

Democracy Corps/Third Way Frequency Questionnaire

September 11-14, 2010

1,000 2008 Voters

835 Likely Voters (868 unweighted)¹

165 Drop-Off Voters (132 unweighted)²

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

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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)			

¹ 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.

² 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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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?

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

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

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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
Total Approve	49	45	60
Total Disapprove	47	52	31
(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
Likely Voters	46.0	35	39	13	27	97	-4
Drop-Off Voters	44.1	30	38	9	24	93	-8
13 The Democratic Party	45.5	37	46	20	35	97	-8
Likely Voters	43.2	35	49	18	38	98	-14
Drop-Off Voters	56.1	46	29	28	17	93	17
14 The Democratic Congress	43.0	36	49	18	37	97	-13
Likely Voters	40.6	34	53	16	41	97	-19
Drop-Off Voters	53.4	43	32	25	18	93	11
15 (ALWAYS READ FIRST) Barack Obama	51.5	49	41	35	33	99	8
Likely Voters	47.9	44	46	33	38	99	-2
Drop-Off Voters	63.4	66	21	43	15	98	45
[462 Respondents]							
16 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) ³ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE)	50.0	35	32	21	24	80	4
Likely Voters	51.2	39	32	23	24	84	7
Drop-Off Voters	47.9	25	27	19	21	64	-2
[370 Respondents]							
16 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) ³ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE)	55.8	39	24	19	15	79	15
Likely Voters	56.0	42	25	21	16	83	16
Drop-Off Voters	50.2	9	14	5	9	42	-6
17 Republicans in Congress	43.5	32	43	10	29	95	-11
Likely Voters	43.8	32	43	10	28	96	-11
Drop-Off Voters	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
Likely Voters	56.0	49	30	30	23	94	19
Drop-Off Voters	54.2	43	29	25	24	86	14
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups	49.9	39	36	26	29	95	2
Likely Voters	50.7	39	35	26	28	94	3
Drop-Off Voters	47.6	35	36	23	28	96	-2

³ 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
Likely Voters	40.9	31	47	23	42	94	-16
Drop-Off Voters	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
Likely Voters	32.4	19	68	5	46	98	-49
Drop-Off Voters	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
Likely Voters	56.7	48	27	25	15	93	21
Drop-Off Voters	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)⁴?

	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
Total Democratic candidate.....	44	40	59
Total Republican candidate.....	46	50	29
Total (Other candidate)	2	2	2

(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
Democratic candidate supporter.....	44	40	59

(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
Republican candidate supporter.....	46	50	29

⁴ 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
Total More respected	37	36	40
Total Less respected	56	58	50
More respected - Less respected	-19	-22	-10

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

	Strng App	Smwt App	Smwt Disap	Strng Disap	DK/ Ref	Total App	Total Disap	App - Disap
[500 Respondents]								
34 (SPLIT A) Leading America's military	28	25	14	27	5	54	41	12
Likely Voters	25	26	17	29	4	51	45	6
Drop-Off Voters	38	32	6	17	6	70	23	47
35 Foreign policy	22	25	19	27	7	47	46	1
Likely Voters	22	24	19	29	5	46	49	-3
Drop-Off Voters	22	29	20	16	12	51	37	14
[500 Respondents]								
36 (SPLIT A) Iran	15	23	21	31	10	38	52	-14
Likely Voters	14	24	22	32	8	38	54	-16
Drop-Off Voters	22	19	17	21	21	41	39	2
[500 Respondents]								
37 (SPLIT B) The Israeli-Palestinian conflict.....	14	29	20	24	14	43	44	-1
Likely Voters	14	27	20	25	14	41	44	-3
Drop-Off Voters	10	32	27	19	12	42	46	-4
[500 Respondents]								
38 (SPLIT B) The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico	19	27	19	29	6	46	48	-2
Likely Voters	16	29	17	32	6	45	49	-4
Drop-Off Voters	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 Much Bttr	Dem Smwt Bttr	Rep Smwt Bttr	Rep Much Bttr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
39 The economy	23	16	21	21	1	6	11	39	43	-4
Likely Voters	22	14	23	24	1	4	11	36	48	-12
Drop-Off Voters	25	25	13	9	1	12	15	50	22	28
40 National security	17	18	22	24	4	5	11	35	46	-11
Likely Voters	17	16	24	26	3	4	11	32	50	-18
Drop-Off Voters	18	25	18	12	5	7	15	43	30	13
[500 Respondents]										
41 (SPLIT B) The situation in Iraq.....	23	19	20	15	3	7	14	42	34	8
Likely Voters	20	18	22	16	3	7	14	39	38	1

Drop-Off Voters	26	22	9	11	3	11	18	48	20	28
	Dem Much Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep

[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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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
Total Obama	47	44	56
Total Bush	39	45	22
Obama - Bush	7	-1	35
(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 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]										
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.....	39	17	13	24	2	1	3	56	37	19
Likely Voters	39	17	13	25	2	2	3	56	37	19
Drop-Off Voters	40	18	15	22	2	-	3	58	37	21

[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.	29	18	13	22	0	4	14	47	35	12
Likely Voters	30	18	14	19	0	4	14	49	33	15
Drop-Off Voters	18	14	14	30	-	5	18	32	44	-12
(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
Likely Voters	22	28	14	18	1	3	13	50	32	18
Drop-Off Voters	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
Likely Voters	25	12	19	36	-	1	7	37	55	-18
Drop-Off Voters	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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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
Total Approve.....	57	53	74
Total Disapprove.....	37	41	23
Approve - Disapprove.....	21	12	51
(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 all⁵?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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	-
Total Great deal/Some.....	79	80	73
Total Just a little/Nothing.....	20	19	27
Great deal/Some - Just a little/Nothing.....	59	61	45
(ref:IRAQHRD)			

⁵ 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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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
Total True	57	56	58
Total Not true	38	38	39
True - Not true	19	18	19
(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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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
Total More favorable.....	55	51	67
Total Less favorable	34	37	26
More - Less.....	20	14	41
(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 More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total More Conf	Total Less Conf	More - 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
Likely Voters	26	36	16	9	5	1	7	62	25	36
Drop-Off Voters	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
Likely Voters	28	37	13	12	3	1	5	66	25	40
Drop-Off Voters	37	27	16	9	1	3	7	64	24	40

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total More Conf	Total Less Conf	More - 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	66	24	41
Likely Voters	26	37	13	14	3	1	8	63	26	36
Drop-Off Voters	29	45	11	7	2	-	6	74	18	56

[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	61	31	30
Likely Voters	30	26	15	22	2	0	5	56	38	18
Drop-Off Voters	42	39	6	3	1	3	7	81	8	73

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total More Conf	Total Less Conf	More - 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	55	36	19
Likely Voters	26	24	19	19	4	1	7	51	38	12
Drop-Off Voters	38	25	18	14	2	1	4	62	31	31

[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	49	40	8
Likely Voters	23	22	21	24	2	1	8	45	45	0
Drop-Off Voters	25	37	15	9	1	-	12	62	25	37
(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	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Neither	DK/ Ref	Total More Conf	Total Less Conf	More - Less
63 Republicans say: 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
Likely Voters	37	22	14	22	1	0	4	59	36	24
Drop-Off Voters	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
Likely Voters	37	18	14	23	1	1	5	56	37	18
Drop-Off Voters	13	18	26	24	6	-	12	31	51	-19

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total More Conf	Total Less Conf	More - 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
Likely Voters	32	22	16	19	3	1	7	54	36	18
Drop-Off Voters	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
Likely Voters	26	16	13	33	2	2	8	43	46	-3
Drop-Off Voters	20	32	15	21	1	3	8	52	36	16

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

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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
Total Obama's policies.....	49	46	47
Total Bush's policies	42	46	37
Obama's policies – Bush's policies	6	0	10

(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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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.

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/Neither	DK/Ref	Total More Conf	Total Less Conf	More - Less
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	63	28	35
Likely Voters	24	37	17	14	1	1	6	61	31	30
Drop-Off Voters	26	46	12	10	1	-	6	72	22	50

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	50	44	6
Likely Voters	25	23	21	28	1	1	3	48	48	0
Drop-Off Voters	35	30	15	15	1	-	5	65	29	35

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total More Conf	Total Less Conf	More - 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
Likely Voters	24	33	19	20	1	0	3	57	39	18
Drop-Off Voters	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
Likely Voters	18	42	17	15	2	2	4	60	32	28
Drop-Off Voters	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
Total Favor.....	38	39	41
Total Oppose.....	53	53	49
Favor - Oppose.....	-15	-14	-8
(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
Total Closely.....	76	80	61
Total Not closely.....	22	19	38
Closely - Not closely.....	54	61	23
(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
Total Military Household.....	35	38	28
(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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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
(ref:EDUC)			

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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample)	4	5	6
Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample).....	10	14	11
(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)⁶?

	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)			

⁶ 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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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)			