

# Democracy Corps/Third Way Frequency Questionnaire

September 11-14, 2010

**1,000 2008 Voters**

**835 Likely Voters (868 unweighted)<sup>1</sup>**

**165 Drop-Off Voters (132 unweighted)<sup>2</sup>**

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

|                 | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Yes.....        | 100          | 100                  | 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?

|   | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|---|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Voted .....                                       | 96           | 97                   | 92                     |
| Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young ..... | 4            | 3                    | 8                      |
| 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?

|   | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|---|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Voted .....                                       | 79           | 92                   | 22                     |
| Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young ..... | 9            | 8                    | 10                     |
| Did not vote.....                                 | 8            | -                    | 50                     |
| (Can't remember/Don't know) .....                 | 3            | -                    | 18                     |
| (Refused) .....                                   | -            | -                    | -                      |
| (ref:VOTE062)                                     |              |                      |                        |

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

<sup>2</sup> Drop-off voters are defined as those 2008 voters who are not likely voters.

Q.9 I know it is a long way off, but 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?

|                      | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Almost certain ..... | 79           | 89                   | 30                     |
| Probably.....        | 12           | 11                   | 16                     |
| 50-50.....           | 5            | -                    | 32                     |
| Will not vote .....  | 3            | -                    | 18                     |
| (Don't know).....    | 1            | 1                    | 3                      |
| (Refused).....       | 0            | -                    | 0                      |
| (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?

|                            | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Right direction.....       | 31           | 30                   | 33                     |
| Wrong track .....          | 60           | 62                   | 53                     |
| (Don't know/Refused) ..... | 9            | 8                    | 14                     |
| <b>Right - Wrong</b> ..... | <b>-29</b>   | <b>-32</b>           | <b>-20</b>             |
| (ref:DIRECT)               |              |                      |                        |

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

|                               | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Strongly approve.....         | 28           | 26                   | 34                     |
| Somewhat approve .....        | 21           | 19                   | 26                     |
| Somewhat disapprove .....     | 10           | 9                    | 15                     |
| Strongly disapprove .....     | 37           | 43                   | 16                     |
| (Don't know/Refused) .....    | 4            | 3                    | 9                      |
| <b>Total Approve</b> .....    | <b>49</b>    | <b>45</b>            | <b>60</b>              |
| <b>Total Disapprove</b> ..... | <b>47</b>    | <b>52</b>            | <b>31</b>              |
| (ref:BOAPP)                   |              |                      |                        |

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 .....   | 45.5 | 34     | 40     | 12    | 28    | 97   | -6          |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 46.0 | 35     | 39     | 13    | 27    | 97   | -4          |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 44.1 | 30     | 38     | 9     | 24    | 93   | -8          |
| 13 The Democratic Party .....   | 45.5 | 37     | 46     | 20    | 35    | 97   | -8          |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 43.2 | 35     | 49     | 18    | 38    | 98   | -14         |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 56.1 | 46     | 29     | 28    | 17    | 93   | 17          |
| 14 The Democratic Congress .....  | 43.0 | 36     | 49     | 18    | 37    | 97   | -13         |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 40.6 | 34     | 53     | 16    | 41    | 97   | -19         |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 53.4 | 43     | 32     | 25    | 18    | 93   | 11          |
| 15 (ALWAYS READ FIRST) Barack Obama ....                                  | 51.5 | 49     | 41     | 35    | 33    | 99   | 8           |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 47.9 | 44     | 46     | 33    | 38    | 99   | -2          |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 63.4 | 66     | 21     | 43    | 15    | 98   | 45          |
| [462 Respondents]   |      |        |        |       |       |      |             |
| 16 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>3</sup> (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE) ..... | 50.0 | 35     | 32     | 21    | 24    | 80   | 4           |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 51.2 | 39     | 32     | 23    | 24    | 84   | 7           |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 47.9 | 25     | 27     | 19    | 21    | 64   | -2          |
| [370 Respondents]   |      |        |        |       |       |      |             |
| 16 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>3</sup> (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE) ..... | 55.8 | 39     | 24     | 19    | 15    | 79   | 15          |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 56.0 | 42     | 25     | 21    | 16    | 83   | 16          |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 50.2 | 9      | 14     | 5     | 9     | 42   | -6          |
| 17 Republicans in Congress .....  | 43.5 | 32     | 43     | 10    | 29    | 95   | -11         |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 43.8 | 32     | 43     | 10    | 28    | 96   | -11         |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 44.1 | 30     | 38     | 11    | 27    | 89   | -7          |
| 18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association ....                         | 55.9 | 48     | 30     | 29    | 23    | 92   | 18          |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 56.0 | 49     | 30     | 30    | 23    | 94   | 19          |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 54.2 | 43     | 29     | 25    | 24    | 86   | 14          |
| 19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups .....                                   | 49.9 | 39     | 36     | 26    | 29    | 95   | 2           |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 50.7 | 39     | 35     | 26    | 28    | 94   | 3           |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 47.6 | 35     | 36     | 23    | 28    | 96   | -2          |

<sup>3</sup> The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

|  | Mean | % Warm | % Cool | % >75 | % <26 | % ID | Warm - Cool |
|--|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------|-------------|
| 20 Gay marriage .....                                  | 41.8 | 32     | 47     | 24    | 41    | 94   | -15         |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....                             | 40.9 | 31     | 47     | 23    | 42    | 94   | -16         |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....                           | 43.6 | 30     | 44     | 24    | 36    | 94   | -14         |
| [500 Respondents]                                      |      |        |        |       |       |      |             |
| 21 (SPLIT A) The state of the economy .....            | 33.2 | 19     | 68     | 6     | 43    | 97   | -49         |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....                             | 32.4 | 19     | 68     | 5     | 46    | 98   | -49         |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....                           | 37.3 | 20     | 62     | 7     | 35    | 94   | -41         |
| [500 Respondents]                                      |      |        |        |       |       |      |             |
| 22 (SPLIT B) The state of your personal finances ..... | 54.5 | 47     | 30     | 23    | 17    | 94   | 17          |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....                             | 56.7 | 48     | 27     | 25    | 15    | 93   | 21          |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....                           | 48.2 | 46     | 35     | 17    | 26    | 97   | 11          |

(ref:THERM04/THERM204/THERM205)

Q.23 I know it is a long way off, but 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)<sup>4</sup>?

|  | Total     | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|--|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Democratic candidate .....             | 41        | 39            | 51              |
| Lean Democratic candidate .....        | 3         | 2             | 8               |
| Republican candidate .....             | 42        | 47            | 22              |
| Lean Republican candidate .....        | 4         | 3             | 7               |
| (Other candidate).....                 | 2         | 2             | 1               |
| Lean (Other candidate).....            | 0         | 0             | 1               |
| (Undecided) .....                      | 6         | 6             | 8               |
| (Refused).....                         | 1         | 1             | 2               |
| <b>Total Democratic candidate.....</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>40</b>     | <b>59</b>       |
| <b>Total Republican candidate.....</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>50</b>     | <b>29</b>       |
| <b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>2</b>      | <b>2</b>        |

(ref:CONG10)

Q.25 Even though you are not supporting (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) now, what are the chances that you might support (DEMOCRATIC 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     | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|--|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Fair chance .....                          | 9         | 9             | 7               |
| A small chance .....                       | 7         | 6             | 8               |
| Just a very slight chance .....            | 11        | 11            | 11              |
| No chance at all.....                      | 26        | 30            | 13              |
| (Don't know/Refused) .....                 | 3         | 4             | 2               |
| <b>Democratic candidate supporter.....</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>40</b>     | <b>59</b>       |

(ref:CONG10C)

Q.26 Even though you are not supporting (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) now, what are the chances that you might support (REPUBLICAN 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     | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|--|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Fair chance .....                          | 7         | 7             | 9               |
| A small chance .....                       | 10        | 8             | 16              |
| Just a very slight chance .....            | 11        | 10            | 17              |
| No chance at all.....                      | 24        | 22            | 27              |
| (Don't know/Refused) .....                 | 3         | 3             | 2               |
| <b>Republican candidate supporter.....</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>50</b>     | <b>29</b>       |

<sup>4</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.

(ref:CONG10D)

Q.27 And would you say the United States is more respected or less respected in the world than it was two years ago?

|  | Total      | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|--|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Much more respected .....                    | 16         | 17            | 15              |
| Somewhat more respected .....                | 21         | 19            | 25              |
| Somewhat less respected .....                | 27         | 26            | 32              |
| Much less respected .....                    | 29         | 32            | 18              |
| (Neither) .....                              | 3          | 3             | 5               |
| (Don't know/Refused) .....                   | 4          | 4             | 5               |
| <b>Total More respected .....</b>            | <b>37</b>  | <b>36</b>     | <b>40</b>       |
| <b>Total Less respected .....</b>            | <b>56</b>  | <b>58</b>     | <b>50</b>       |
| <b>More respected - Less respected .....</b> | <b>-19</b> | <b>-22</b>    | <b>-10</b>      |

(ref:USRSPCT)

Q.28 Now I'm going to read you a list of issues. For each one, I would like you to tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling that issue.

|  | Strng App | Smwt App  | Smwt Disap | Strng Disap | DK/Ref    | Total App | Total Disap | App - Disap |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 28 The economy .....                               | 22        | 25        | 14         | 38          | 2         | 47        | 52          | -5          |
| <b>Likely Voters .....</b>                         | <b>20</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>13</b>  | <b>42</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>43</b> | <b>56</b>   | <b>-13</b>  |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters .....</b>                       | <b>27</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>20</b>  | <b>18</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>60</b> | <b>38</b>   | <b>22</b>   |
| 29 National security .....                         | 25        | 31        | 17         | 22          | 5         | 56        | 39          | 17          |
| <b>Likely Voters .....</b>                         | <b>23</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>17</b>  | <b>25</b>   | <b>5</b>  | <b>53</b> | <b>42</b>   | <b>11</b>   |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters .....</b>                       | <b>29</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>19</b>  | <b>12</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>66</b> | <b>31</b>   | <b>35</b>   |
| 30 Improving America's standing in the world ..... | 28        | 24        | 16         | 28          | 4         | 52        | 44          | 8           |
| <b>Likely Voters .....</b>                         | <b>27</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>17</b>  | <b>32</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>48</b> | <b>48</b>   | <b>0</b>    |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters .....</b>                       | <b>30</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>20</b>  | <b>11</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>67</b> | <b>31</b>   | <b>36</b>   |
| 31 Fighting terrorism .....                        | 28        | 27        | 16         | 25          | 4         | 55        | 41          | 14          |
| <b>Likely Voters .....</b>                         | <b>26</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>17</b>  | <b>28</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>52</b> | <b>44</b>   | <b>7</b>    |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters .....</b>                       | <b>34</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>15</b>  | <b>13</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>68</b> | <b>28</b>   | <b>39</b>   |
| [500 Respondents]                                  |           |           |            |             |           |           |             |             |
| 32 (SPLIT A) Afghanistan .....                     | 18        | 32        | 22         | 21          | 7         | 50        | 43          | 7           |
| <b>Likely Voters .....</b>                         | <b>19</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>23</b>  | <b>21</b>   | <b>6</b>  | <b>50</b> | <b>44</b>   | <b>6</b>    |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters .....</b>                       | <b>18</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>15</b>  | <b>19</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>33</b>   | <b>23</b>   |
| [500 Respondents]                                  |           |           |            |             |           |           |             |             |
| 33 (SPLIT B) Iraq .....                            | 24        | 26        | 20         | 25          | 4         | 50        | 46          | 4           |
| <b>Likely Voters .....</b>                         | <b>23</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>19</b>  | <b>27</b>   | <b>5</b>  | <b>48</b> | <b>47</b>   | <b>2</b>    |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters .....</b>                       | <b>28</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>27</b>  | <b>23</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>50</b> | <b>50</b>   | <b>0</b>    |

|   | Strng<br>App | Smwt<br>App | Smwt<br>Disap | Strng<br>Disap | DK/<br>Ref | Total<br>App | Total<br>Disap | App<br>-<br>Disap |
|---|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|
| [500 Respondents]   |              |             |               |                |            |              |                |                   |
| 34 (SPLIT A) Leading America's<br>military .....          | 28           | 25          | 14            | 27             | 5          | 54           | 41             | 12                |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....                                | 25           | 26          | 17            | 29             | 4          | 51           | 45             | 6                 |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....                              | 38           | 32          | 6             | 17             | 6          | 70           | 23             | 47                |
| 35 Foreign policy .....                                   | 22           | 25          | 19            | 27             | 7          | 47           | 46             | 1                 |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....                                | 22           | 24          | 19            | 29             | 5          | 46           | 49             | -3                |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....                              | 22           | 29          | 20            | 16             | 12         | 51           | 37             | 14                |
| [500 Respondents]   |              |             |               |                |            |              |                |                   |
| 36 (SPLIT A) Iran .....                                   | 15           | 23          | 21            | 31             | 10         | 38           | 52             | -14               |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....                                | 14           | 24          | 22            | 32             | 8          | 38           | 54             | -16               |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....                              | 22           | 19          | 17            | 21             | 21         | 41           | 39             | 2                 |
| [500 Respondents]   |              |             |               |                |            |              |                |                   |
| 37 (SPLIT B) The Israeli-Palestinian<br>conflict.....     | 14           | 29          | 20            | 24             | 14         | 43           | 44             | -1                |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....                                | 14           | 27          | 20            | 25             | 14         | 41           | 44             | -3                |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....                              | 10           | 32          | 27            | 19             | 12         | 42           | 46             | -4                |
| [500 Respondents]   |              |             |               |                |            |              |                |                   |
| 38 (SPLIT B) The oil spill in the Gulf of<br>Mexico ..... | 19           | 27          | 19            | 29             | 6          | 46           | 48             | -2                |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....                                | 16           | 29          | 17            | 32             | 6          | 45           | 49             | -4                |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....                              | 24           | 18          | 20            | 29             | 8          | 42           | 50             | -7                |

Q.39 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.

|  | Dem<br>Much<br>Bttr | Dem<br>Smwt<br>Bttr | Rep<br>Smwt<br>Bttr | Rep<br>Much<br>Bttr | Both | Nei-<br>ther | DK/<br>Ref | Total<br>Dem | Total<br>Rep | Dem<br>-<br>Rep |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 39 The economy .....                       | 23                  | 16                  | 21                  | 21                  | 1    | 6            | 11         | 39           | 43           | -4              |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....                 | 22                  | 14                  | 23                  | 24                  | 1    | 4            | 11         | 36           | 48           | -12             |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....               | 25                  | 25                  | 13                  | 9                   | 1    | 12           | 15         | 50           | 22           | 28              |
| 40 National security .....                 | 17                  | 18                  | 22                  | 24                  | 4    | 5            | 11         | 35           | 46           | -11             |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....                 | 17                  | 16                  | 24                  | 26                  | 3    | 4            | 11         | 32           | 50           | -18             |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....               | 18                  | 25                  | 18                  | 12                  | 5    | 7            | 15         | 43           | 30           | 13              |
| [500 Respondents]                          |                     |                     |                     |                     |      |              |            |              |              |                 |
| 41 (SPLIT B) The situation<br>in Iraq..... | 23                  | 19                  | 20                  | 15                  | 3    | 7            | 14         | 42           | 34           | 8               |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....                 | 20                  | 18                  | 22                  | 16                  | 3    | 7            | 14         | 39           | 38           | 1               |

**Drop-Off Voters** ..... 26 22 9 11 3 11 18 **48** **20** **28**

|  |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |              |              |            |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
|  | <b>Dem</b>  | <b>Dem</b>  | <b>Rep</b>  | <b>Rep</b>  |             | <b>Nei-</b> | <b>DK/</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Dem</b> |
|  | <b>Much</b> | <b>Smwt</b> | <b>Smwt</b> | <b>Much</b> | <b>Both</b> | <b>ther</b> | <b>Ref</b> | <b>Dem</b>   | <b>Rep</b>   | <b>-</b>   |
|  | <b>Btrr</b> | <b>Btrr</b> | <b>Btrr</b> | <b>Btrr</b> |             |             |            |              |              | <b>Rep</b> |

[500 Respondents]

42 (SPLIT A) The situation  
in Afghanistan ..... 14 20 23 14 3 6 19 **34** **37** **-3**  
**Likely Voters** ..... 16 17 27 15 3 6 17 **32** **42** **-10**  
**Drop-Off Voters** ..... 14 32 10 8 3 9 24 **46** **18** **28**

[500 Respondents]

43 (SPLIT B) Combating  
terrorism..... 16 22 20 23 4 5 11 **38** **43** **-5**  
**Likely Voters** ..... 15 21 20 25 4 4 11 **36** **45** **-9**  
**Drop-Off Voters** ..... 19 17 20 16 3 10 15 **36** **37** **-1**

[500 Respondents]

44 (SPLIT A) Keeping  
America safe ..... 20 16 17 25 4 6 12 **36** **42** **-6**  
**Likely Voters** ..... 20 14 20 29 3 4 9 **34** **49** **-15**  
**Drop-Off Voters** ..... 18 27 12 5 8 13 18 **45** **17** **28**

[500 Respondents]

45 (SPLIT B) The Israeli-  
Palestinian conflict ..... 15 22 19 14 2 6 22 **37** **33** **3**  
**Likely Voters** ..... 14 21 19 15 2 6 23 **35** **35** **0**  
**Drop-Off Voters** ..... 15 17 21 11 1 8 27 **32** **32** **0**

[500 Respondents]

46 (SPLIT A) Improving  
America's standing in the  
world ..... 27 15 21 16 2 5 12 **43** **38** **5**  
**Likely Voters** ..... 26 13 24 18 1 5 12 **39** **42** **-3**  
**Drop-Off Voters** ..... 29 28 13 4 5 6 16 **57** **17** **39**  
(ref:BETJOB)



Q.47 Thinking about President Barack Obama and President George W. Bush, who has done a better job handling the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan?

|                            | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Obama, strongly .....      | 34           | 31                   | 44                     |
| Obama, somewhat.....       | 13           | 13                   | 13                     |
| Bush, somewhat .....       | 14           | 17                   | 7                      |
| Bush, strongly .....       | 25           | 28                   | 15                     |
| (Neither).....             | 8            | 6                    | 13                     |
| (Don't know/Refused) ..... | 6            | 5                    | 10                     |
| <b>Total Obama .....</b>   | <b>47</b>    | <b>44</b>            | <b>56</b>              |
| <b>Total Bush .....</b>    | <b>39</b>    | <b>45</b>            | <b>22</b>              |
| <b>Obama - Bush .....</b>  | <b>7</b>     | <b>-1</b>            | <b>35</b>              |
| (ref:BOVSGWB)              |              |                      |                        |

Q.48 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<br>Stmt<br>Strng | 1st<br>Not<br>Strng | 2nd<br>Not<br>Strng | 2nd<br>Stmt<br>Strng | Both | Nei-<br>ther | DK/<br>Ref | Total<br>1st<br>Stmt | Total<br>2nd<br>Stmt | 1st<br>-<br>2nd |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------|--------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
|--|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------|--------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|

[500 Respondents]

48 (SPLIT A) America is losing its global leadership as China and other developing countries grow their economies and hold more of our debt.

OR

America remains the world's strongest and most influential country due to our combination of economic strength, military power, and political freedom.....

|                              |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |           |           |           |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| freedom.....                 | 39 | 17 | 13 | 24 | 2 | 1 | 3 | <b>56</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>19</b> |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....   | 39 | 17 | 13 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 3 | <b>56</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>19</b> |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> ..... | 40 | 18 | 15 | 22 | 2 | - | 3 | <b>58</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>21</b> |

[500 Respondents]

49 (SPLIT B) Republicans today mostly want to go back to the kind of national security policies we had during the Bush-Cheney administration.

OR

Republicans today mostly want to go in a new direction on national security policy. ....

|                              |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |           |           |            |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|-----------|-----------|------------|
| security policy. ....        | 29 | 18 | 13 | 22 | 0 | 4 | 14 | <b>47</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....   | 30 | 18 | 14 | 19 | 0 | 4 | 14 | <b>49</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> ..... | 18 | 14 | 14 | 30 | - | 5 | 18 | <b>32</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>-12</b> |

(ref:PAIRS10/VALUES06)

Q.50 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 |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------|---------|--------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| [500 Respondents]  |                |               |               |                |      |         |        |                |                |           |
| 50 (SPLIT A) The strategy that the U.S. and its allies are pursuing in Afghanistan is achieving results. |                |               |               |                |      |         |        |                |                |           |
| OR   |                |               |               |                |      |         |        |                |                |           |
| The strategy that the U.S. and its allies are pursuing in Afghanistan is seriously off course.           | 22             | 28            | 15            | 19             | 1    | 4       | 13     | 50             | 33             | 16        |
| <b>Likely Voters</b>   | 22             | 28            | 14            | 18             | 1    | 3       | 13     | 50             | 32             | 18        |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b>   | 21             | 22            | 16            | 22             | -    | 3       | 16     | 43             | 38             | 5         |

|  |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |     |
|--|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| [500 Respondents]  |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |     |
| 51 (SPLIT B) Our military mission in Afghanistan seems pretty clear to me. |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |     |
| OR   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |     |
| I do not believe we have a clear military mission in Afghanistan.          | 25 | 10 | 19 | 38 | - | 1 | 7 | 35 | 57 | -22 |
| <b>Likely Voters</b>   | 25 | 12 | 19 | 36 | - | 1 | 7 | 37 | 55 | -18 |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b>   | 18 | 7  | 18 | 47 | - | 1 | 9 | 25 | 66 | -41 |
| (ref:VALUES6B)   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |     |

[166 Respondents]  
 Q.52 (ONLY IF "OFF COURSE" IN VALUES6B) You said you think that the strategy that the U.S. and its allies are pursuing in Afghanistan is seriously off course. Please tell me which TWO of the following reasons best explain why you think the strategy in Afghanistan is seriously off course.

|                              | Total | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|
| The war is unwinnable        | 27    | 27            | 27              |
| Unclear mission              | 26    | 25            | 32              |
| High casualties              | 7     | 6             | 11              |
| Afghan government is corrupt | 28    | 32            | 22              |
| Not committed to winning     | 14    | 14            | 8               |
| High financial cost          | 14    | 13            | 13              |
| Too few troops               | 4     | 5             | 4               |
| (Other)                      | 3     | 3             | 4               |
| (Don't know/Refused)         | 1     | 0             | -               |
| (ref:AFGWRTRK)               |       |               |                 |

Q.53 As you may know, President Obama and his military advisers agreed on a schedule for starting to withdraw American troops from Afghanistan, starting in July 2011. Based on what you know, do you approve or disapprove of setting this timetable for starting to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan?

|                                  | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Strongly approve.....            | 41           | 37                   | 57                     |
| Somewhat approve.....            | 17           | 17                   | 17                     |
| Somewhat disapprove.....         | 10           | 11                   | 8                      |
| Strongly disapprove.....         | 27           | 30                   | 15                     |
| (Don't know/Refused).....        | 6            | 6                    | 3                      |
| <b>Total Approve.....</b>        | <b>57</b>    | <b>53</b>            | <b>74</b>              |
| <b>Total Disapprove.....</b>     | <b>37</b>    | <b>41</b>            | <b>23</b>              |
| <b>Approve - Disapprove.....</b> | <b>21</b>    | <b>12</b>            | <b>51</b>              |
| (ref:TIMELINE)                   |              |                      |                        |

Q.54 President Obama announced last month that the U.S. has ended its combat role in Iraq, and reduced the number of U.S. military personnel down to about fifty-thousand. How much did you hear about this - a great deal, some, just a little, or nothing at all<sup>5</sup>?

|   | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|---|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| A great deal.....                                   | 50           | 52                   | 41                     |
| Some.....   | 29           | 28                   | 31                     |
| Just a little.....                                  | 15           | 15                   | 18                     |
| Nothing at all.....                                 | 5            | 4                    | 9                      |
| (Don't know/Refused).....                           | 1            | 1                    | -                      |
| <b>Total Great deal/Some.....</b>                   | <b>79</b>    | <b>80</b>            | <b>73</b>              |
| <b>Total Just a little/Nothing.....</b>             | <b>20</b>    | <b>19</b>            | <b>27</b>              |
| <b>Great deal/Some - Just a little/Nothing.....</b> | <b>59</b>    | <b>61</b>            | <b>45</b>              |
| (ref:IRAQHRD)                                       |              |                      |                        |

<sup>5</sup> For IRAQHRD, IRAQTRUE and IRAQTRPS, half of the sample heard these questions before VALUES6B, AFGWRTRK and TIMELINE and half of the sample heard these questions after. The data shown is combined.

Q.55 Based on what you know, do you think President Obama's claim that the U.S. has ended its combat mission in Iraq is mostly true or mostly not true?

|                              | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| True, strongly .....         | 26           | 26                   | 24                     |
| True, somewhat .....         | 30           | 29                   | 34                     |
| Not true, somewhat.....      | 17           | 18                   | 12                     |
| Not true, strongly .....     | 21           | 20                   | 27                     |
| (Don't know/Refused) .....   | 6            | 7                    | 3                      |
| <b>Total True .....</b>      | <b>57</b>    | <b>56</b>            | <b>58</b>              |
| <b>Total Not true .....</b>  | <b>38</b>    | <b>38</b>            | <b>39</b>              |
| <b>True - Not true .....</b> | <b>19</b>    | <b>18</b>            | <b>19</b>              |
| (ref:IRAQTRUE)               |              |                      |                        |

Q.56 Based on what you know, does the U.S. ending its combat presence in Iraq make you feel more favorable or less favorable toward President Barack Obama on national security?

|                                   | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Much more favorable .....         | 27           | 26                   | 31                     |
| Somewhat more favorable .....     | 28           | 25                   | 36                     |
| Somewhat less favorable.....      | 16           | 16                   | 16                     |
| Much less favorable .....         | 18           | 20                   | 10                     |
| (Don't know/Refused) .....        | 11           | 13                   | 7                      |
| <b>Total More favorable.....</b>  | <b>55</b>    | <b>51</b>            | <b>67</b>              |
| <b>Total Less favorable .....</b> | <b>34</b>    | <b>37</b>            | <b>26</b>              |
| <b>More - Less.....</b>           | <b>20</b>    | <b>14</b>            | <b>41</b>              |
| (ref:IRAQTRPS)                    |              |                      |                        |

Q.57 Now I am going to read you a set of statements about national security. Let's start with statements from the Democrats. For each statement, let me know whether it makes you feel more confident or less confident about the Democrats on national security.

|  | Much<br>More<br>Conf | Smwt<br>More<br>Conf | Smwt<br>Less<br>Conf | Much<br>Less<br>Conf | No<br>Diff | Both/<br>Nei-<br>ther | DK/<br>Ref | Total<br>More<br>Conf | Total<br>Less<br>Conf | More<br>-<br>Less |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| [500 Respondents]  |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |
| 57 (SPLIT B) Democrats   |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |
| say: Since the day Obama took office, we've stepped up the fight against terrorists. Using our Special Forces and unmanned Predator planes in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Yemen, we captured or killed dozens of al Qaeda leaders and hundreds of al Qaeda extremist allies over the past nineteen months, and earlier this year, U.S. forces helped capture the Taliban's top military commander. .... |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |
|  | 28                   | 37                   | 15                   | 8                    | 4          | 1                     | 7          | 65                    | 24                    | 41                |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....   | 26                   | 36                   | 16                   | 9                    | 5          | 1                     | 7          | 62                    | 25                    | 36                |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....   | 35                   | 37                   | 14                   | 8                    | 3          | 1                     | 3          | 71                    | 22                    | 50                |

|  |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |    |
|--|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| [500 Respondents]  |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| 58 (SPLIT A) Democrats   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| say: We have strengthened America's military by increasing pay for troops in the field, providing our troops more time between deployments, and putting new and better weapons, like more unmanned aerial drones, into the battlefield to support our troops and military objectives. .... |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |    |
|  | 29 | 36 | 13 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 66 | 25 | 41 |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....   | 28 | 37 | 13 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 66 | 25 | 40 |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....   | 37 | 27 | 16 | 9  | 1 | 3 | 7 | 64 | 24 | 40 |

|   | Much<br>More<br>Conf | Smwt<br>More<br>Conf | Smwt<br>Less<br>Conf | Much<br>Less<br>Conf | No<br>Diff | Both/<br>Nei-<br>ther | DK/<br>Ref | Total<br>More<br>Conf | Total<br>Less<br>Conf | More<br>-<br>Less |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| [500 Respondents]   |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |
| 59 (SPLIT B) Democrats say: The Bush-Cheney policies overstretched our military with too many deployments and rotations. Democrats have strengthened America's military by increasing pay for troops in the field, providing our troops more time between deployments, and putting new and better weapons, like more unmanned aerial drones, into the battlefield to support our troops and military objectives. .... |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |
|   | 28                   | 37                   | 13                   | 12                   | 2          | 1                     | 7          | <b>66</b>             | <b>24</b>             | <b>41</b>         |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 26                   | 37                   | 13                   | 14                   | 3          | 1                     | 8          | <b>63</b>             | <b>26</b>             | <b>36</b>         |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 29                   | 45                   | 11                   | 7                    | 2          | -                     | 6          | <b>74</b>             | <b>18</b>             | <b>56</b>         |

|   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |           |           |           |
|---|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| [500 Respondents]   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |           |           |           |
| 60 (SPLIT A) Democrats say: Our national security depends on our economic strength. That's why President Obama enacted new regulations on Wall Street, renewed our focus on manufacturing jobs at home, and created a bipartisan commission to lay out the budget cuts we need to restore America's fiscal health. It's time to cut America's debts, so we don't have to rely on countries like China to finance them. .... |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |           |           |           |
|   | 32 | 29 | 13 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 5 | <b>61</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>30</b> |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 30 | 26 | 15 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 5 | <b>56</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>18</b> |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 42 | 39 | 6  | 3  | 1 | 3 | 7 | <b>81</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>73</b> |

|   | Much<br>More<br>Conf | Smwt<br>More<br>Conf | Smwt<br>Less<br>Conf | Much<br>Less<br>Conf | No<br>Diff | Both/<br>Nei-<br>ther | DK/<br>Ref | Total<br>More<br>Conf | Total<br>Less<br>Conf | More<br>-<br>Less |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| [500 Respondents]   |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |
| 61 (SPLIT B) Democrats  |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |
| say: At the start of his term, President Obama committed to end our combat presence in Iraq by August 2010, and two weeks ago, he fulfilled that pledge. Now he has promised to start drawing down our troops in Afghanistan by July of next year, and General Petraeus, the top commander in Afghanistan, has endorsed that schedule. .... |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |
|   | 29                   | 25                   | 18                   | 18                   | 3          | 1                     | 5          | <b>55</b>             | <b>36</b>             | <b>19</b>         |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 26                   | 24                   | 19                   | 19                   | 4          | 1                     | 7          | <b>51</b>             | <b>38</b>             | <b>12</b>         |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 38                   | 25                   | 18                   | 14                   | 2          | 1                     | 4          | <b>62</b>             | <b>31</b>             | <b>31</b>         |

|   |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |           |           |           |
|---|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| [500 Respondents]   |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |           |           |           |
| 62 (SPLIT A) Democrats  |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |           |           |           |
| say: Republicans are advocating the same reckless, out-of-touch national security policies that got us in trouble during the Bush-Cheney years. They are blocking the new START treaty that would improve our ability to inspect Russian nuclear sites, and urging a military attack on Iran. Our security requires cooperation with our allies and strong diplomacy - not another costly war ..... |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |           |           |           |
|   | 24 | 25 | 21 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 9  | <b>49</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 23 | 22 | 21 | 24 | 2 | 1 | 8  | <b>45</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 25 | 37 | 15 | 9  | 1 | - | 12 | <b>62</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>37</b> |
| (ref:DNSMSGs)   |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |           |           |           |



Q.63 Now I am going to read you another set of statements about national security, this time from Republicans. For each statement, let me know whether it makes you feel more confident or less confident about the Republicans on national security.

|   | Much More Conf | Smwlt More Conf | Smwlt Less Conf | Much Less Conf | No Diff | Both/ Nei-ther | DK/ Ref | Total More Conf | Total Less Conf | More - Less |
|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 63 Republicans say:<br>Obama and the Democrats weakened America by running up huge debts, much of it financed by China. It's time to get serious about restoring America's strength, beginning at home, by bringing down the debt and restoring strength to our businesses..... | 35             | 23              | 14              | 22             | 1       | 0              | 4       | 58              | 37              | 21          |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 37             | 22              | 14              | 22             | 1       | 0              | 4       | 59              | 36              | 24          |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 23             | 30              | 17              | 23             | 1       | -              | 8       | 53              | 39              | 14          |

[500 Respondents]

|  |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |    |    |     |
|--|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| 64 (SPLIT A) Republicans say: Obama and the Democrats are making us weaker in the war on terror. They tied the hands of the military and intelligence agencies to interrogate and try terrorists, and instead want to give terrorists civilian trials, and even read them their Miranda rights. We need to use our full range of tools to capture, interrogate, prosecute, and imprison terrorists who want to kill Americans..... | 34 | 17 | 16 | 24 | 2 | 1 | 6  | 51 | 40 | 11  |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....   | 37 | 18 | 14 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 5  | 56 | 37 | 18  |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....   | 13 | 18 | 26 | 24 | 6 | - | 12 | 31 | 51 | -19 |

|  | Much<br>More<br>Conf | Smwt<br>More<br>Conf | Smwt<br>Less<br>Conf | Much<br>Less<br>Conf | No<br>Diff | Both/<br>Nei-<br>ther | DK/<br>Ref | Total<br>More<br>Conf | Total<br>Less<br>Conf | More<br>-<br>Less |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| [500 Respondents]  |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |
| 65 (SPLIT A) Republicans   |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |
| say: Just like usual, Democrats are now proposing deep and dangerous cuts in the defense budget. This time, they are calling for one-hundred billion in cuts - even as we have over one hundred thousand troops in harm's way in Iraq and Afghanistan. We should be cutting waste in government rather than shortchanging our troops and the war on terror. .... |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |
|  | 30                   | 21                   | 18                   | 21                   | 2          | 1                     | 7          | 51                    | 38                    | 13                |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....   | 32                   | 22                   | 16                   | 19                   | 3          | 1                     | 7          | 54                    | 36                    | 18                |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....   | 19                   | 22                   | 27                   | 19                   | 2          | -                     | 11         | 41                    | 46                    | -5                |

|   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |    |
|---|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| [500 Respondents]   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| 66 (SPLIT B) Republicans  |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| say: President Obama is defending the idea of building a mosque (mah-sk) next to the World Trade Center, which desecrates the memory of the nearly three thousand Americans killed by Islamic terrorists on 9/11. We need leaders who will stand up to the threat of Islamic fundamentalism. .... |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |    |
|   | 25 | 19 | 13 | 33 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 43 | 46 | -2 |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 26 | 16 | 13 | 33 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 43 | 46 | -3 |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 20 | 32 | 15 | 21 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 52 | 36 | 16 |

|  | Much<br>More<br>Conf | Smwt<br>More<br>Conf | Smwt<br>Less<br>Conf | Much<br>Less<br>Conf | No<br>Diff | Both/<br>Nei-<br>ther | DK/<br>Ref | Total<br>More<br>Conf | Total<br>Less<br>Conf | More<br>-<br>Less |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| [500 Respondents]  |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |
| 67 (SPLIT B) Republicans<br>say: President Obama has<br>not done enough to<br>prevent another terrorist<br>attack at home. In just the<br>last eight months, there<br>have been four terrorist<br>incidents on American soil,<br>including the attempted<br>Christmas Day and Times<br>Square bombings. Yet<br>Obama is refusing to use<br>the tough interrogation and<br>detention measures<br>needed to keep us safe. .... | 22                   | 19                   | 20                   | 32                   | 2          | 1                     | 4          | <b>40</b>             | <b>52</b>             | <b>-12</b>        |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....   | 23                   | 19                   | 19                   | 31                   | 3          | 1                     | 4          | <b>43</b>             | <b>50</b>             | <b>-7</b>         |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....   | 18                   | 17                   | 28                   | 30                   | 1          | 1                     | 7          | <b>35</b>             | <b>57</b>             | <b>-22</b>        |
| (ref:RNSMSGs)  |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |

[500 Respondents]

Q.68 (SPLIT B) And now for something different. Please tell me which type of candidate for Congress you would prefer, even if neither of these exactly reflects your preferences:

*A candidate for Congress who will mostly support the kind of national security policies President Obama is pursuing.*

OR

*A candidate for Congress who will mostly return to the kind of national security policies President George W. Bush pursued.*

|  | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|--|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Obama's national security policies, strongly ..... | 32           | 31                   | 27                     |
| Obama's national security policies, somewhat ..... | 16           | 15                   | 20                     |
| Bush's national security policies, somewhat.....   | 15           | 16                   | 14                     |
| Bush's national security policies, strongly.....   | 28           | 30                   | 23                     |
| (Don't know/Refused) .....                         | 9            | 8                    | 15                     |
| <b>Total Obama's policies.....</b>                 | <b>49</b>    | <b>46</b>            | <b>47</b>              |
| <b>Total Bush's policies .....</b>                 | <b>42</b>    | <b>46</b>            | <b>37</b>              |
| <b>Obama's policies – Bush's policies .....</b>    | <b>6</b>     | <b>0</b>             | <b>10</b>              |

(ref:BUSHSEC1)

Q.69 Now I'm going to read you a list of things President Obama and the Democrats say their national security policies have achieved over the past two years. Assuming these are true, which TWO of the following strike you as the most important accomplishments for America's national security?

|  | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|--|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Ended the U.S. combat presence in Iraq .....                     | 20           | 19                   | 21                     |
| Increased troop strength in Afghanistan .....                    | 19           | 19                   | 16                     |
| Negotiated a new nuclear weapons agreement with Russia .....     | 14           | 14                   | 15                     |
| Ended America's use of torture.....                              | 14           | 14                   | 13                     |
| Captured and killed a record number of al Qaeda operatives ..... | 28           | 28                   | 24                     |
| Captured and convicted the Times Square bomber .....             | 12           | 12                   | 17                     |
| Increased pay and time between deployments for our troops.....   | 28           | 29                   | 23                     |
| Strengthened relations with our allies .....                     | 28           | 26                   | 34                     |
| (Other) .....  | 5            | 5                    | 6                      |
| (Don't know/Refused) .....                                       | 16           | 17                   | 16                     |

(ref:BOACCOMP)

Q.70 Now I am going to read you a set of statements about the war in Afghanistan by Democratic candidates for Congress. For each statement, please let me know whether it makes you feel more confident or less confident about this Democratic candidate on national security.

|  | <b>Much<br/>More<br/>Conf</b> | <b>Smwt<br/>More<br/>Conf</b> | <b>Smwt<br/>Less<br/>Conf</b> | <b>Much<br/>Less<br/>Conf</b> | <b>No<br/>Diff</b> | <b>Both/<br/>Nei-<br/>ther</b> | <b>DK/<br/>Ref</b> | <b>Total<br/>More<br/>Conf</b> | <b>Total<br/>Less<br/>Conf</b> | <b>More<br/>-<br/>Less</b> |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 70 The Democratic candidate says: The war in Afghanistan is difficult, but President Obama has pursued the right course by increasing our troop levels, getting our allies to provide more forces, and setting a clearer mission of working to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat the Taliban and al Qaeda. .... | 25                            | 38                            | 16                            | 13                            | 1                  | 1                              | 6                  | <b>63</b>                      | <b>28</b>                      | <b>35</b>                  |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....   | 24                            | 37                            | 17                            | 14                            | 1                  | 1                              | 6                  | <b>61</b>                      | <b>31</b>                      | <b>30</b>                  |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....   | 26                            | 46                            | 12                            | 10                            | 1                  | -                              | 6                  | <b>72</b>                      | <b>22</b>                      | <b>50</b>                  |

|  |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |           |           |           |
|--|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 71 The Democratic candidate says: Despite the best efforts of President Obama and our men and women in uniform, the war in Afghanistan is simply not winnable. We are spending hundreds of billions of dollars we cannot afford trying to bolster a government there that is so corrupt it has lost the support of the Afghan people. We should start bringing all of our troops home as soon as possible. ... | 27 | 23 | 19 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 4 | <b>50</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....   | 25 | 23 | 21 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 3 | <b>48</b> | <b>48</b> | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....   | 35 | 30 | 15 | 15 | 1 | - | 5 | <b>65</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>35</b> |

|  | Much<br>More<br>Conf | Smwt<br>More<br>Conf | Smwt<br>Less<br>Conf | Much<br>Less<br>Conf | No<br>Diff | Both/<br>Nei-<br>ther | DK/<br>Ref | Total<br>More<br>Conf | Total<br>Less<br>Conf | More<br>-<br>Less |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| [500 Respondents]  |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |
| 72 (SPLIT A) The Democratic candidate says: Nine years into the war in Afghanistan, President Obama needs to set a clearer schedule for drawing down our troops there just as he did for the war in Iraq. We should not leave prematurely, but our commitment can not be open-ended..... |                      |                      |                      |                      |            |                       |            |                       |                       |                   |
|  | 24                   | 34                   | 19                   | 17                   | 1          | 1                     | 5          | 58                    | 36                    | 22                |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....   | 24                   | 33                   | 19                   | 20                   | 1          | 0                     | 3          | 57                    | 39                    | 18                |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....   | 30                   | 34                   | 17                   | 6                    | 1          | 3                     | 10         | 65                    | 22                    | 42                |

|   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |    |
|---|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| [500 Respondents]   |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| 73 (SPLIT B) The Democratic candidate says: Even though the Afghan war started in 2001, it was only this year that we committed the additional troops the military said they needed to get the job done. Now that we are building up to the right level of forces, we need to give them more time to make progress on their strategy for combating the Taliban and al Qaeda. .... |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |    |
|   | 21 | 40 | 16 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 62 | 31 | 31 |
| <b>Likely Voters</b> .....  | 18 | 42 | 17 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 60 | 32 | 28 |
| <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....  | 33 | 39 | 12 | 13 | - | - | 2 | 73 | 25 | 48 |
| (ref:AFGHNMSG)  |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |    |

Q.74 As you may know, there has been controversy over plans to build a Muslim community center and mosque near Ground Zero. Do you favor or oppose the government taking action to block the building of this community center and mosque?

|                            | Total      | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Strongly favor.....        | 30         | 31            | 29              |
| Somewhat favor.....        | 8          | 7             | 12              |
| Somewhat oppose.....       | 14         | 14            | 15              |
| Strongly oppose.....       | 39         | 39            | 35              |
| (Don't know/Refused).....  | 9          | 8             | 10              |
| <b>Total Favor.....</b>    | <b>38</b>  | <b>39</b>     | <b>41</b>       |
| <b>Total Oppose.....</b>   | <b>53</b>  | <b>53</b>     | <b>49</b>       |
| <b>Favor - Oppose.....</b> | <b>-15</b> | <b>-14</b>    | <b>-8</b>       |
| (ref:MOSQUE)               |            |               |                 |

Q.75 How closely do you follow international relations and the foreign affairs of the United States -- very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely?

|                                   | Total     | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Very closely.....                 | 22        | 24            | 13              |
| Somewhat closely.....             | 54        | 56            | 48              |
| Not very closely.....             | 16        | 15            | 26              |
| Not at all closely.....           | 6         | 4             | 12              |
| (Don't know/Refused).....         | 1         | 1             | 1               |
| <b>Total Closely.....</b>         | <b>76</b> | <b>80</b>     | <b>61</b>       |
| <b>Total Not closely.....</b>     | <b>22</b> | <b>19</b>     | <b>38</b>       |
| <b>Closely - Not closely.....</b> | <b>54</b> | <b>61</b>     | <b>23</b>       |
| (ref:EVENTS)                      |           |               |                 |

Q.76 Are you serving or have you served in the active United States military or have you not been in the military?

|  | Total     | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|--|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Yes: Served in military.....   | 15        | 16            | 10              |
| Household member in service.....                                       | 5         | 5             | 6               |
| Household member past service.....                                     | 15        | 17            | 12              |
| No: Neither respondent nor household member in service/has served..... | 65        | 61            | 72              |
| (Served in the US Reserves).....                                       | .         | 0             | -               |
| (Don't know/Refused).....  | 1         | 1             | 0               |
| <b>Total Military Household.....</b>                                   | <b>35</b> | <b>38</b>     | <b>28</b>       |
| (ref:MIL1)   |           |               |                 |

Q.77 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> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - 11th grade .....       | 3            | 3                    | 5                      |
| High School graduate ..... | 23           | 23                   | 32                     |
| Non-college post H.S. .... | 2            | 2                    | 1                      |
| Some college .....         | 27           | 25                   | 32                     |
| College graduate .....     | 27           | 28                   | 18                     |
| Post-graduate school ..... | 17           | 18                   | 10                     |
| (Don't know/Refused) ..... | 1            | 1                    | 2                      |
| <b>(ref:EDUC)</b>          |              |                      |                        |

Q.78 And have you or any member of your immediate family been unemployed at some point in the last year? (IF YES) Was that you or a family member who was unemployed?

|                            | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Yes: Respondent .....      | 21           | 20                   | 20                     |
| Yes: Family Member .....   | 21           | 21                   | 24                     |
| No .....                   | 57           | 58                   | 56                     |
| (Don't know/Refused) ..... | 1            | 1                    | 0                      |
| <b>Total Yes .....</b>     | <b>42</b>    | <b>41</b>            | <b>44</b>              |
| <b>(ref:EMPLOY2)</b>       |              |                      |                        |

Q.79 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

|                               | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Yes: Respondent belongs ..... | 11           | 12                   | 7                      |
| Household member .....        | 8            | 9                    | 6                      |
| No member belongs .....       | 79           | 77                   | 86                     |
| (Don't know/Refused) .....    | 2            | 2                    | 1                      |
| <b>Union Household .....</b>  | <b>19</b>    | <b>21</b>            | <b>13</b>              |
| <b>(ref:UNION)</b>            |              |                      |                        |

Q.80 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

|                            | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Married .....              | 56           | 60                   | 47                     |
| Single .....               | 25           | 19                   | 38                     |
| Separated/Divorced .....   | 10           | 10                   | 9                      |
| Widowed .....              | 8            | 9                    | 5                      |
| (Don't know/Refused) ..... | 1            | 1                    | 1                      |
| <b>Sep/Div/Wid .....</b>   | <b>17</b>    | <b>19</b>            | <b>14</b>              |
| <b>(ref:MARITAL)</b>       |              |                      |                        |



Q.81 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

|                                  | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Strong Democrat.....             | 26           | 25                   | 31                     |
| Weak Democrat.....               | 12           | 10                   | 16                     |
| Independent-lean Democrat.....   | 10           | 9                    | 13                     |
| Independent.....                 | 8            | 6                    | 13                     |
| Independent-lean Republican..... | 11           | 13                   | 2                      |
| Weak Republican.....             | 12           | 12                   | 15                     |
| Strong Republican.....           | 20           | 23                   | 10                     |
| (Don't know/Refused).....        | 1            | 1                    | 1                      |
| (ref:PTYID1)                     |              |                      |                        |

Q.84 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

|                           | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Liberal.....              | 19           | 17                   | 22                     |
| Moderate.....             | 35           | 34                   | 38                     |
| Conservative.....         | 40           | 43                   | 28                     |
| (Don't know/Refused)..... | 6            | 6                    | 12                     |
| (ref:IDEO1)               |              |                      |                        |

[165 Respondents]

Q.85 (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> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Yes.....                  | 27           | 44                   | 21                     |
| No.....                   | 73           | 56                   | 79                     |
| (Don't know/Refused)..... | -            | -                    | -                      |
| (ref:LANDLINE)            |              |                      |                        |

[835 Respondents]

Q.86 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

|                           | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off Voters</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Yes.....                  | 83           | 81                   | 82                     |
| No.....                   | 16           | 17                   | 16                     |
| (Don't know/Refused)..... | 2            | 2                    | 2                      |
| (ref:CELLLINE)            |              |                      |                        |

[737 Respondents]

Q.87 (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 | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|--|-------|---------------|-----------------|
| All or almost all calls on a cell phone .....              | 19    | 25            | 26              |
| Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone..... | 41    | 42            | 45              |
| All or almost all calls on a regular home phone .....      | 39    | 33            | 25              |
| (Don't know/Refused) .....                                 | 1     | 1             | 3               |
| (ref:DUALUSE)  |       |               |                 |

Phone Use Table

|  | Total     | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|--|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Cell Only .....                                | 12        | 7             | 22              |
| Cell Mostly .....                              | 14        | 19            | 17              |
| Dual User.....                                 | 30        | 32            | 29              |
| Landline Mostly.....                           | 29        | 25            | 16              |
| Landline Only.....                             | 13        | 15            | 11              |
| Landline Unknown .....                         | 2         | 2             | 4               |
| <b>Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample) .....</b>    | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>      | <b>6</b>        |
| <b>Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample).....</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>14</b>     | <b>11</b>       |
| (ref:DUALUSE)                                  |           |               |                 |

Q.88 What is your religion?

|                            | Total | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|----------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|
| Protestant .....           | 54    | 53            | 54              |
| Catholic.....              | 20    | 22            | 21              |
| Jewish .....               | 3     | 3             | 1               |
| Muslim .....               | 0     | 0             | -               |
| (Don't know/Refused) ..... | 23    | 22            | 24              |
| (ref:RELIG1)               |       |               |                 |

Q.89 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 | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|
| More than once a week ..... | 12    | 12            | 5               |
| Once a week.....            | 29    | 31            | 18              |
| Once or twice a month.....  | 16    | 16            | 17              |
| Several times a year .....  | 12    | 12            | 14              |
| Hardly ever .....           | 21    | 19            | 32              |
| (Never).....                | 6     | 5             | 11              |
| (Don't know/Refused) .....  | 4     | 4             | 3               |
| (ref:RELIG2)                |       |               |                 |

[960 Respondents]

Q.90 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat

Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

|                              | Total | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|
| Democrat Barack Obama .....  | 50    | 45            | 63              |
| Republican John McCain ..... | 42    | 48            | 27              |
| (Ralph Nader) .....          | 0     | 0             | 1               |
| (Bob Barr) .....             | 1     | 0             | 1               |
| (Other) .....                | 2     | 2             | 1               |
| (Don't Know/Refused).....    | 5     | 4             | 6               |
| (ref:VOTE2008)               |       |               |                 |

[960 Respondents]

Q.91 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)<sup>6</sup>?

|                                   | Total | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|
| (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) .....       | 43    | 42            | 47              |
| (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN).....      | 40    | 44            | 19              |
| (Other candidate).....            | 3     | 2             | 6               |
| (Did Not Vote for Congress) ..... | 4     | 3             | 9               |
| (Don't Know/Refused).....         | 10    | 8             | 19              |
| (ref:VTCG2008)                    |       |               |                 |

Q.92 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

|                                 | Total | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|
| White.....                      | 75    | 77            | 68              |
| African-American or Black ..... | 13    | 11            | 19              |
| Hispanic or Latino .....        | 8     | 8             | 10              |
| Native American .....           | 1     | 1             | -               |
| Asian .....                     | 1     | 1             | 2               |
| (Other) .....                   | 1     | 1             | 0               |
| (Don't know/Refused) .....      | 2     | 2             | 1               |
| (ref:RACETHN)                   |       |               |                 |

Q.2 Respondent's gender

|              | Total | Likely Voters | Drop-Off Voters |
|--------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|
| Male .....   | 47    | 48            | 41              |
| Female.....  | 53    | 52            | 59              |
| (ref:GENDER) |       |               |                 |

<sup>6</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.6 In what year were you born?

|                  | <b>Total</b> | <b>Likely<br/>Voters</b> | <b>Drop-Off<br/>Voters</b> |
|------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 18 - 24.....     | 10           | 6                        | 19                         |
| 25 - 29.....     | 7            | 5                        | 8                          |
| 30 - 34.....     | 7            | 5                        | 15                         |
| 35 - 39.....     | 9            | 8                        | 16                         |
| 40 - 44.....     | 9            | 9                        | 7                          |
| 45 - 49.....     | 12           | 11                       | 9                          |
| 50 - 54.....     | 7            | 10                       | 4                          |
| 55 - 59.....     | 9            | 11                       | 5                          |
| 60 - 64.....     | 10           | 11                       | 7                          |
| 65 and over..... | 19           | 23                       | 10                         |
| (No answer)..... | 1            | 1                        | 0                          |
| (ref:AGE)        |              |                          |                            |