

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

February 7-9, 2011

1,000 Likely Voters

Q.3 First of all, 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	96
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	4
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.5 As you may know, there was an election last November for Congress and other offices. 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	85
Not registered/ineligible/too young	2
Did not vote	12
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	1
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE10)	

Q.9 I know it is a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for President and Congress in 2012: 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.....	91
Probably	9
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	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
Right direction	36
Wrong track	56
(Don't know/Refused).....	9
Right - Wrong.....	-20
(ref:DIRECT)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve	27
Somewhat approve	23
Somewhat disapprove.....	12
Strongly disapprove.....	32
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
Total approve.....	51
Total disapprove.....	44
(ref:BOAPP)	

[500 Respondents]

Q.12 (SPLIT B) Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job in charge of the House of Representatives?

	Total
Strongly approve	16
Somewhat approve	24
Somewhat disapprove.....	19
Strongly disapprove.....	26
(Don't know/Refused).....	14
Total approve.....	40
Total disapprove.....	46
(ref:REPAPP)	

Q.13 Now, I'd like you 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
13 The Republican Party	49.3	43	37	15	23	98	6
14 The Democratic Party	48.6	41	40	20	27	98	0
15 Republicans in Congress	49.7	43	35	13	20	96	8
16 Democrats in Congress	47.2	38	42	17	27	98	-4
17 Barack Obama	55.8	53	35	36	27	100	18
[329 Respondents]							
18 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE)	55.6	41	24	23	16	80	17
[511 Respondents]							
18 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE)	54.7	39	22	19	16	76	17
19 John Boehner - the Republican leader of the House.....	51.0	35	27	14	18	79	9
20 Mike Huckabee	52.3	32	22	14	14	70	10
21 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	55.7	47	32	30	21	94	15
22 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	50.3	39	39	29	30	96	1
23 Gay marriage	42.4	35	47	26	43	96	-13
27 The state of the economy	35.8	22	62	5	40	99	-40
28 The Tea Party movement	45.0	35	41	22	33	91	-6

¹ The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
29 The new health care reform law.....	41.3	33	47	20	38	92	-13

[500 Respondents]

30 (SPLIT A) (BUDGET) Cutting the federal budget this year by \$32 billion	58.8	50	27	30	15	95	23
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[500 Respondents]

31 (SPLIT B) (BUDGET) Freezing the federal budget for the next five years.....	53.1	41	34	28	25	92	8
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(ref: THERM04/THERM204/THERM205)

[500 Respondents]

Q.32 (SPLIT A) I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the presidential election in 2012, if the election for president were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mike Huckabee, for whom would you vote?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	45
Lean Democrat Barack Obama.....	2
Republican Mike Huckabee.....	45
Lean Republican Mike Huckabee.....	2
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	2
(Refused).....	2
Total Democrat Barack Obama.....	47
Total Republican Mike Huckabee	47
Total (Other candidate).....	2

(ref:PREZ12C)

[500 Respondents]

Q.34 (SPLIT B) I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the presidential election in 2012, if the election for president were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, for whom would you vote?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	45
Lean Democrat Barack Obama.....	3
Republican Mitt Romney	43
Lean Republican Mitt Romney	3
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	-
(Undecided).....	3
(Refused).....	1
Total Democrat Barack Obama.....	48
Total Republican Mitt Romney.....	46
Total (Other candidate).....	2

(ref:PREZ12A)

Q.36 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections for Congress in 2012, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)²?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	43
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3
Republican candidate.....	46
Lean Republican candidate.....	2
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	3
(Refused).....	1
Total Democratic candidate	46
Total Republican candidate.....	48
Total (Other candidate).....	1

(ref:CONG10)

² 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.

Q.38 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.

	Dem Much Bttr	Dem Smwt Bttr	Rep Smwt Bttr	Rep Much Bttr	Both	Nthr	DK/ Ref	Total Dem Bttr	Total Rep Bttr	Dem - Rep
[500 Respondents] 38 (SPLIT A) The economy	21	19	20	26	1	6	7	40	46	-5
[500 Respondents] 39 (SPLIT B) Taxes	19	15	21	28	1	6	9	35	49	-14
[500 Respondents] 40 (SPLIT B) Health care.....	28	15	14	28	1	6	9	42	42	0
[500 Respondents] 41 (SPLIT A) Social Security and Medicare	27	16	16	21	1	6	12	43	38	5
[500 Respondents] 42 (SPLIT B) Jobs and employment	23	18	20	25	2	7	6	41	45	-4
[500 Respondents] 43 (SPLIT B) The federal budget deficit.....	15	16	22	27	1	8	10	31	49	-18
[500 Respondents] 44 (SPLIT A) Making the right choices in deciding how and when to reduce the federal budget deficit.....	17	17	22	27	2	8	7	34	49	-15
[500 Respondents] 45 (SPLIT B) Making the government more accountable to ordinary citizens	22	22	16	22	2	9	8	43	38	5
46 Promoting more personal responsibility	14	14	21	30	1	6	13	28	51	-23
(ref:BETJOBCEG)										

[500 Respondents]

Q.47 (SPLIT B) As you know unemployment is still high, but tell which ONE of the following problems is most important to address to have a better economy?

	Total
High government spending, the budget deficit and taxes.....	25
High prices and the declining income of the middle class and working people	24
The government is dominated by special interest waste and not accountable to people	23
America falling behind China and India on education, innovation and building a modern economy.....	18
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
(All).....	4
(None of these).....	2
(ref:PRIORIT3)	

Q.48 Let me ask something different. The Republicans in the House of Representatives will pass a budget that cuts 32 billion dollars from domestic programs this year. From what you know, do you favor or oppose this plan to cut spending by 32 billion dollars?

	Total
Strongly favor	29
Somewhat favor	21
Somewhat oppose.....	13
Strongly oppose	21
(Don't know/Refused).....	17
Total favor	50
Total oppose	33
(ref:BUDGCUT1)	

Q.49 Now let me read you some statements that Republicans have made about their proposed cut in federal spending. After each statement please tell me whether it makes you MUCH MORE LIKELY, SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY, JUST A LITTLE MORE LIKELY, NO MORE LIKELY or LESS LIKELY to support their budget to cut federal spending.

	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Ltle More Likly	No More Likly	Less Likly	DK/ Ref	Much Smwt Ltle	Much Smwt Ltle
49 President Obama's spending spree failed to create jobs and plunged us deeper into debt. Ordinary citizens must live within their means. And so must the government. Washington's spending spree is over. Endless borrowing kills jobs and jeopardizes our future. We must act now to restrain government and restart America's engine of economic growth.	29	24	7	12	23	5	52	60

	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Ltle More Likly	No More Likly	Less Likly	DK/ Ref	Much/Smwt/ Smwt	Ltle
50 We must restore fiscal discipline in Washington. This is imperative. We face the crushing burden of debt that will grow to catastrophic levels in the years ahead. On this path, the federal government will double in size during our children's lifetimes, leaving them crippled by debt and taxes. If we do not act now, the next generation will inherit the stagnant economy of a third rate country.	39	18	8	12	19	5	56	64
(ref:REPCUTS)								

Q.51 Democrats say that it is very important to cut the deficit, but oppose these cuts as much too large, too fast and with the wrong priorities. Let me read you some statements the Democrats are making about the budget cuts. After each statement, tell me whether it makes you MUCH LESS LIKELY to support these cuts, SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY, JUST A LITTLE LESS LIKELY, NO LESS LIKELY or MORE LIKELY to support these budget cuts.

	Much Less Likly	Smwt Less Likly	Ltle Less Likly	No Less Likly	More Likly	DK/ Ref	Much/Smwt/ Smwt	Ltle
[500 Respondents] 51 (SPLIT A) In these tough economic times, these budget cuts hit those who can least afford it - working families with children and the elderly. It slashes help with childcare and Head Start, cuts scholarships to college, and cuts health care benefits for seniors.....	31	17	12	13	22	5	47	59

[500 Respondents] 52 (SPLIT B) With unemployment over 9 percent, these budget cuts make the job situation worse. They lay off tens of thousands of teachers and cut our support for education and training, cut support for science and technology and radically cut transportation and clean energy projects key to future jobs.	22	17	12	13	29	7	39	51
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	Much Less Likly	Smwt Less Likly	Ltle Less Likly	No Less Likly	More Likly	DK/ Ref	Much/Smwt/ Smwt	Much Ltle
[500 Respondents] 54 (SPLIT B) With the middle class crushed by the Great Recession and still in trouble, we have to maintain our efforts to improve education and make college affordable, help small business, reduce health care costs and help with retirement.....	15	12	9	11	48	6	26	35
[338 Respondents] 55 (SPLIT A) The focus now must be on jobs and promoting economic growth. Slashing budgets now will make the job situation worse, keep us in a hole longer and make it harder for our country to reduce the deficit.....	20	17	9	17	29	9	36	45
[500 Respondents] 56 (SPLIT B) This budget maintains all the tax breaks for the top 2 percent and special deals for corporate lobbyists that increase spending and the deficit, while slashing education and student loans that help for the middle class and struggling families.	25	19	10	13	27	5	44	54
[500 Respondents] 57 (SPLIT A) This budget passes the bill to state and municipal governments. The costs will be passed down and result in rising property and sales taxes as state and local governments will have to foot the bill..... (ref:DEMREPLY)	22	19	12	15	26	6	41	53

[500 Respondents]

Q.58 (SPLIT A) Let me read you some things Democrats are saying on the deficit and spending. After each statement, tell me whether it makes you MUCH MORE CONFIDENT, SOMEWHAT MORE CONFIDENT, JUST A LITTLE MORE CONFIDENT, NO MORE CONFIDENT or LESS CONFIDENT in the Democrats.

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Ltle More Conf	No More Conf	Less Conf	DK/ Ref	Much/Smwt/ Ltle	Much/Smwt/ Ltle
58 We must start by cutting wasteful and unnecessary spending, but before we cut middle class programs, we need to close tax loopholes, end subsidies for oil companies, and make government more accountable to people, not the special interests that dominate Washington.	38	20	10	15	14	2	59	69
59 I support freezing federal spending for 5 years, which will require cutting 500 billion dollars from programs that can't be justified in these times.	21	21	10	18	23	7	42	52
[338 Respondents]								
60 I support major cuts in spending, so we can focus on the right things. Cut the unnecessary military spending proposed by Secretary of Defense Gates and cut the massive farm subsidies to agribusinesses.	28	15	12	15	23	6	44	56
[338 Respondents]								
61 We have to cut programs that are wasteful and outdated. We should start by restructuring and streamlining government services and federal agencies to eliminate redundancy, inefficiency, and waste.	36	23	12	12	14	4	59	70
62 We will get this budget right if we help those who work hard and played by the rules and insist on personal responsibility from everyone. Less money for bailouts and subsidies for CEOs that ship jobs overseas and less easy credit for people who borrow and spend beyond their means.	31	24	14	12	17	3	54	68

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Ltle More Conf	No More Conf	Less Conf	DK/ Ref	Much/Smwt/ Ltle	Much Ltle
[338 Respondents]								
63 The first thing we need to do is make sure taxpayers are getting their money's worth by requiring every government program to be measured to see if it is achieving results. Then we can end programs that don't work, and concentrate on the ones that do.	35	20	18	11	13	2	56	74
(ref:DEMCUTS)								

Q.64 Now I am going to read you some of the specific spending cuts proposed in the House Republicans' budget for this year. After I read each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose it.

	Strng Favr	Smwt Favr	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	DK/ Ref	Total Favr	Total Opp	Opp - Fav
[500 Respondents]								
64 (SPLIT A) It cuts funding for K-12 education and support for special education, students with disabilities and schools in high poverty areas, cutting off almost 4 million students and losing thousands of teachers.	8	10	18	60	4	18	78	60

[500 Respondents]								
65 (SPLIT B) It cuts one quarter of the funding for the Food and Drug Administration - meaning a major drop in inspections and safety of our food supply, including reduced inspections of food imports from Asia.	15	17	18	46	4	32	64	33

[500 Respondents]								
66 (SPLIT A) It makes its biggest cuts in transportation - cutting highway construction and modernization, setting back high-speed rail, cutting support for Amtrak and new airport construction - losing 130,000 jobs.	11	16	31	38	5	26	69	42

[341 Respondents]								
67 (SPLIT B) Some of the biggest cuts are in student aid that so many people of all ages are using to get new skills and jobs. This plan cuts funds for work study at community colleges and a million students from working families will see their annual scholarships cut by up to fifteen hundred dollars a year.	16	18	22	42	2	34	64	30

	Strng Favr	Smwt Favr	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	DK/ Ref	Total Favr	Total Opp	Opp - Fav
[500 Respondents] 68 (SPLIT A) It cuts funding to local government, which will mean further loss of middle class jobs in police, fire and teaching and likely higher local property taxes.	9	13	25	49	5	21	73	52
[500 Respondents] 69 (SPLIT B) It makes major cuts in help for the poor, including school funding in poor neighborhoods and removing 600,000 people from the nutrition program for women, infants and children.	12	18	18	48	4	30	66	36
[338 Respondents] 70 (SPLIT B) It eliminates 5 million meals now delivered to the homebound elderly.	12	11	21	52	4	23	73	50
[500 Respondents] 71 (SPLIT B) It cuts Head Start funding for 120,000 children in pre-school and eliminates 40,000 jobs.	9	14	23	50	4	23	73	50
[500 Respondents] 72 (SPLIT B) It cuts coal mine safety inspectors, making it no longer possible to inspect all mines as required after the Upper Big Branch Mine disaster.....	10	17	26	42	6	26	68	42
[335 Respondents] 73 (SPLIT A) It ends large numbers of investigations of wage and hour violations, meaning 90,000 workers will not get the money they were legally entitled to, involving 70 million dollars in back wages.	13	16	28	36	8	28	64	36
[500 Respondents] 74 (SPLIT A) It significantly cuts funding for medical research, including the National Cancer Institute, forcing it to cancel one-third of its clinical trials, and the National Institute of Diabetes, which will fund no new clinical trials.....	10	15	24	46	4	25	71	46

	Strng Favr	Smwt Favr	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	DK/ Ref	Total Favr	Total Opp	Opp - Fav
[500 Respondents]								
75 (SPLIT A) The cuts will require the Food Inspection Service to lay-off all its inspectors for up to a month and a half and without inspectors, some meat and poultry plants will have to stop operating.								
	5	10	30	50	5	15	80	65
(ref:CUTSLIST)								

[500 Respondents]
Q.76 (SPLIT B) After hearing about the budget cuts, which ones stand out the most for you?

Awaiting open-end coding

(ref:BUDGETOE)

Q.77 Let me ask again. The Republicans in the House of Representatives will pass a budget that cuts 32 billion dollars from domestic programs this year. From what you know, do you favor or oppose this plan to cut 32 billion dollars?

	Total
Strongly favor	24
Somewhat favor	18
Somewhat oppose.....	18
Strongly oppose	32
(Don't know/Refused).....	7
Total favor	43
Total oppose	50

(ref:BUDGCUT3)

Q.99 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	3
High School graduate.....	22
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college.....	27
College graduate	29
Post-graduate school	16
(Don't know/Refused).....	2

(ref:EDUC)

Q.100 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	12
Household member	7
No member belongs.....	78
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
Union Household.....	20
(ref:UNION)	

Q.101 And have you or any member of your immediate family been unemployed at some point in the last year?

	Total
Yes: Respondent.....	19
Yes: Family Member	21
No.....	56
(Dk/Ref)	3
Total Yes	41
(ref:EMPLOY2)	

Q.102 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	61
Single	17
Separated/Divorced.....	8
Widowed.....	7
Living with partner	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
Sep/Div/Wid.....	15
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.103 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	23
Weak Democrat.....	11
Independent-lean Democrat.....	9
Independent	8
Independent-lean Republican	11
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican.....	23
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.106 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	18
Moderate	35
Conservative	41
(Don't know/Refused)	6
(ref:IDEO1)	

[161 Respondents]

Q.107 (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
Yes	25
No.....	73
(Don't Know/Refused)	1
(ref:LANDLINE)	

[839 Respondents]

Q.108 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total
Yes	82
No.....	16
(Don't Know/Refused)	2
(ref:CELLLINE)	

[729 Respondents]

Q.109 (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
All or almost all calls on a cell phone	25
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	39
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone.....	35
(Don't Know/Refused)	0
(ref:DUALUSE)	

Phone Use Table

	Total
Cell Only.....	12
Cell Mostly.....	18
Dual User	28
Landline Mostly	26
Landline Only	13
Landline Unknown.....	2
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample).....	4
Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample)	14

Q.110 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	54
Catholic	21
Jewish	2
Muslim	0
(Don't know/Refused)	23
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.111 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	24
Once or twice a month	15
Several times a year.....	11
Hardly ever	22
(Never)	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
Once a week or more	38
(ref:RELIG2)	

[962 Respondents]

Q.113 (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.....	46
Republican John McCain	42
(Ralph Nader).....	-
(Bob Barr).....	-
(Other)	3
(Don't Know/Refused)	9
(ref:VOTE2008)	

[588 Respondents]

Q.114 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE10) In the 2010 election for Congress, did you vote for (2010 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2010 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)³?

	Total
(2010 HOUSE DEMOCRAT).....	39
(2010 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)	47
(Other candidate)	3
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	2
(Don't Know/Refused)	10
(ref:VTCG2010)	

³ 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.115 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	74
African-American or Black.....	12
Hispanic or Latino.....	8
Native American	1
Asian	2
(Other).....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.2 Respondent's gender

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

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	7
25 - 29	9
30 - 34	8
35 - 39.....	8
40 - 44	7
45 - 49.....	11
50 - 54.....	10
55 - 59.....	9
60 - 64.....	9
65 and over	21
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	