

Democracy Corps - Congressional Battleground Frequency Questionnaire

October 6-11, 2009

1500 Likely Voters in 40 Democratic-held and 20 Republican-held Districts

500 Democratic Tier 1 (503 unweighted)

500 Democratic Tier 2 (486 unweighted)

500 Republican Tier (486 unweighted)

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

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Yes.....	100	100	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	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Voted	98	98	99	97	99
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young .	2	2	1	3	1
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	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Voted	96	96	98	95	95
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young .	4	4	2	5	5
Did not vote.....	-	-	-	-	-
(Can't remember/Don't know)	-	-	-	-	-
(Refused)	-	-	-	-	-
(ref:VOTE062)					

Q.7 I know it's a long way off, but what are the chances of you voting in the election for Congress and other offices in 2010: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Almost certain.....	86	85	88	82	87
Probably.....	14	14	12	17	13
50-50.....	-	-	-	-	-
Will not vote.....	-	-	-	-	-
(Don't know).....	0	0	-	1	-
(Refused).....	-	-	-	-	-
(ref:CP3)					

Q.8 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	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Right direction.....	37	36	35	38	39
Wrong track.....	55	56	58	55	54
(Don't know/refused).....	7	8	7	8	7
Right - Wrong.....	-18	-20	-23	-17	-15
(ref:DIRECT)					

Q.9 Do you approve or disapprove of the job being done by Barack Obama as president?

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Strongly approve.....	32	32	31	33	31
Somewhat approve.....	17	16	15	17	18
Somewhat disapprove.....	9	8	6	10	11
Strongly disapprove.....	39	41	44	38	37
(Don't know/refused).....	3	3	5	2	3
Total approve.....	48	48	46	50	49
Total disapprove.....	48	49	49	48	47
(ref:BOAPP)					

[1,321 Respondents]

Q.10 (SKIP IF OPEN SEAT) Do you approve or disapprove of the way (HOUSE INCUMBENT¹) is handling his/her job as a member of the U.S. Congress?

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Strongly approve.....	21	21	22	20	21
Somewhat approve.....	28	27	26	28	31
Somewhat disapprove	13	14	14	14	9
Strongly disapprove	19	18	18	18	19
(Don't know/refused).....	20	20	20	19	21
Total approve	49	48	47	48	51
Total disapprove	31	33	33	33	28

(ref:CONGAPP)

Q.11 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with 100 meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and 50 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
11 The Republican Party	43.5	32	46	12	30	98	-14
Democratic Districts	43.8	32	45	12	31	98	-13
Tier 1	43.9	32	46	12	32	98	-15
Tier 2	43.6	32	44	12	30	97	-12
Republican Districts	42.9	31	47	10	29	98	-15
12 The Democratic Party	44.2	38	48	20	36	98	-10
Democratic Districts	43.4	37	49	19	38	98	-12
Tier 1	42.3	37	50	18	40	98	-14
Tier 2	44.4	37	47	20	36	98	-10
Republican Districts	45.7	40	45	21	34	98	-5
13 The Democratic Congress	41.2	35	49	15	38	98	-14
Democratic Districts	41.1	35	49	15	39	99	-13
Tier 1	40.6	36	49	15	40	98	-12
Tier 2	41.6	35	49	16	38	99	-14
Republican Districts	41.4	34	49	16	36	97	-15
14 Barack Obama	50.2	48	43	33	35	99	5
Democratic Districts	49.6	47	44	33	36	100	3
Tier 1	48.2	45	46	35	39	99	-1
Tier 2	50.9	48	41	32	33	100	7
Republican Districts	51.5	50	42	32	32	99	8

¹ The incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	% Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	- ID	Warm Cool
[921 Respondents]							
15 (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE INCUMBENT ²) (SKIP IF OPEN SEAT).....	50.3	35	31	18	21	85	4
Democratic Districts	50.3	35	31	18	21	85	4
Tier 1	51.2	36	30	19	20	86	6
Tier 2	49.4	35	33	17	22	85	2
Republican Districts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[399 Respondents]							
15 (REPUBLICAN HOUSE INCUMBENT ³) (SKIP IF OPEN SEAT).....	51.2	38	28	16	18	83	10
Democratic Districts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tier 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tier 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Republican Districts	51.2	38	28	16	18	83	10
16 The Republicans in Congress.....	41.9	29	47	9	30	97	-17
Democratic Districts	42.6	30	46	10	31	97	-16
Tier 1	43.4	31	45	11	30	97	-14
Tier 2	41.7	29	47	9	32	97	-18
Republican Districts	40.7	28	48	7	29	97	-20
17 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	54.7	46	32	29	23	94	14
Democratic Districts	55.1	46	30	28	22	94	16
Tier 1	56.1	47	29	28	20	94	18
Tier 2	54.0	45	31	28	23	94	14
Republican Districts	54.0	46	35	30	25	94	11
18 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	48.1	37	40	26	33	95	-4
Democratic Districts	48.7	37	40	26	32	95	-3
Tier 1	47.0	34	41	23	33	94	-6
Tier 2	50.4	40	39	28	31	96	1
Republican Districts	46.7	36	42	25	35	95	-6
19 Gay marriage	39.4	30	48	21	44	95	-18
Democratic Districts	39.0	30	49	20	45	96	-19
Tier 1	38.1	30	50	19	46	96	-19
Tier 2	39.9	30	48	21	43	96	-18
Republican Districts	40.2	30	47	21	43	94	-18
20 The state of the economy	33.1	16	68	3	43	100	-52
Democratic Districts	32.1	16	70	3	45	99	-53
Tier 1	31.8	15	68	1	45	99	-54
Tier 2	32.5	18	71	4	44	100	-53
Republican Districts	34.9	16	64	4	39	100	-48

² The incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

³ The incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	%	%	%	%	%	-	Warm
	Mean	Warm	Cool	>75	<26	ID	Cool
21 The state of your personal finances	55.8	48	27	22	16	95	21
Democratic Districts	55.0	46	28	20	16	94	19
Tier 1	54.5	45	27	19	16	94	18
Tier 2	55.6	47	28	22	15	95	19
Republican Districts	57.3	51	26	24	16	95	25

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.22 (SKIP IF OPEN SEAT) As you may know, there will be an election for your Representative to Congress in November next year. Do you think you will definitely vote to re-elect (HOUSE INCUMBENT⁴) to Congress, probably vote to re-elect (HOUSE INCUMBENT), probably vote for someone else, or definitely vote for someone else?

[921 Respondents]

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT					
Definitely re-elect (Democratic Incumbent)	14	14	14	14	-
Probably re-elect (Democratic Incumbent)	26	26	27	25	-
Probably vote for someone else	23	23	21	24	-
Definitely vote for someone else	22	22	22	22	-
(Depends on the person)	4	4	4	4	-
(Don't know/Refused)	11	11	12	11	-
Total Re-elect	40	40	41	39	-
Total Someone else	45	45	44	47	-
Re-elect - Someone else	-5	-5	-3	-8	-

[399 Respondents]

REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT					
Definitely re-elect	13	-	-	-	13
Probably re-elect	27	-	-	-	27
Probably vote for someone else	19	-	-	-	19
Definitely vote for someone else	21	-	-	-	21
(Depends on the person)	4	-	-	-	4
(Don't know/Refused)	16	-	-	-	16
Total Re-elect	40	-	-	-	40
Total Someone else	40	-	-	-	40
Re-elect - Someone else	0	-	-	-	0
(ref:REELECT)					

⁴ Actual incumbent's name inserted. Question not asked in districts where the incumbent has announced they are not running for reelection.

Q.23 I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the election for Congress next year, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for – (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)⁵?

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Democratic Candidate	42	44	43	44	37
Lean Democratic Candidate	3	4	4	4	2
Republican Candidate	41	40	39	41	44
Lean Republican Candidate	5	5	5	4	4
(Other Candidate).....	1	1	1	1	2
Lean (Other Candidate).....	0	0	1	0	0
(Undecided)	7	6	6	6	8
(Refused).....	1	1	1	0	3
Total Democratic Candidate	45	48	47	48	39
Total Republican Candidate	46	45	44	45	48
Total (Other Candidate).....	2	1	2	1	2

(ref:CONG10)

Q.24 Even though you are not supporting (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) now, what are the chances that you might support (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) in the election for Congress next year -- 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	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Fair chance	9	8	7	8	12
A small chance	11	11	11	11	12
Just a very slight chance	11	9	10	9	13
No chance at all.....	22	23	22	23	20
(Don't know/Refused)	3	2	2	2	4
Democratic Candidate Supporter.....	45	48	47	48	39

(ref:CONG10C)

⁵ The 2008-elected incumbent was inserted as the Democratic Candidate for all Democratic-held districts with the generic “Republican Candidate” as the challenger, and as the Republican Candidate for all Republican-held districts with the generic “Democratic Candidate” as the challenger. In districts where the incumbent has announced s/he will not run for re-election, the generic identified was inserted.

Q.25 Even though you are not supporting (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) now, what are the chances that you might support (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) in the election for Congress next year -- 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	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Fair chance.....	12	13	13	13	10
A small chance	10	10	11	8	10
Just a very slight chance	11	13	14	11	8
No chance at all.....	19	17	15	20	23
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3	3	3	2
Republican Candidate Supporter.....	46	45	44	45	48

(ref:CONG10D)

Q.26 Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes (HOUSE INCUMBENT) very well, well, not too well or not well at all.

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[1000 Respondents]								
26 (DEM DISTRICTS ONLY) Too liberal								
liberal	24	22	28	14	12	46	42	4
Democratic Districts	24	22	28	14	12	46	42	4
Tier 1	25	20	31	14	10	45	45	0
Tier 2	23	24	25	14	14	47	39	7
[500 Respondents]								
27 (SPLIT A) (DEM DISTRICTS ONLY) Will raise my taxes								
ONLY) Will raise my taxes	27	21	22	16	14	48	38	11
Democratic Districts	27	21	22	16	14	48	38	11
Tier 1	25	21	25	16	13	46	41	4
Tier 2	30	21	18	16	15	51	34	17
28 Fights for people here								
Fights for people here	21	30	21	16	13	51	36	14
Democratic Districts	21	31	22	15	12	51	37	15
Tier 1	21	30	22	15	12	51	37	14
Tier 2	20	32	22	14	12	52	36	16
Republican Districts	22	28	17	19	14	50	36	14
29 On your side.....								
On your side.....	16	30	22	20	11	47	42	5
Democratic Districts	16	31	23	21	10	46	43	3
Tier 1	18	29	24	21	8	48	44	3
Tier 2	13	32	22	21	12	45	43	2
Republican Districts	18	29	19	20	14	47	39	8

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
30 Shares your values	17	29	22	21	11	46	43	3
Democratic Districts	15	29	23	21	12	44	45	-1
Tier 1	16	30	23	19	12	46	43	3
Tier 2	15	27	24	23	11	42	47	-5
Republican Districts	21	29	19	19	11	50	38	12

[500 Respondents]

31 (SPLIT B) (DEM DISTRICTS

ONLY) Supports too much government

spending	26	24	24	14	13	50	37	12
Democratic Districts	26	24	24	14	13	50	37	12
Tier 1	26	26	20	16	12	51	36	15
Tier 2	26	22	27	11	14	48	38	10

[250 Respondents]

32 (REP DISTRICTS ONLY) (SPLIT A)

Too conservative.....	20	24	28	17	11	44	45	-1
Republican Districts	20	24	28	17	11	44	45	-1

33 Puts (HIS/HER) party in

Washington ahead of people here	22	21	26	15	16	43	41	2
Democratic Districts	24	22	25	15	14	46	40	6
Tier 1	24	23	24	15	14	47	39	8
Tier 2	23	22	25	15	15	45	40	5
Republican Districts	20	19	29	15	18	38	44	-5

[250 Respondents]

34 (REP DISTRICTS ONLY) (SPLIT B)

For the wealthy and big business, not the middle class	16	22	25	18	19	38	42	-4
Republican Districts	16	22	25	18	19	38	42	-4

[500 Respondents]

35 (REP DISTRICTS ONLY) Not

offering new ideas to fix the country's problems	13	22	28	22	15	35	50	-14
Republican Districts	13	22	28	22	15	35	50	-14

(ref:ATRIB)

Q.36 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 Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
[750 Respondents]										
36 (SPLIT A) The										
economy	24	18	19	26	1	7	5	42	45	-3
Democratic Districts	23	19	19	27	1	7	5	42	46	-4
Tier 1	25	16	19	29	1	8	3	41	48	-8
Tier 2	21	22	19	25	1	6	6	43	44	-1
Republican Districts	26	17	19	25	2	6	6	43	44	-1
[750 Respondents]										
37 (SPLIT B) Taxes										
.....	21	17	20	30	1	3	8	38	50	-12
Democratic Districts	20	17	20	30	1	3	9	37	49	-12
Tier 1	20	15	22	29	1	2	12	35	50	-16
Tier 2	20	20	18	31	1	4	6	40	48	-8
Republican Districts	23	15	19	31	1	4	6	38	51	-13
[750 Respondents]										
38 (SPLIT A) Health care										
.....	30	14	13	30	1	5	7	44	44	0
Democratic Districts	31	13	12	31	1	5	7	44	43	1
Tier 1	28	14	14	32	0	5	7	42	46	-4
Tier 2	33	13	11	30	1	4	8	47	40	6
Republican Districts	29	15	16	29	1	5	5	44	45	-1
[750 Respondents]										
39 (SPLIT B) Medicare										
.....	26	18	20	19	1	7	10	44	38	6
Democratic Districts	25	18	22	18	1	7	9	43	40	3
Tier 1	27	14	23	19	1	5	11	41	42	-1
Tier 2	23	22	21	17	1	8	8	45	38	7
Republican Districts	27	19	15	20	1	8	10	46	35	12
[750 Respondents]										
40 (SPLIT A) The budget										
deficit.....	22	16	17	28	1	7	8	38	46	-7
Democratic Districts	19	19	18	29	1	7	8	38	47	-9
Tier 1	20	16	19	30	1	7	8	36	48	-12
Tier 2	17	22	18	28	-	7	8	40	46	-6
Republican Districts	28	11	16	27	1	8	9	39	43	-4
[750 Respondents]										
41 (SPLIT B) Government										
spending	19	17	22	25	1	6	9	36	48	-11
Democratic Districts	19	18	22	25	1	6	9	37	47	-10
Tier 1	21	17	23	23	1	4	10	38	46	-8
Tier 2	17	19	21	27	1	8	7	36	47	-11
Republican Districts	18	17	23	27	2	6	9	35	49	-15

Q.42 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
[1,321 Respondents]										
42 (SKIP IF OPEN SEAT)										
Next year, I CAN'T vote to reelect (HOUSE INCUMBENT) because we need new people that will fix Washington and get things done.										
OR										
Next year, I WILL vote to reelect (HOUSE INCUMBENT) because (HE/SHE) is doing a good job and addressing issues that are important to us.	36	13	13	30	0	3	6	49	42	6
Democratic Districts	35	13	12	31	-	3	6	48	43	4
Tier 1	35	12	12	32	-	3	6	46	45	2
Tier 2	36	14	12	30	-	3	6	49	42	7
Republican Districts	37	13	13	26	0	2	8	50	39	11

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[399 Respondents]										
43 (SKIP IF OPEN SEAT) (REPUBLICAN DISTRICTS ONLY) Next year I really want to be able to vote for a Democrat for Congress because at least he or she will work with President Obama to bring the change we need.										
OR										
Next year I will vote for (HOUSE INCUMBENT) because the Democratic Congress is just business as usual in Washington and more of the same tax and spend policies.	40	9	8	36	-	5	2	49	44	5
Republican Districts	40	9	8	36	-	5	2	49	44	5

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[921 Respondents]										
44 (SKIP IF OPEN SEAT) (DEMOCRATIC DISTRICTS ONLY) Next year I will vote for (HOUSE INCUMBENT) because (HE/SHE) is fighting for change and making progress addressing the problems our nation is facing.										
OR										
Next year I really want to be able to vote for a Republican for Congress because at least he or she won't be a rubber stamp for national Democrats and all of their wasteful spending										
	34	11	9	37	-	4	4	45	46	-1
Democratic Districts	34	11	9	37	-	4	4	45	46	-1
Tier 1	35	12	8	36	-	5	5	47	44	3
Tier 2	33	11	9	39	-	4	4	44	48	-4

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[750 Respondents]										
45 (SPLIT B) President Obama and the Democrats are mainly dealing with problems they inherited.										
OR										
President Obama and the Democrats are mainly dealing with problems of their own creation.....										
	49	8	6	32	2	2	2	56	38	18
Democratic Districts	49	7	5	33	3	1	2	56	38	18
Tier 1	47	8	5	35	2	1	2	56	40	16
Tier 2	51	6	6	30	3	1	2	56	36	20
Republican Districts	48	9	6	32	1	3	2	57	38	19

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[750 Respondents]										
46 (SPLIT A) President Obama's economic policies helped avert an even worse crisis, and are laying the foundation for our eventual economic recovery.										
OR										
President Obama's economic policies have run up a record federal deficit while failing to end the recession or slow the record pace of job losses.										
	37	9	8	41	0	2	3	46	49	-3
Democratic Districts	37	9	8	42	0	1	3	46	49	-3
Tier 1	35	9	8	44	-	2	3	43	52	-9
Tier 2	40	9	7	39	0	1	3	49	47	2
Republican Districts	36	10	8	39	-	4	2	46	47	-1
(ref:VALUES06)										

Q.47 Now, thinking about the nation's economy, do you believe the economy...

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve	35	32	31	34	39
Is at the bottom but is not yet getting any better.....	30	30	30	30	30
Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse	33	35	36	34	28
(DK/Refused)	2	3	4	2	2
(ref:BTTMOUT)					

Q.48 Now let me ask you about the economic recovery plan, also known as the stimulus package, that was passed by Congress and became law. In your opinion, do you feel that the economic recovery plan is starting to have a positive impact on the economy, will eventually have a positive impact on the economy but has not yet, will not have any real impact on the economy or do you feel that the economic recovery plan is hurting the economy?

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Is starting to have a positive impact on the economy	21	21	23	20	21
Will eventually have a positive impact but has not yet	25	25	20	29	27
Will not have any real impact on the economy	20	21	20	21	20
Is hurting the economy	29	30	31	28	28
(Don't know/refused).....	4	4	5	3	4

(ref:STIMIMPA)

Q.49 Now I'm going to read you some things that Democrats might say about the economy, after each one please tell me if you find the statement to be very convincing, somewhat convincing, just a little convincing, or not at all convincing.

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[750 Respondents]							
49 (SPLIT A) (OBAMA BACK FROM BRINK)							
This past winter our nation was facing the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, 700,000 jobs were being lost per month and our financial system was on the verge of collapse. We still have a long way to go and we will not rest until those Americans who seek jobs can find them, but thanks to the bold and decisive actions we have taken since January, we have pulled this economy back from the brink.							
	16	28	16	39	1	43	55
Democratic Districts	15	30	16	38	1	45	54
Tier 1	13	31	17	37	2	44	54
Tier 2	17	28	15	39	1	45	53
Republican Districts	16	25	17	42	0	41	59

[750 Respondents]							
50 (SPLIT B) (HELP FROM STIMULUS) We inherited an economy that has left far too many Americans struggling to make ends meet, so we are acting to help them get through this crisis by extending unemployment and health care benefits to Americans who lost their jobs, cutting taxes for 95 percent of working families, and preventing thousands of police officers, teachers and firefighters from being laid off. And as we move forward we are working to make sure that the economy starts to create new jobs again as it begins to pull out of this recession.....							
	26	30	16	28	1	56	43
Democratic Districts	25	30	16	28	2	55	43
Tier 1	23	29	17	29	2	52	46
Tier 2	27	31	14	26	2	58	40
Republican Districts	27	30	15	28	0	57	43

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[750 Respondents]							
51 (SPLIT B) (STEMMED JOB LOSES)							
When President Obama was sworn in, almost 750 thousand Americans were losing their job every month. The actions we've taken have cut that number by two-thirds, so we've made progress in stemming the loss of jobs. But we are not satisfied and a jobless recovery isn't good enough for us or the American people; that is why we won't stop fighting until our economy is once again creating high quality jobs.							
	20	32	12	33	2	53	45
Democratic Districts	18	35	12	34	2	53	45
Tier 1	15	36	10	37	2	51	47
Tier 2	20	34	13	31	2	54	43
Republican Districts	26	27	12	33	3	52	45

[750 Respondents]							
52 (SPLIT A) (FIX BROKEN SYSTEM) Last year our economy was on the verge of collapse so we had to make the tough choices and act, even though we knew it would be unpopular because it would help Wall Street. Now that we've averted the worst, we're working to fix this broken system so it rewards the hard work of middle class Americans and small businesses that play by the rules instead of the big bankers that abused the system to get ahead.							
	17	32	14	34	2	49	49
Democratic Districts	19	31	14	34	3	50	47
Tier 1	17	32	15	35	2	49	49
Tier 2	20	31	13	33	4	51	45
Republican Districts	13	34	15	36	2	47	51

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[750 Respondents]							
53 (SPLIT B) (REBALANCE ECONOMY)							
Even before the financial crisis the economy wasn't working for too many middle class Americans. That's why we are working to rebalance the economy to make sure it works for regular Americans by asking the very wealthy and big corporations to pay their fair share while cutting taxes and reducing health care costs for working families and small businesses and creating quality, middle class jobs in alternative energy.							
	26	29	12	33	1	54	44
Democratic Districts	26	28	12	32	2	55	44
Tier 1	26	28	12	32	2	54	44
Tier 2	26	29	13	31	1	55	44
Republican Districts	25	29	11	34	1	54	45

[750 Respondents]							
54 (SPLIT A) (INVESTING IN FUTURE) The financial crisis showed that our economy was too reliant on unsustainable financial bubbles. We are working to change that and lay the groundwork for true long-term prosperity by reforming health care to bring down costs for business and consumers and making America the leader in alternative energy like wind and solar so the jobs and industries of the future are built right here, not in China or India.							
	21	33	13	32	1	53	45
Democratic Districts	20	34	14	30	2	54	44
Tier 1	19	32	16	32	2	51	47
Tier 2	21	35	12	29	2	57	41
Republican Districts	22	30	12	35	1	52	47

(ref:ECNPOMSG)

Q.55 Now I'm going to read you some things that Republicans might say about the economy, after each one please tell me if you find the statement to be very convincing, somewhat convincing, just a little convincing, or not at all convincing.

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[750 Respondents]							
55 (SPLIT A) The Democrats said all of their spending would create jobs, but their trillion-dollar stimulus plan, four-trillion-dollar budget and government bailouts have created more debt than at any other time in our history and yet unemployment is still rising and will soon top 10 percent. And they want to pay for all of this by making middle class Americans pay higher taxes on everything from energy to health care.	35	19	11	33	2	53	44
Democratic Districts	35	19	12	31	2	54	44
Tier 1	36	17	13	33	1	53	45
Tier 2	34	21	12	30	3	55	42
Republican Districts	34	18	9	36	3	52	45

[750 Respondents]							
56 (SPLIT A) The Democrats in Congress are more interested in bailing out Detroit, Wall Street and the housing industry with taxpayers' dollars than they are in helping regular Americans during these difficult times. Democrats even let insurance giant AIG use taxpayer dollars to give millions in bonuses to its top executives. It's time Democrats start helping out Americans on Main Street, not Wall Street.	28	26	11	32	3	55	42
Democratic Districts	28	27	11	32	2	55	43
Tier 1	28	26	10	33	3	54	43
Tier 2	28	27	12	32	2	55	43
Republican Districts	29	26	11	30	3	55	41

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[750 Respondents]							
57 (SPLIT B) Democrats in Congress have approved 5 trillion dollars in spending this year alone, adding over a trillion dollars to our deficit that will leave mountains of debt for our grandchildren to pay back, money that America is borrowing from China and the Middle East. This irresponsible, wasteful spending undermines our economic stability by forcing us to rely on hostile foreign governments to lend us money.....	32	26	12	28	2	58	40
Democratic Districts	33	27	11	27	3	59	38
Tier 1	35	24	15	24	2	59	38
Tier 2	30	30	8	30	3	60	38
Republican Districts	32	24	12	31	1	57	43

[750 Respondents]							
58 (SPLIT B) Our economy is in a severe recession but the Democrats only solution is greater government control. The federal government runs General Motors and has nationalized several banks. Democrats say they're doing what it takes to get our economy back on track but what they're really doing is pushing us on a path toward socialism, increasing the size of our federal government to levels only seen in European countries.	33	19	10	37	1	52	47
Democratic Districts	33	20	11	35	1	53	46
Tier 1	36	17	11	35	1	53	45
Tier 2	31	23	11	35	1	53	46
Republican Districts	33	16	9	41	1	49	49

(ref:ECNRPMMSG)

Q.59 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
1 - 11th grade	2	2	3	2	1
High School graduate	22	23	22	24	20
Non-college post H.S.....	2	2	2	2	2
Some college	25	25	25	25	26
College graduate	29	30	30	30	29
Post-graduate school.....	18	17	17	17	21
(Don't know/refused).....	1	2	2	1	1
(ref:EDUC)					

Q.60 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	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Yes: Respondent	15	15	12	17	15
Yes: Family Member.....	24	24	22	26	23
No	60	60	64	56	61
(Dk/Ref)	1	1	2	1	1
(ref:EMPLOY2)					

Q.61 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Yes: Respondent belongs.....	12	12	10	13	13
Household member	8	8	7	8	7
No member belongs	79	79	81	77	79
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	2	1	1
Union Household.....	20	20	17	22	20
Non College Non Union.....	40	41	42	40	38
(ref:UNION)					

Q.62 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Married.....	63	64	63	65	60
Single.....	17	15	16	14	21
Separated/Divorced.....	9	9	9	10	8
Widowed.....	9	10	9	10	9
(Don't know/refused).....	2	2	2	1	2
Sep/Div/Wid.....	18	19	18	20	17
(ref:MARITAL)					

Q.63 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Strong Democrat.....	25	25	21	28	26
Weak Democrat.....	11	12	12	12	9
Independent-lean Democrat	9	9	10	8	8
Independent.....	7	7	6	7	7
Independent-lean Republican.....	14	13	15	11	16
Weak Republican.....	12	13	12	14	9
Strong Republican	21	21	22	20	23
(Don't know/refused).....	1	2	2	1	1
(ref:PTYID1)					

Q.64 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Liberal.....	19	19	17	20	18
Moderate.....	34	33	34	32	37
Conservative.....	44	44	44	44	42
(Don't know/refused).....	4	4	5	3	3
(ref:IDEO1)					

Q.65 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	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
More than once a week	11	11	11	11	10
Once a week.....	30	32	34	29	26
Once or twice a month.....	14	14	13	16	14
Several times a year.....	13	13	13	12	15
Hardly ever	23	23	19	26	25
(Never).....	5	4	5	4	7
(Don't know/refused).....	3	3	4	3	3
Once a week or more.....	41	43	45	40	36
(ref:RELIG2)					

[1,476 Respondents]

Q.66 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Democrat Barack Obama	45	42	39	45	49
Republican John McCain.....	45	47	49	45	42
(Ralph Nader)	0	0	-	0	0
(Bob Barr)	0	-	-	-	0
(Other)	3	3	3	3	2
(DK/Refused)	7	8	9	6	6
(ref:VOTE2008)					

[1,476 Respondents]

Q.67 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)?

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
House Democrat.....	43	49	48	50	30
House Republican	45	39	41	38	56
(Other candidate).....	3	3	2	3	3
(Did Not Vote for Congress)	2	2	1	2	2
(DK/Refused).....	8	8	8	8	9

(ref:VTCG2008)

Q.68 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
White.....	80	79	81	77	81
African-American or Black	8	8	8	9	7
Hispanic or Latino	6	7	5	9	6
Native American	1	1	1	1	1
Asian.....	1	1	1	1	1
(Other)	1	1	1	1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3	4	2	3

(ref:RACETHN)

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
Male	47	47	47	47	47
Female.....	53	53	53	53	53

(ref:GENDER)

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total	Dem Dists	Tier 1	Tier 2	Rep Dists
18 - 24.....	5	5	4	6	6
25 - 29.....	5	5	7	3	4
30 - 34.....	6	7	6	7	6
35 - 39.....	9	8	8	8	10
40 - 44.....	8	8	8	9	8
45 - 49.....	11	11	11	11	11
50 - 54.....	10	9	10	9	10
55 - 59.....	10	10	10	11	10
60 - 64.....	10	10	9	10	10
Over 64.....	23	24	25	24	22
(No answer)	2	2	2	2	1

(ref:AGE)