

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

March 4-8, 2009

1,000 2008 Voters (1000 Unweighted)

830 Likely 2010 Voters (863 Unweighted)

Q.3 (LANDLINE SAMPLE) First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?
(CELL SAMPLE) First of all, are you registered to vote?¹

	Total	Likely Voters
Yes	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
Voted	99	99
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	1	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	Likely Voters
Voted	82	95
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young	5	5
Did not vote	10	-
(Can't remember/Don't know)	3	-
(Refused)	0	-
(ref:VOTE062)		

¹ 2008 voter sample of 830 landline and 170 cell phone only respondents (880 landline and 120 cell phone unweighted)

Q.9 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	Likely Voters
Almost certain	77	87
Probably	15	13
50-50	5	-
Will not vote	2	-
(Don't know).....	1	-
(Refused).....	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
Right direction.....	33	32
Wrong track	55	56
(Don't know/refused).....	12	12
Right - Wrong	-22	-24
(ref:DIRECT)		

Q.11 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
11 The Republican Party	44.4	31	44	11	26	97	-13
Likely Voters	45.1	34	43	11	26	97	-10
12 The Democratic Party	52.3	46	36	25	26	97	9
Likely Voters	51.2	45	39	26	28	98	6
[500 Respondents]							
13 (SPLIT A) Democrats in Congress.....	49.9	41	36	22	28	96	5
Likely Voters	48.8	41	39	23	30	97	1
[500 Respondents]							
14 (SPLIT B) The Democratic Congress	49.3	42	37	20	26	95	5
Likely Voters	48.8	42	39	21	27	96	3
15 Barack Obama	63.4	59	27	47	20	99	32
Likely Voters	62.2	58	29	46	22	99	29
[438 Respondents]							
16 (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE INCUMBENT) ²	58.1	46	22	24	14	81	24
Likely Voters	58.3	48	23	26	15	85	25
[387 Respondents]							
17 (REPUBLICAN HOUSE INCUMBENT) ³	59.4	44	19	21	10	76	25
Likely Voters	60.0	47	19	22	10	80	28
18 Republicans in Congress	44.9	30	41	10	24	96	-11
Likely Voters	45.2	33	41	10	24	97	-9
19 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	57.9	46	26	30	19	91	20
Likely Voters	58.1	48	26	32	19	92	21
20 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	52.1	42	36	29	28	94	5
Likely Voters	51.7	41	36	29	28	94	4

^{2,3} The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
21 NAFTA & international trade agreements	44.3	25	35	8	23	86	-10
Likely Voters	44.1	26	37	8	25	88	-11
22 Gay marriage	36.6	27	51	19	46	92	-23
Likely Voters	36.8	27	50	18	46	93	-23
23 The state of the economy	25.0	8	78	3	61	98	-69
Likely Voters	24.8	9	79	3	62	98	-70
[500 Respondents]							
24 (SPLIT A) Facebook	50.7	25	21	14	15	64	3
Likely Voters	49.9	24	22	13	16	62	2
[500 Respondents]							
25 (SPLIT B) Twitter	44.3	8	14	4	9	35	-6
Likely Voters	45.1	9	15	5	9	37	-6

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.26 As you may have heard, President Obama recently released his plan for the federal budget. From what you have heard about Obama's budget plan, do you favor or oppose it?

	Total	Likely Voters
Strongly favor	26	26
Somewhat favor.....	27	26
Somewhat oppose	12	13
Strongly oppose.....	26	28
(Don't know/refused).....	9	7
Total favor	53	52
Total oppose	38	41
Favor - Oppose	15	11

(ref:BUDGPROP)

[500 Respondents]

Q.27 (SPLIT A) 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 in Congress or the Republicans in Congress 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
27 The economy	31	19	17	13	1	7	12	50	30	20
Likely Voters.....	29	18	19	15	2	7	10	47	34	14
28 Taxes	23	22	20	20	1	5	9	45	40	4
Likely Voters.....	21	20	21	22	1	5	9	42	43	-1
29 National security	16	19	18	29	2	3	13	35	47	-12
Likely Voters.....	16	18	17	31	2	3	12	34	48	-14
30 Energy policy	31	25	15	10	1	4	14	56	25	31
Likely Voters.....	29	25	14	11	1	4	15	54	25	29
31 The budget deficit	26	19	19	13	1	9	13	46	31	14
Likely Voters.....	26	18	20	14	2	10	12	43	34	9
32 Standing up to the powerful special interests in Washington	19	22	13	7	2	20	18	40	20	21
Likely Voters.....	18	23	13	7	2	22	14	41	20	21
33 Making sure taxpayers get value for their tax dollars	29	20	18	13	0	10	10	48	32	17
Likely Voters.....	26	19	19	15	0	11	10	45	34	11

(ref:BETJOBCEG)

[500 Respondents]

Q.34 (SPLIT B) 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 Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress 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.

	BO Much Bttr	BO Smwt Bttr	Rep Smwt Bttr	Rep Much Bttr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total BO	Total Rep	BO - Rep
34 The economy	35	24	13	15	1	4	8	59	29	31
Likely Voters.....	34	23	14	16	1	4	7	57	30	27
35 Taxes	32	17	17	21	2	2	9	49	38	11
Likely Voters.....	31	17	18	23	2	2	8	47	41	6
36 National security	25	19	12	30	2	1	11	44	42	2
Likely Voters.....	25	18	9	32	2	1	12	44	42	2
37 Energy policy	39	18	9	14	1	2	16	58	23	35
Likely Voters.....	38	20	9	16	2	1	15	58	24	33
38 The budget deficit	30	23	15	15	0	7	9	53	30	23
Likely Voters.....	30	22	16	17	0	7	9	51	33	18
39 Standing up to the powerful special interests in Washington	38	18	9	11	1	7	14	57	20	37
Likely Voters.....	37	19	10	11	1	8	14	56	21	35
40 Making sure taxpayers get value for their tax dollars	36	20	12	17	1	4	9	56	30	26
Likely Voters.....	37	18	13	19	1	4	9	55	32	24

(ref:BETJOBBO)

Q.41 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]										
41 (SPLIT A) Republicans in Congress are obstructing President Obama's agenda because they are playing politics and want to deny him political victories.										
OR										
Republicans in Congress are opposing President Obama's agenda out of principle because they genuinely believe that his plans are bad for the country.										
	35	9	20	30	1	2	3	44	50	-6
Likely Voters.....	35	7	18	32	1	2	4	42	50	-8

[500 Respondents]										
42 (SPLIT B) President Obama and the Democrats in Congress have attempted to work with Congressional Republicans to come up with bipartisan solutions to our problems.										
OR										
President Obama and the Democrats in Congress have used their large majorities to push through a partisan agenda without Republican input.										
	35	19	12	28	0	1	5	54	40	14
Likely Voters.....	34	20	10	30	0	2	4	54	40	14

	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]										
43 (SPLIT A) President Obama's economic recovery plan has a good chance of creating jobs, boosting our economy and getting our country back on the right track.										
OR										
President Obama's stimulus plan will mostly lead to more wasteful government spending, increase the deficit and further damage the economy.										
	41	17	8	30	0	1	3	58	38	20
Likely Voters	41	17	8	32	0	1	2	58	39	18

[500 Respondents]										
44 (SPLIT B) In order to fully restore America's economic strength it is more important to make long-term investments that will lead to new jobs and new industries.										
OR										
In order to fully restore America's economic strength it is more important to reduce the deficit and pay down the national debt.										
	47	15	11	21	1	1	5	61	32	29
Likely Voters	46	14	11	22	1	1	4	61	33	28

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
45 (SPLIT A) President Obama's goal of cutting the budget deficit in half over the next four years is about the best we can hope for given our economic and fiscal problems.										
OR										
President Obama's goal of cutting the budget deficit in half over the next four years is not aggressive enough, he should make reducing the deficit an even higher priority.										
	46	22	8	16	0	3	4	68	24	45
Likely Voters.....	47	23	7	15	1	4	4	70	22	48

[500 Respondents]										
46 (SPLIT A) I would support raising taxes on those earning over 250 thousand dollars in order to make affordable health care available to more Americans.										
OR										
I would not support raising taxes during a recession.										
	41	11	7	41	-	0	0	52	47	5
Likely Voters.....	41	9	7	43	-	0	0	49	50	-1

	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]										
47 (SPLIT B) President Obama's budget will help the economy because it implements tax cuts on the middle class and small businesses, while waiting until the recession is over to raise any taxes, and then only on those making over 250,000 a year.										
OR										
President Obama's budget will damage the economy because it raises taxes on the entrepreneurs and small businesses that are the engines of economic growth while we are in the middle of a recession.										
	41	16	7	29	0	2	5	57	36	21
Likely Voters	42	15	7	30	-	2	4	56	37	19

[500 Respondents]										
48 (SPLIT B) We need to rebalance our tax code so the middle class pays less in taxes and the wealthiest pay their fair share after getting so many breaks for so long.										
OR										
Raising taxes on those with high incomes is class warfare that punishes successful Americans and would damage our economy.										
	51	11	9	23	0	2	4	62	32	30
Likely Voters	50	11	8	26	0	2	3	61	34	26

	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]										
49 (SPLIT B) In order to reduce the deficit and concentrate on domestic priorities, we need to slow the growth of defense spending by cutting back on costly and obsolete Cold War weapons systems.										
OR										
With so many potential enemies wishing us harm, reducing defense spending in any way would endanger our national security and put American lives at risk.										
	32	15	11	37	0	2	4	46	47	-1
Likely Voters.....	32	14	11	37	0	2	4	46	48	-2

[500 Respondents]										
50 (SPLIT A) We should impose a fee on utilities that burn fossil fuels like oil and coal that release pollutants that cause global warming and use the money to invest in renewable energy and cut taxes for the middle class to balance higher energy prices.										
OR										
In this economy, we can't afford to impose an energy tax on utilities and manufacturers that use fossil fuels like oil and coal because it will force them to raise energy prices on individuals and businesses that can least afford it.....										
	29	13	15	35	1	2	5	42	50	-9
Likely Voters.....	28	10	16	37	0	2	6	38	54	-16
(ref:PAIRS10)										

Q.51 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
1 - 11th grade	4	3
High School graduate	22	21
Non-college post H.S.....	1	1
Some college	29	30
College graduate	28	28
Post-graduate school.....	16	17
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1
(ref:EDUC)		

Q.52 Are you currently employed, or are you temporarily out of work, or are you not in the market for work at all?

	Total	Likely Voters
Employed full time	48	48
Employed part time.....	11	10
Unemployed/Temporarily out of work.....	8	8
Not in the market for work.....	5	5
Retired	19	21
Homemaker	4	4
Student	1	1
(Other)	3	2
(Don't Know/Refused).....	1	1
Total employed	59	59
Total unemployed.....	8	8
Total not in market.....	30	31
(ref:EMPLOY)		

Q.53 How concerned are you that in the next 12 months you or someone else in your household might be out of work and looking for a job - very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not concerned at all?

	Total	Likely Voters
Very concerned	35	36
Somewhat concerned.....	26	26
Not concerned at all.....	38	37
(Don't Know/Refused).....	1	1
(ref:LOSEJOB)		

Q.54 Are you a member of a labor union?

	Total	Likely Voters
Yes: Respondent belongs	12	12
Household member	8	9
No member belongs	79	78
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
(ref:UNION)		

Q.55 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Likely Voters
Married	60	63
Single.....	22	18
Separated/Divorced.....	11	11
Widowed.....	6	7
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1
Sep/Div/Wid	17	18
(ref:MARITAL)		

Q.56 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Likely Voters
Strong Democrat	26	26
Weak Democrat.....	14	13
Independent-lean Democrat	10	9
Independent.....	7	6
Independent-lean Republican.....	11	11
Weak Republican	12	12
Strong Republican	20	22
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1
(ref:PTYID1)		

Q.57 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Likely Voters
Liberal.....	17	16
Moderate	38	39
Conservative.....	41	42
(Don't know/refused).....	4	3
(ref:IDEO1)		

[168 Respondents]

Q.58 (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
Yes	29	32
No	71	68
(DK/Refused)	-	-
(ref:LANDLINE)		

[832 Respondents]

Q.59 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total	Likely Voters
Yes	83	84
No	16	15
(DK/Refused)	1	1
(ref:CELLLINE)		

[740 Respondents]

Q.60 Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get..

	Total	Likely Voters
All or almost all calls on a cell phone.....	18	18
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone.....	42	42
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	39	40
(DK/Refused)	1	1
(ref:DUALUSE)		

Phone Use Table

	Total	Likely Voters
Cell Only	12	10
Cell Mostly	14	14
Dual User.....	31	32
Landline Mostly.....	29	31
Landline Only.....	13	13
Landline Unknown	2	2

Q.61 What is your religion?

	Total	Likely Voters
Protestant	53	53
Catholic.....	22	22
Jewish.....	2	2
Muslim	0	1
(Don't know/refused).....	23	22
(ref:RELIG1)		

[528 Respondents]

Q.62 (ASK IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total	Likely Voters
Fundamentalist	11	11
Evangelical	26	27
Charismatic/Pentecostal	8	7
Moderate to liberal	39	39
(Something else).....	4	4
(Don't know/Refused)	13	12
(ref:RELIG3)		

Q.63 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
More than once a week	13	14
Once a week.....	29	31
Once or twice a month.....	13	13
Several times a year	14	14
Hardly ever	23	21
(Never).....	5	4
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3
More than/once a week	42	44
(ref:RELIG2)		

[990 Respondents]

Q.64 (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
Democrat Barack Obama	49	47
Republican John McCain.....	42	44
(Ralph Nader)	1	0
(Bob Barr)	-	-
(Other)	2	2
(DK/Refused)	7	7
(ref:VOTE2008)		

[990 Respondents]

Q.65 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)?⁴

	Total	Likely Voters
House Democrat.....	46	46
House Republican	38	40
(Other candidate).....	3	4
(Did Not Vote for Congress)	3	2
(DK/Refused)	9	9
(ref:VTCG2008)		

Q.66 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Likely Voters
White	74	76
African-American or Black	13	11
Hispanic or Latino	8	7
Native American	2	2
Asian.....	1	1
(Other)	2	1
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2
(ref:RACETHN)		

⁴ Actual candidate names were inserted preceded by party identifications for all districts. In unopposed districts, a generic candidate was used as the opposition.

[75 Respondents]

Q.67 (ASK IF HISPANIC OR LATINO) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Salvadoran or are you and your ancestors from another country? (IF FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY) Are you and your ancestors from Central America, South America or somewhere else?

	Total	Likely Voters
Mexican	54	52
Puerto Rican	9	12
Cuban	2	2
Dominican.....	5	7
Salvadoran	-	-
Other: Central America	4	5
Other: South America	7	6
Other.....	19	17
(Don't know/Refused)	-	-
(ref:ORIGIN08)		

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	Total	Likely Voters
Male.....	47	47
Female.....	53	53
(ref:GENDER)		

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total	Likely Voters
18 - 24	8	6
25 - 29	9	7
30 - 34	7	6
35 - 39	9	10
40 - 44	9	10
45 - 49	12	13
50 - 54	9	9
55 - 59	9	10
60 - 64	8	9
Over 64.....	19	20
(No answer)	1	1
(ref:AGE)		