

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

September 12-16, 2009

1,200 2008 Voters (1,200 unweighted)

1,044 Likely 2010 Voters¹ (1,054 unweighted)

156 Drop-Off Voters² (146 unweighted)

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.....	99	99	97
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young.....	1	1	3
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.....	85	95	24
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young.....	5	5	3
Did not vote.....	6	-	50
(Can't remember/Don't know)	3	-	22
(Refused)	0	-	1
(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, probably 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 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	Drop Off Voters
Almost certain	77	83	38
Probably	17	17	18
50-50	5	-	39
Will not vote	1	-	5
(Don't know)	0	0	-
(Refused)	-	-	-
(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	40	39	44
Wrong track.....	52	53	45
(Don't know/refused)	8	8	11
Right - Wrong	-12	-14	-1
(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	37	37	36
Somewhat approve	15	14	23
Somewhat disapprove	9	8	11
Strongly disapprove	33	34	20
(Don't know/refused)	7	7	10
Total approve	52	51	59
Total disapprove	41	43	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	44.3	30	43	10	27	97	-13
Likely Voters	44.2	30	44	10	27	98	-14
Drop Off Voters	44.5	27	37	7	24	95	-9
13 The Democratic Party	50.0	44	38	23	27	98	6
Likely Voters	49.2	43	40	23	28	98	4
Drop Off Voters	55.8	48	28	24	14	96	20
14 The Democratic Congress	47.5	41	40	19	29	96	1
Likely Voters	46.6	41	41	19	31	96	0
Drop Off Voters	54.0	43	30	21	16	96	12
15 Barack Obama	57.8	53	34	39	26	98	19
Likely Voters	57.2	52	35	40	27	98	17
Drop Off Voters	62.0	61	26	38	17	99	35
[575 Respondents]							
16 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) ³	55.8	39	23	21	16	76	16
Likely Voters	55.7	40	24	21	16	76	16
Drop Off Voters	56.6	28	14	23	12	76	14
[436 Respondents]							
16 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) ⁴	57.0	42	18	20	13	77	23
Likely Voters	58.1	44	17	21	12	78	27
Drop Off Voters	49.0	26	27	13	16	69	-1
17 Republicans in Congress	43.3	30	44	10	28	95	-14
Likely Voters	43.2	30	44	10	29	96	-13
Drop Off Voters	44.6	27	43	9	23	95	-16
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	54.9	43	30	27	22	92	13
Likely Voters	54.6	44	32	28	23	94	12
Drop Off Voters	56.9	40	21	25	14	81	19
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	50.1	37	37	26	27	94	0
Likely Voters	49.9	38	38	26	29	94	0
Drop Off Voters	52.1	34	33	21	20	93	1

³ The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

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	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
20 Gay marriage	38.0	28	50	20	45	94	-22
Likely Voters	37.9	29	50	20	45	94	-21
Drop Off Voters	38.8	25	48	18	42	95	-23
21 The state of the economy	35.7	21	61	4	40	99	-40
Likely Voters	35.9	21	61	4	40	99	-40
Drop Off Voters	34.6	18	60	4	37	99	-42

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.22 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections in 2010, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)?⁵

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Democratic candidate	42	41	45
Lean Democratic candidate	6	5	8
Republican candidate	35	36	25
Lean Republican candidate	6	5	10
(Other candidate)	2	2	1
Lean (Other candidate)	1	1	-
(Undecided)	8	8	9
(Refused)	2	2	2
Total Democratic candidate	47	46	53
Total Republican candidate	41	42	34
Total (Other candidate)	2	3	1

(ref:CONG10)

Q.23 As you may have heard, President Obama has proposed a plan to change the health care system. From what you have heard about this plan, do you favor or oppose Obama's health care proposal?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Strongly favor	28	28	27
Somewhat favor	16	16	20
Somewhat oppose	8	7	15
Strongly oppose	38	40	30
(Don't know/refused)	9	9	8
Total Favor	44	44	47
Total Oppose	47	47	45
Favor - Oppose	-2	-3	2

(ref:OBHCPROP)

⁵ In the landline sample, the incumbent names were inserted preceded by party identification. Generic "the Democratic candidate" or "the Republican candidate" inserted for the opposition. For the cell phone sample and open seat districts, both candidates were given as generic.

Q.24 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
[600 Respondents]								
24 (SPLIT B) Has good plans for the economy	26	29	20	23	2	55	44	11
Likely Voters	25	30	20	24	2	55	44	11
Drop Off Voters	28	24	25	21	2	52	46	6

[600 Respondents]								
25 (SPLIT A) Strong leader.....	37	26	15	20	2	62	35	27
Likely Voters	37	24	15	21	3	62	36	26
Drop Off Voters	35	33	15	15	1	68	30	38

[600 Respondents]								
26 (SPLIT A) On your side.....	29	23	18	26	4	53	43	9
Likely Voters	30	20	18	27	5	50	45	5
Drop Off Voters	25	44	16	15	-	69	31	38

[600 Respondents]								
27 (SPLIT B) Willing to work with both parties	34	29	19	17	1	62	36	26
Likely Voters	32	30	19	17	1	62	37	26
Drop Off Voters	43	22	20	12	4	64	32	32

(ref:BOPOS)

Q.28 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
[600 Respondents]								
28 (SPLIT A) Will raise my taxes	30	21	24	18	7	51	41	10
Likely Voters	32	20	23	18	7	52	41	11
Drop Off	21	28	27	17	7	50	44	6

[600 Respondents]								
29 (SPLIT B) Promises things that sound good but won't be able to get them done.....	28	25	26	17	3	54	43	10
Likely Voters	29	24	26	17	3	53	43	10
Drop Off	25	31	28	14	2	55	42	13

[600 Respondents]								
30 (SPLIT A) Can't break the gridlock in Washington	17	25	28	18	11	43	46	-3
Likely Voters	18	24	29	17	11	42	46	-4
Drop Off	14	33	25	19	9	47	44	2

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[600 Respondents]								
31 (SPLIT B) A big spender.....	40	19	25	11	5	59	36	23
Likely Voters	42	19	25	11	4	61	35	25
DrpOff	25	24	28	14	9	49	42	7

(ref:BONEG)

[600 Respondents]
 Q.32 (SPLIT A) Now 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.

	Dems Much Btr	Dems Smwt Btr	Reps Smwt Btr	Reps Much Btr	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
32 The economy	27	17	17	18	1	8	12	44	35	9
Likely Voters	28	16	16	20	1	9	11	44	36	9
DrpOff	22	21	24	6	1	7	19	42	30	12
33 Taxes	24	14	20	20	1	5	16	38	40	-1
Likely Voters	24	14	20	21	1	5	15	38	41	-3
DrpOff	26	14	20	12	2	8	19	40	31	8
34 Health care.....	33	15	17	16	1	6	12	48	33	15
Likely Voters	33	13	18	17	1	7	11	46	35	11
DrpOff	29	29	11	10	1	1	19	58	21	37
35 Government spending.....	20	16	16	19	1	12	15	36	35	1
Likely Voters	19	17	15	20	1	13	16	36	35	1
DrpOff	25	12	21	15	4	9	13	37	37	1

(ref:BETJOB CG)

[600 Respondents]

Q.36 (SPLIT B) Now 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 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.

	BHO Much Btrr	BHO Smwt Btrr	Reps Smwt Btrr	Reps Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
36 The economy	32	17	17	19	0	4	10	48	36	12
Likely Voters.....	33	14	17	20	1	5	10	47	38	9
DrpOff.....	25	37	16	12	-	-	11	62	27	35
37 Taxes	25	15	20	23	2	3	12	40	43	-3
Likely Voters.....	26	14	20	25	1	4	11	40	44	-5
DrpOff.....	20	26	20	14	4	2	15	46	33	12
38 Health care.....	34	14	16	21	1	5	9	49	36	13
Likely Voters.....	35	13	16	21	1	6	9	48	37	11
DrpOff.....	28	27	16	15	-	2	13	54	31	23
39 Government spending.....	23	16	20	20	2	7	11	39	41	-1
Likely Voters.....	24	15	20	21	1	8	11	39	41	-1
DrpOff.....	18	22	26	17	4	2	10	40	43	-2

(ref:BETJOBBO)

Q.40 Now, I'm going to read you a short description of a health care reform plan that President Obama has proposed.

This plan prohibits insurance companies from denying coverage for pre-existing conditions or dropping coverage when someone gets sick and requires them to cover preventive care. It creates a health insurance exchange where individuals without insurance can comparison shop among different private plans or a public insurance option.

The plan requires all Americans to have health insurance while subsidizing the cost for those with low and moderate incomes. It requires all companies to provide health insurance for their employees or contribute to a fund that will help pay for their coverage with small businesses being exempted. And it creates a pilot project to test ideas to reduce medical malpractice lawsuits.

The plan will be paid for by eliminating 500 billion dollars in fraudulent and wasteful Medicare and Medicaid spending and by imposing a fee on insurance companies for their most expensive policies. To ensure it won't increase the deficit, the plan requires further spending cuts if promised savings don't materialize.

Based on what you heard, do you favor or oppose this health care plan?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Strongly favor	33	33	30
Somewhat favor	19	18	26
Somewhat oppose	10	9	17
Strongly oppose	31	33	19
(Don't know/refused)	6	6	8
Total favor.....	52	51	56
Total oppose.....	42	43	36
Favor - Oppose.....	10	9	20
(ref:PACKAGE)			

Q.41 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	2	7
High School graduate	23	23	22
Non-college post H.S.	1	1	0
Some college	29	28	36
College graduate.....	25	26	19
Post-graduate school	19	19	14
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	3
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.42 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.....	12	12	12
Household member.....	8	9	6
No member belongs.....	79	78	81
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	1	2
Union Household	20	21	17
(ref:UNION)			

Q.43 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	20	20	21
Yes: Family Member	23	22	32
No	56	57	46
(Dk/Ref).....	1	1	1
Total Yes	43	42	53
(ref:EMPLOY2)			

Q.44 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Married.....	60	62	48
Single	21	19	32
Separated/Divorced	11	11	13
Widowed	7	7	5
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	2
Sep/Div/Wid	18	18	18
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.45 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Strong Democrat.....	28	28	26
Weak Democrat.....	11	10	16
Independent-lean Democrat.....	9	8	12
Independent.....	9	9	9
Independent-lean Republican.....	11	12	8
Weak Republican.....	14	12	21
Strong Republican.....	18	19	7
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1	1
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.46 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Liberal.....	21	20	24
Moderate.....	34	34	39
Conservative.....	41	43	33
(Don't know/refused).....	3	3	4
(ref:IDEO1)			

[189 Respondents]

Q.47 (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	25	35
No.....	73	75	65
(DK/Refused).....	-	-	-
(ref:LANDLINE)			

[1011 Respondents]

Q.48 (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.....	84	84	80
No.....	16	15	18
(DK/Refused).....	1	1	2
(ref:CELLLINE)			

[897 Respondents]

Q.49 (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	17	35
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	44	44	40
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	36	38	24
(DK/Refused)	1	1	1
(ref:DUALUSE)			

Cell Phone Use

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Cell Only	12	11	18
Cell Mostly	14	13	24
Dual User	33	33	27
Landline Mostly	27	29	16
Landline Only	13	13	13
Landline Unknown	2	1	2
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample)	4	3	9
Cell Mostly (from landline Sample)	10	9	14

Q.50 What is your religion?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Protestant.....	55	55	51
Catholic.....	20	19	21
Jewish.....	1	1	1
Muslim.....	0	0	0
(Don't know/refused)	24	24	26
(ref:RELIG1)			

Q.51 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.....	14	14	13
Once a week	27	28	22
Once or twice a month	13	13	14
Several times a year	14	13	18
Hardly ever.....	23	22	26
(Never)	5	5	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	5	5	6
More than/Once a week	41	42	35
(ref:RELIG2)			

[1183 Respondents]

Q.52 (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	49	47	59
Republican John McCain	41	43	30
(Ralph Nader)	0	0	-
(Bob Barr)	0	0	-
(Other).....	3	3	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	6	6	8
(ref:VOTE2008)			

[1183 Respondents]

Q.53 (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)	45	45	48
(2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN).....	39	40	28
(Other candidate)	2	2	1
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	4	3	14
(Don't know/Refused).....	10	10	10
(ref:VTCTG2008)			

Q.54 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
White	75	76	68
African-American or Black	11	12	10
Hispanic or Latino	8	7	15
Native American.....	1	1	1
Asian	1	1	1
(Other).....	1	1	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	3	3	4
(ref:RACETHN)			

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Male	47	47	45
Female	53	53	55
(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.

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
18 - 24.....	7	7	13
25 - 29.....	9	9	10
30 - 34.....	7	8	5
35 - 39.....	10	9	13
40 - 44.....	9	9	12
45 - 49.....	12	12	12
50 - 54.....	9	9	10
55 - 59.....	8	8	7
60 - 64.....	10	10	8
Over 64	19	20	8
(No answer)	1	1	1
(ref:AGE)			