

# Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

February 11-14, 2012  
**1000 Likely Voters**

Q.5 First of all, are you registered to vote?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	100
No .....	-
(Refused) .....	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

Q.6 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted .....	97
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young .....	3
Did not vote .....	-
(Can't remember/Don't know) .....	-
(Refused) .....	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.7 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted .....	86
Did not vote .....	11
(Can't remember/Don't know) .....	1
(Refused) .....	-
Not registered/ineligible/too young .....	2
(ref:VOTE10)	

Q.11 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Almost certain .....	92
Probably.....	8
50-50.....	-
Will not vote .....	-
(Don't know).....	-
(Refused) .....	-
(ref:CP10)	

Q.14 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Right direction .....	34
Wrong track.....	59
(Don't know/Refused).....	7
<b>Right - Wrong .....</b>	<b>-25</b>
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.15 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	28
Somewhat approve .....	22
Somewhat disapprove.....	7
Strongly disapprove .....	39
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
<b>Total approve .....</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Total disapprove .....</b>	<b>46</b>
(ref:BOAPP)	

Q.16 Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job in charge of the House of Representatives?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	8
Somewhat approve .....	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	22
Strongly disapprove .....	45
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
<b>Total approve .....</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Total disapprove .....</b>	<b>68</b>
(ref:REPAPP)	

Q.17 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
17 The Republican Party.....	40.9	31	50	11	34	98	<b>-19</b>
18 The Democratic Party .....	45.9	41	44	19	32	98	<b>-3</b>
19 The Republican Congress.....	39.0	28	52	8	35	97	<b>-24</b>
20 Democrats in Congress.....	43.4	35	46	15	33	97	<b>-11</b>
21 Barack Obama .....	50.0	48	42	33	35	99	<b>6</b>
[311 Respondents]							
22 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>1</sup> (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE).....	55.6	38	25	20	15	76	<b>13</b>
[525 Respondents]							
22 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>1</sup> (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE) .....	51.7	36	24	16	17	75	<b>12</b>
23 John Boehner the Republican leader of the House .....	41.9	28	43	11	30	86	<b>-14</b>
24 Mitt Romney.....	40.6	25	47	8	32	91	<b>-22</b>
25 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association ....	55.3	44	32	28	22	92	<b>12</b>
26 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups .....	47.7	39	42	26	33	94	<b>-3</b>
27 Gay marriage .....	45.0	38	45	29	40	95	<b>-6</b>
28 The state of the economy .....	36.3	22	60	4	39	99	<b>-38</b>
29 The state of your personal finances .....	56.8	50	23	22	14	95	<b>26</b>
30 The Tea Party movement.....	43.0	33	45	19	36	92	<b>-12</b>

<sup>1</sup> The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
31 The new health care reform law .....	39.2	31	47	17	39	90	<b>-16</b>
[500 Respondents]							
32 (SPLIT A) The future of the middle class.....	44.8	28	41	10	27	95	<b>-13</b>
[500 Respondents]							
33 (SPLIT B) Your own ability to achieve the American Dream.....	65.6	65	18	36	10	99	<b>47</b>
(ref:THERM04/THERM204/THERM205)							

Q.39 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat Barack Obama.....	46
Lean Democrat Barack Obama .....	3
Republican Mitt Romney .....	42
Lean Republican Mitt Romney .....	2
(Other candidate) .....	2
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided) .....	3
(Refused) .....	1
(Will not vote in 2012) .....	0
<b>Total Democrat Barack Obama .....</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Total Republican Mitt Romney .....</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>	<b>3</b>

(ref:PREZ12A)

Q.41 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Fair chance .....	2
A small chance.....	3
Just a very slight chance .....	6
No chance at all .....	39
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
<b>Obama Supporter .....</b>	<b>49</b>

(ref:PREZVCS1)

Q.42 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Fair chance .....	4
A small chance.....	7
Just a very slight chance .....	8
No chance at all .....	35
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
<b>Romney Supporter .....</b>	<b>45</b>

(ref:PREZVCS2)

Q.43 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections for Congress in 2012, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) <sup>2</sup> ?

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic candidate .....	42
Lean Democratic candidate.....	4
Republican candidate.....	42
Lean Republican candidate.....	4
(Other candidate) .....	1
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided) .....	6
(Refused) .....	1
(Will not vote in 2012) .....	0
<b>Total Democratic candidate.....</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>1</b>

(ref:CONG10)

Q.51 Now I am going to ask you something different. 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.

	<b>Dem Much Bttr</b>	<b>Dem Smwt Bttr</b>	<b>Rep Smwt Bttr</b>	<b>Rep Much Bttr</b>	<b>Both</b>	<b>Nei- ther</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Total Dem</b>	<b>Total Rep</b>	<b>Dem - Rep</b>
51 The economy .....	23	18	19	26	1	5	9	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>-4</b>
[500 Respondents]										
52 (SPLIT B) Taxes .....	25	15	21	26	1	5	6	<b>41</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-6</b>
[500 Respondents]										
53 (SPLIT A) Having the right approach to jobs.....	24	18	19	24	1	5	10	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-1</b>
54 Having the right approach to spending and deficits .....	17	18	21	28	1	6	9	<b>35</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-14</b>

(ref:BETJOB)

<sup>2</sup> In the landline sample, the incumbent names were inserted preceded by party identification. Generic “the Democratic candidate” or “the Republican candidate” were inserted for the opposition. For the cell phone sample and open seat districts, both candidates were given as generic.

[500 Respondents]

Q.57 (SPLIT A) 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	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
57 I'm beginning to think the economy is moving in the right direction and we shouldn't be doing things that disrupt the recovery. OR The economy is not moving in the right direction and we need a change. ....	26	14	9	48	0	1	2	40	56	-16

58 The problem of the economy is a weakened middle class and things working only for top 1 percent. OR The problem of the economy is too much spending, taxes, regulation and big government. .... (ref:ECPAIR)	32	9	8	48	1	1	1	40	56	-16
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[500 Respondents]

Q.59 (SPLIT B) Now, thinking about the nation's economy, do you believe the economy...

	Total
Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve .....	44
Is at the bottom but is not yet getting any better .....	23
Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse .....	28
(DK/Refused) .....	5
<b>Total Hit bottom.....</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Total Not better.....</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Starting to improve - Will get worse .....</b>	<b>16</b>
(ref:BTTMOUT)	

Q.60 Now, please imagine that Barack Obama or a Democratic leader in Congress made the following statements about the economy. After hearing each statement, are you much more likely to support this Democrat, somewhat more likely, just a little more likely, no more likely or less likely to support them?

	<b>Much More Likly</b>	<b>Smwt More Likly</b>	<b>Lttle More Likly</b>	<b>No More Likly</b>	<b>Less Likly</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Much/ Smwt</b>	<b>No Lttle</b>	<b>No More/ Less</b>
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[500 Respondents]

60 (SPLIT E) (MIDDLE CLASS)

This is a make-or-break moment for the middle class, and for all those who are fighting to get into the middle class. Because what's at stake is whether this will be a country where working people can earn enough to raise a family, build a modest savings, own a home and secure their retirement. We need to keep taxes low for the middle class, support innovation, help small businesses and really commit to education and training for people who work hard.....

33	20	12	16	15	4	<b>54</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>31</b>
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[500 Respondents]

61 (SPLIT F) (MIDDLE CLASS FAIRNESS)

This is a make-or-break moment for the middle class, and for all those who are fighting to get into it. We have to be a country where working people can earn enough to raise a family, build a modest savings, own a home and secure their retirement. And we succeed when everyone gets a fair shot, everyone does their fair share and everyone plays by the same rules. So asking billionaires like Warren Buffett to pay their fair share of taxes is not class warfare, it's just common sense. ....

34	18	8	16	21	3	<b>53</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>37</b>
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	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Lttle More Likly	No More Likly	Less Likly	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt	No Lttle	No Less
[500 Respondents] 62 (SPLIT G) (CRISIS - RECOVERY) In 2009, we were losing 750,000 jobs a month. Our biggest banks and auto companies were on the brink of pulling down the whole economy. But we righted the ship. We did not tip into a Great Depression. And over the last 22 months, businesses have created more than 3 million jobs, the most since 2005 and more manufacturing jobs than since the 1990s. We still have a long way to go but we have restored hope and possibility to the economy. ....	25	19	12	22	20	2	44	56	42

[500 Respondents] 63 (SPLIT H) (AMERICA IS BACK) America is back. Anyone who tells you that America is in decline or that our influence has waned doesn't know what they're talking about. The United States is back to leading the world in innovation, smart manufacturing and creating the new technologies of tomorrow. After 10 years of war and occupation, America's reputation in the world has been restored. We are a beacon again for democracies and aspiring democracies. .... (ref:ECOND)	15	18	9	23	32	4	32	41	55
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Q.64 Now, please imagine that a Mitt Romney or a Republican leader in Congress made the following statements about the economy. After hearing each statement, are you much more likely to support this Republican, somewhat more likely, just a little more likely, no more likely or less likely to support them?

	<b>Much More Likely</b>	<b>Smwt More Likely</b>	<b>Lttle More Likely</b>	<b>No More Likely</b>	<b>Less Likely</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Much/Smwt/ More/</b>	<b>Lttle</b>	<b>No Less</b>
64 (ROMNEY) For our parents, America was the land of opportunity. Small businesses and entrepreneurs were encouraged not impeded. We must rebuild the foundations of the American economy on the principles of free enterprise, hard work, and individualism. We will do this by reducing taxes, cutting spending, and eliminating regulations that prevent our businesses from making money and creating jobs.....	25	21	13	18	19	3	46	59	37
65 (REP CHOICE) President Obama's policies have failed and now he wants to raise taxes and increase spending. We can't keep moving down the wrong direction. Washington doesn't understand how to achieve growth and prosperity. We need to return to the policies that have served our nation well in the past: cut spending, reduce taxes and regulations to give our economy back to those who do know how to create prosperity-- businesses, entrepreneurs, and hard working families..... (ref:ECONR)	25	18	10	19	25	3	43	53	44

Q.74 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	<b>Total</b>
1 - 11th grade.....	2
High School graduate.....	19
Non-college post H.S. ....	3
Some college .....	27
College graduate.....	30
Post-graduate school .....	18
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.75 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.

	<b>Impct You</b>	<b>Impct Fam</b>	<b>Some one Know</b>	<b>Has Not Impct</b>	<b>(DK/ Ref)</b>	<b>Impct You/ Fam</b>	<b>Total Impct</b>
[500 Respondents]							
75 (SPLIT A) Loss of a job .....	11	22	31	33	3	<b>34</b>	<b>64</b>
[500 Respondents]							
76 (SPLIT B) Reduced wages, hours or benefits at work.....	15	20	26	33	6	<b>35</b>	<b>62</b>
[500 Respondents]							
77 (SPLIT A) Lost health insurance coverage ....	10	16	21	49	4	<b>26</b>	<b>47</b>
[500 Respondents]							
78 (SPLIT B) Fallen behind on mortgage payments or home was foreclosed on.....	3	11	29	53	4	<b>14</b>	<b>43</b>
[500 Respondents]							
79 (SPLIT A) Got a new job .....	9	23	28	35	4	<b>33</b>	<b>61</b>
[500 Respondents]							
80 (SPLIT B) Rejoined the job market and began to look for work again .....	10	19	30	38	3	<b>29</b>	<b>59</b>
(ref:ECONIMPC)							

Q.81 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes: Respondent belongs .....	13
Household member .....	9
No member belongs.....	75
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
<b>Union Household .....</b>	<b>22</b>
(ref:UNION)	

Q.82 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>Total</b>
Married.....	58
Single.....	19
Separated/Divorced .....	8
Widowed .....	7
Living with partner .....	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
<b>Sep/Div/Wid .....</b>	<b>15</b>
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.83 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong Democrat .....	26
Weak Democrat .....	13
Independent-lean Democrat.....	8
Independent.....	6
Independent-lean Republican .....	12
Weak Republican .....	11
Strong Republican.....	20
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.86 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Liberal .....	22
Moderate.....	30
Conservative .....	41
(Don't know/Refused).....	7
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.87 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not? (FOLLOW UP IF SUPPORTER) And would that be a strong or not so strong supporter?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong supporter .....	18
Not so strong supporter.....	12
Not a supporter .....	61
(Don't know/Refused).....	9
<b>Total Supporter .....</b>	<b>30</b>
(ref:TEASUPP)	

[164 Respondents]

Q.88 (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?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	21
No .....	79
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	-
(ref:LANDLINE)	

[836 Respondents]

Q.89 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	84
No .....	13
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	3
(ref:CELLLINE)	

[733 Respondents]

Q.90 (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...

	<b>Total</b>
All or almost all calls on a cell phone.....	27
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone.....	40
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone .....	33
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	0
(ref:DUALUSE)	

Phone Use Table

	<b>Total</b>
Cell Only .....	13
Cell Mostly .....	20
Dual User.....	29
Landline Mostly .....	24
Landline Only .....	11
Landline Unknown.....	3
<b>Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample).....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample).....</b>	<b>17</b>

Q.91 What is your religion?

	<b>Total</b>
Protestant .....	53
Catholic.....	21
Jewish.....	2
Muslim .....	-
(Don't know/Refused).....	24
(ref:RELIG1)	

[526 Respondents]

Q.92 (ASK IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Fundamentalist .....	12
Evangelical.....	24
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	11
Moderate to liberal .....	36
(Something else) .....	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	12
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.93 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?

	<b>Total</b>
More than once a week .....	14
Once a week .....	29
Once or twice a month .....	13
Several times a year .....	13
Hardly ever.....	20
(Never).....	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
<b>Once a week/More.....</b>	<b>42</b>
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.95 Generally speaking, would you say that you are wealthy, middle class, working class, poor, or something else? (IF MIDDLE CLASS) And would you say that you are upper middle class, middle class, or lower middle class?

	<b>Total</b>
Wealthy.....	2
Upper middle class.....	10
Middle class .....	37
Lower middle class.....	8
Working class.....	24
Poor .....	9
(Other) .....	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
<b>Total Middle class .....</b>	<b>56</b>
(ref:CLASS)	

[865 Respondents]

Q.96 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE10) Now let me ask you about the election for Congress last November. Did you vote for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)<sup>3</sup>?

	<b>Total</b>
(2010 HOUSE DEMOCRAT).....	39
(2010 HOUSE REPUBLICAN) .....	43
(Other candidate) .....	2
(Did Not Vote for Congress) .....	4
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	12
(ref:VTCG2010)	

[966 Respondents]

Q.97 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat Barack Obama.....	48
Republican John McCain .....	41
(Ralph Nader) .....	0
(Bob Barr) .....	-
(Other) .....	2
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	8
(ref:VOTE2008)	

<sup>3</sup> 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.98 Last year, that is in 2011, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?  
Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	<b>Total</b>
Less than \$10K .....	2
\$10K to under \$20K .....	6
\$20K to under \$30K .....	9
\$30K to under \$50K .....	16
\$50K to under \$75K .....	17
\$75K to under \$100K .....	13
\$100K or more .....	17
(Refused) .....	13
(Don't know) .....	6
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.99 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	<b>Total</b>
White.....	75
African-American or Black.....	11
Hispanic or Latino .....	9
Native American.....	1
Asian.....	1
(Other) .....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.4 Respondent's gender

	<b>Total</b>
Male .....	47
Female.....	53
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.8 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
18 - 24.....	7
25 - 29.....	9
30 - 34.....	8
35 - 39.....	9
40 - 44.....	9
45 - 49.....	10
50 - 54.....	8
55 - 59.....	10
60 - 64.....	11
65 and over .....	18
(No answer) .....	2
(ref:AGE)	