.....	24
Citizen-funded elections	20
Public financing	16
(Other)	0
(None)	2
(Don't know/Refused)	4
(ref:EVNAMING)	

[450 Respondents]

Q.61 (EVERY VOICE)(SPLIT C) Now I am going to read you some things Hillary Clinton is saying about money and politics. Please tell me whether the statement makes you feel much more positive about Hillary Clinton, somewhat more positive, a little more positive, or not at all positive.

	Much More Pos	Smwt More Pos	Little More Pos	Not at all Pos	No Diff	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt Pos	Total Pos
<p>We need a government of, by, and for all Americans, not just for the billionaires and special interests. I am running for president so that working families can have their voices heard in Washington and have a fair chance to get ahead again. We must end the secret, unaccountable money that is corrupting our political system. On my first day in office, I'll sign an executive order to require that federal contractors disclose the money they are spending to influence politics. I will appoint Supreme Court justices who value the right to vote over the right of billionaires to buy elections and push for a Constitutional Amendment to overturn Citizens United. And, we must fight for a new way of funding campaigns that amplifies the voices of everyday Americans by incentivizing small donations, not the big money that dominates our elections today. Together, with your help, we can make democracy work for all of us.....</p> <p>(ref:DEMSEV)</p>	28	22	14	34	1	1	50	64

[450 Respondents]

Q.62 (EVERY VOICE)(SPLIT C) Now I'm going to read you some things that REPUBLICAN critics are saying about Hillary Clinton's plans to reform money and politics. Please tell me whether it raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubts in your own mind about Hillary Clinton?

	Very			No		Total	
	Ser	Ser	Minor	Real	DK/	Total	Not
	Dbts	Dbts	Dbts	Dbts	Ref	Ser	Ser
62 (UNBELIEVABLE) Hillary Clinton is not believable on reform. She talks about reforming the way campaigns are funded to clean up Washington, but she has already raised millions from CEO's, big banks and special interests and her Super PAC has raised over 97 million dollars to get her elected. Clinton is just another part of the Washington Cartel pushing big government that works for special interests and not the middle class.	27	24	21	27	1	51	48

[213 Respondents]

63 (SPLIT A) Hillary Clinton says she is the solution to our democracy and will represent every day Americans but as First Lady, she and her husband rented out the Lincoln Bedroom to high dollar donors. And as Secretary of State, she approved weapons sales to foreign governments who donated to the Clinton Foundation. Hillary Clinton is part of the problem in Washington.....	27	18	26	27	2	46	53
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64 (MONEY FOR BETTER THINGS) Hillary Clinton's proposal will cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars each election; this money could go to help pay to secure Social Security, pay for badly needed road repair or help provide better health care to our veterans. Instead, it will be given to politicians to run campaign ads. We have better things to do with our money.....	23	27	20	29	1	50	49
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	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[237 Respondents]							
65 (SPLIT B) Hillary Clinton is part of the corrupt alliance between Washington and Wall Street. As U.S. Senator from New York, Hillary Clinton broke records for raising money from big Wall Street banks. Since leaving office, Clinton has made herself a multi-millionaire giving paid speeches to corporate CEOs and the big banks. With friends like that, we cannot trust her to clean up Washington.....	23	21	23	34	-	44	56
[450 Respondents]							
63/65 Hillary Problem Split A&B COMBINED (ref:EVDUBT)	25	20	24	30	1	45	54

[450 Respondents]

Q.66 (EVERY VOICE)(SPLIT D) Now I am going to read you some things a DEMOCRATIC candidate is saying about money and politics. Please tell me whether the statement makes you feel much more positive about the DEMOCRATIC candidate, somewhat more positive, a little more positive, or not at all positive.

	Much More Pos	Smwt More Pos	Little More Pos	Not at all Pos	No Diff	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt Pos	Total Pos
<p>We need a government of, by, and for all Americans, not just for the billionaires and special interests. I am running so that working families can have their voices heard in Washington and have a fair chance to get ahead again. We must end the secret, unaccountable money that is corrupting our political system. We can start by requiring that federal contractors disclose the money they are spending to influence politics. We need a Supreme Court that values the right to vote over the right of billionaires to buy elections and a push for a Constitutional Amendment to overturn Citizens United. And, we must fight for a new way of funding campaigns that amplifies the voices of everyday Americans by incentivizing small donations, not the big money that dominates our elections today. Together, with your help, we can make democracy work for all of us.</p> <p>(ref:DEMMSG2EV)</p>	36	27	16	18	2	1	63	79

[450 Respondents]

Q.67 (EVERY VOICE)(SPLIT D) Now I'm going to read you some things that REPUBLICAN critics are saying about the DEMOCRATIC candidate's plans to reform money and politics. These could decide whether you vote in November. Please tell me whether it raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubts in your own mind about the DEMOCRATIC candidate?

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
67 (MONEY FOR BETTER THINGS) The Democratic candidate's proposal will cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars each election; this money could go to help pay to secure Social Security, pay for badly needed road repair or help provide better health care to our veterans. Instead, it will be given to politicians to run campaign ads. We have better things to do with our money.	25	27	20	25	3	52	45
68 (WELFARE FOR POLITICIANS) Under the Democratic candidate's proposal, hardworking taxpayers will give candidates for president and other offices hundreds of millions of dollars so they can pay for attack ads on television, bumper stickers, and junk political mail. This proposal is just welfare for politicians.	21	27	23	25	3	48	48
69 (UNBELIEVABLE) The Democratic candidate is not believable on reform. They talk about reforming the way campaigns are funded to clean up Washington, but they accept millions of dollars in campaign contributions from Wall Street and corporations. The Democrats are just another part of the Washington Cartel pushing big government that works for special interests and not the middle class. (ref:EVDOUBT2)	17	30	24	26	2	47	50

Q.70 (EVERY VOICE) Now let me ask again. How interested are you in the November, 2016 elections for President, U.S. Congress and other state and local offices? Please rate your interest from one to ten, with one meaning that you have no interest in this election and ten meaning that you are extremely interested. Of course, you can choose any number between one and ten.

	Total
10	70
9	7
8	12
7	5
6	1
5	1
4	0
3	0
2	0
1	0
0	-
(Don't know/Refused)	2
Mean	9.4
10	70
8-10	89
6-10	95
0-5	2
(ref:INTRST3)	

[450 Respondents]

Q.71 (EVERY VOICE) Thinking again about the election for Congress in 2016, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for – (Democratic candidate) or (Republican candidate)?

	Total
Democratic candidate	48
Lean Democratic candidate	-
Republican candidate	42
Lean Republican candidate	1
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	-
(Undecided)	6
(Refused)	1
Total Democratic candidate	48
Total Republican candidate	43
Total (Other candidate)	1
(ref:CONG163)	

[450 Respondents]

Q.73 (EVERY VOICE) Now, thinking again about the election for President in 2016, if the election for President were held today, would you vote for – Democrat Hillary Clinton or Republican Donald Trump?

	Total
Democrat Hillary Clinton	50
Lean Democrat Hillary Clinton	1
Republican Donald Trump	35
Lean Republican Donald Trump	0
(Other candidate).....	10
Lean (Other candidate).....	0
(Undecided).....	2
(Refused)	1
Total Democrat Hillary Clinton	51
Total Republican Donald Trump.....	36
Total (Other candidate)	10

Allocated Vote²

	Total
Democrat Hillary Clinton	50
Lean Democrat Hillary Clinton	1
Republican Donald Trump	41
Lean Republican Donald Trump	0
(Other candidate).....	4
Lean (Other candidate).....	0
(Undecided).....	2
(Refused)	1
Total Democrat Hillary Clinton	51
Total Republican Donald Trump.....	42
Total (Other candidate)	4

(ref:PRS16VT2DT)

² Self-identifying Republicans and Republican-leaning independents who volunteered another candidate were allocated to the Trump/Republican candidate category.

Q.79 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	20
Non-college post H.S.....	1
Some college.....	26
College graduate	31
Post-graduate school.....	19
(Don't know/Refused)	0
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.80 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	56
Single	24
Separated/Divorced.....	9
Widowed	6
Living with a partner	5
(Don't know/Refused)	0
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.81 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	11
25 - 29	6
30 - 34	9
35 - 39	7
40 - 44	8
45 - 49	10
50 - 54	8
55 - 59	11
60 - 64	10
65 and over	19
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	

Q.82 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	25
Weak Democrat.....	13
Independent-lean Democrat	13
Independent	7
Independent-lean Republican.....	10
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican.....	20
(Don't know/Refused)	0
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.85 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal	25
Moderate	36
Conservative	36
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.86 Are you, or is any member of your household, a member of a union?

	Total
Yes: Public Sector	8
Yes: Private Sector.....	3
Household member: Public Sector	4
Household member: Private Sector	3
No member belongs	81
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:UNION3)	

Q.87 (RPP) Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

	Total
Strong supporter.....	9
Not so strong supporter	16
Not a supporter.....	70
(Don't know/refused).....	6
(ref:TEASUPP)	

[838 Respondents]

Q.88 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE12) In the 2012 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican Mitt Romney?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama	52
Republican Mitt Romney.....	41
(Gary Johnson).....	0
(Jill Stein).....	0
(Virgil Goode)	-
(Other).....	3
(Don't Know/Refused).....	4
(ref:VOTE2012)	

Q.89 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	71
African-American or Black	12
Hispanic or Latino.....	11
Native American	1
Asian	1
(Other).....	3
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.91 (RPP) Let me ask a question about religion. Which one of these best describes yourself?

	Total
Observant Catholic	12
Non-observant Catholic	8
Evangelical Christian	24
Non-evangelical Protestant.....	16
Jewish	2
Muslim.....	1
No religious affiliation	25
(Other).....	10
(Don't know/refused).....	1
Total Catholic.....	20
Total Non Catholic.....	40
Total Christian	60
(ref:RELIG4)	

Q.92 (RPP) 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
More than once a week	13
Once a week	22
Once or twice a month.....	11
Several times a year.....	14
Hardly ever	33
(Never)	6
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.93 Thinking about your telephone use, of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get:

	Total
All calls on a cell phone	52
Almost all calls on a cell phone.....	14
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	18
Almost all calls on a regular home phone	9
All calls on a regular home phone.....	6
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:PHONEUSE)	

Q.3 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male	47
Female	53
(ref:GENDER)	