

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

January 26-29, 2009
1,000 Likely Voters

Q.3 (LANDLINE SAMPLE) First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?
(CELL SAMPLE) Are you registered to vote?

	Total
Yes	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
Voted	99
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	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
Voted	96
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young	4
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE062)	

Q.7 I know it is far off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for Congress 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
Almost certain.....	86
Probably	14
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:CP10)	

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
Right direction	27
Wrong track.....	65
(Don't know/refused)	8
Right - Wrong.....	-38
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.9 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	42
Somewhat approve	13
Somewhat disapprove.....	5
Strongly disapprove.....	15
(Don't know/refused)	24
Total approve.....	55
Total disapprove.....	20
(ref:BOAPP)	

Q.10 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	% ID
10 The Republican Party	45.6	35	42	97
11 The Democratic Party	53.4	48	35	98
12 The Democratic Congress	51.2	43	35	96
13 Barack Obama	68.1	62	20	97
[426 Respondents]				
14 (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹	62.3	49	17	78
[394 Respondents]				
14 (REPUBLICAN HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹	57.2	43	21	78
15 Republicans in Congress	45.8	33	40	95
16 Joe Biden	56.5	48	30	91
17 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	57.1	48	29	94
18 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	50.6	39	38	95
19 NAFTA and international trade agreements	43.7	27	37	87
20 Labor unions	49.5	39	37	96
21 Gay marriage	37.7	30	50	95

(ref: THERM04/THERM204)

¹ Names of actual incumbents inserted without party identification. Question asked in landline sample only and not of respondents in open-seat districts (California 32, Illinois 05 and New York 20)

Q.22 From what you have seen and heard so far about Barack Obama's policies and goals for the country, would you say that you support or oppose his policies and goals?

	Total
Strongly support	49
Somewhat support	20
Somewhat oppose.....	10
Strongly oppose	14
(Don't know/refused)	7
Total support	69
Total oppose	24
Support - Oppose	45
(ref:BOPOLIC)	

Q.23 As you may have heard, President Obama says his first act will be to pass an economic recovery plan. From what you have heard about Obama's plan, do you favor or oppose his proposal?

	Total
Strongly favor	35
Somewhat favor	27
Somewhat oppose.....	9
Strongly oppose	19
(Don't know/refused)	10
Total favor	62
Total oppose	28
Favor - Oppose	34
(ref:STMPROP2)	

Q.24 If your Representative in Congress voted in favor of President Obama's economic recovery plan, would it make you more or less likely to support your Representative for reelection it two years, or does it make no difference?

	Total
Much more likely	19
Somewhat more likely	14
No difference	43
Somewhat less likely	8
Much less likely	12
(Don't know/refused)	4
Total more likely	34
Total less likely	20
More - Less	14
(ref:STMVOTE)	

Q.25 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 Barack Obama 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
25 Strong leader	45	31	11	8	5	76	18	58
26 Honest and trustworthy	40	31	12	10	7	71	22	49
27 Shares your values	35	28	15	18	3	63	33	30
28 On your side.....	35	30	15	15	5	65	30	34
29 Will keep America strong	34	32	15	13	6	66	28	38
[500 Respondents]								
30 (SPLIT A) Means what he says and says what he means	35	35	12	10	8	70	22	48
31 Makes me feel hopeful about the future.....	43	24	16	14	3	67	30	37
32 Has realistic solutions to the country's problems	30	35	17	14	5	65	31	34
33 For the middle class.....	40	29	16	10	5	69	26	43
[500 Respondents]								
34 (SPLIT B) Keeps his promises.....	27	33	13	7	19	61	21	40
35 Willing to work with both parties.....	48	31	10	7	3	79	18	61
36 Effective	33	34	13	7	13	67	20	47
37 Is uniting the country.....	40	33	12	11	5	73	23	50
38 The right leader for these times	42	23	15	13	6	65	28	37
39 Cool under pressure	49	35	6	5	6	84	10	74
(ref:BOPOS)								

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	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
40 Too liberal	25	20	27	23	6	44	50	-6
[500 Respondents]								
41 (SPLIT A) Too willing to withdraw from Iraq.....	29	29	21	16	4	58	37	21
[500 Respondents]								
42 (SPLIT B) Sometimes arrogant.....	17	17	29	33	4	34	62	-28
43 Will raise my taxes	29	24	25	16	6	53	41	12
44 Promises things that sound good but won't be able to get them done.	26	23	27	19	6	49	45	4
45 In over his head	23	20	25	28	5	43	53	-10
[500 Respondents]								
46 (SPLIT A) Can't control his own party in Congress.....	14	23	32	20	11	38	52	-14
[500 Respondents]								
47 (SPLIT A) Can't break the gridlock in Washington	16	29	28	16	12	45	43	2
[500 Respondents]								
48 (SPLIT B) Part of the mess in Washington	16	18	27	34	5	34	61	-27
[500 Respondents]								
49 (SPLIT B) Is a typical politician	25	22	25	25	3	47	50	-3
(ref:BONEG)								

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.

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[500 Respondents]										
50 (SPLIT A) Congress should support Barack Obama's agenda as much as possible and help the Obama administration get its programs passed so the new president has a chance to make the kinds of changes he thinks the country needs.										
OR										
While Congress should consider what Barack Obama wants, it should have an independent agenda and pass its own alternatives for dealing with the country's problems, even if they are in conflict with Obama's agenda.	42	12	12	29	1	1	2	54	42	12

[500 Respondents]										
51 (SPLIT B) We must pass an economic recovery package now because there is no choice, then we can focus on reigning in spending and balancing the budget once our economy is on the road to recovery.										
OR										
With a deficit of over a trillion dollars, we can't afford to spend another trillion dollars on a costly economic stimulus package.	44	12	9	31	0	1	3	56	40	16

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[500 Respondents]										
52 (SPLIT A) The problems that President Obama is facing are mostly inherited from President Bush and the time of Republican control in Washington.										
OR										
The problems that President Obama and the Democrats are facing are mostly of their own making.	52	9	7	24	3	3	2	61	31	31

[500 Respondents]										
53 (SPLIT B) President Obama and the Democrats are making progress addressing the country's problems.										
OR										
President Obama and the Democrats are faltering before the country's problems.	45	17	9	23	0	2	4	62	32	30
(ref:PAIRS08)										

Q.54 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	4
High School graduate.....	22
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college.....	27
College graduate.....	30
Post-graduate school	15
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.55 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	14
Household member	8
No member belongs	76
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:UNION)	

Q.56 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	62
Single	18
Separated/Divorced.....	10
Widowed.....	9
(Don't know/refused)	1
Sep/Div/Wid.....	19
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.57 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total
Yes	32
No.....	67
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.58 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	28
Weak Democrat.....	14
Independent-lean Democrat.....	10
Independent	6
Independent-lean Republican	10
Weak Republican	11
Strong Republican.....	21
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.61 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	19
Moderate	39
Conservative	40
(Don't know/refused)	2
(ref:IDEO1)	

[173 Respondents]

Q.62 (ASK IN CELL SAMPLE ONLY) First of all, 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
Yes	31
No.....	69
(DK/Refused).....	-
(ref:LANDLINE)	

[827 Respondents]

Q.63 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total
Yes	83
No.....	16
(DK/Refused).....	1
(ref:CELLLINE)	

[739 Respondents]

Q.64 (DO NOT ASK IF NO IN LANDLINE) (DO NOT ASK IF NO IN CELLLINE) Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get...

	Total
All or almost all calls on a cell phone	18
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	44
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone.....	37
(DK/Refused).....	0
(ref:DUALUSE)	

Combined Phone Use

	Total
Cell Only.....	12
Cell Mostly.....	14
Dual User	32
Landline Mostly	28
Landline Only	13
Landline Unknown.....	1

Q.65 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	55
Catholic	22
Jewish	2
Muslim	0
(Don't know/refused)	21
(ref:RELIG1)	

[550 Respondents]

Q.66 (ASK IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity – fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total
Fundamentalist.....	13
Evangelical.....	19
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	14
Moderate to liberal.....	41
(Something else)	7
(Don't know/Refused).....	7
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.67 How often do you attend religious services -- more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
More than once a week	14
Once a week	29
Once or twice a month	15
Several times a year.....	13
Hardly ever	22
(Never)	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
More than/once a week	43
(ref:RELIG2)	

[988 Respondents]

Q.68 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	51
Republican John McCain	41
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Bob Barr).....	0
(Other)	2
(DK/Refused).....	5
(ref:VOTE2008)	

[988 Respondents]

Q.69 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)²?

	Total
House Democrat	51
House Republican	38
(Other candidate)	2
(Did Not Vote for Congress)	2
(DK/Refused).....	7
(ref:VTCG2008)	

Q.70 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	76
African-American or Black.....	11
Hispanic or Latino.....	6
Native American	1
Asian	1
(Other)	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	Total
Male.....	48
Female	52
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	8
25 - 29	5
30 - 34	5
35 - 39	8
40 - 44	9
45 - 49	10
50 - 54	9
55 - 59	11
60 - 64	11
Over 64.....	23
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	

² For the landline sample, actual candidate names were inserted preceded by party. In unopposed districts, a generic ("the Democratic candidate" or "the Republican candidate") was inserted as the challenger. For the cellular sample, both candidates were unnamed generic.