

# Democracy Corps - Third Way Frequency Questionnaire

February 20-24, 2010

**1,001 2008 Voters**

**851 Likely 2010 Voters (878 unweighted) <sup>1</sup>**

**150 Drop-Off Voters (123 unweighted) <sup>2</sup>**

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Voted .....	98	99	96
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young .....	2	1	4
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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Voted .....	84	94	23
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young .....	7	6	13
Did not vote.....	6	-	43
(Can't remember/Don't know) .....	3	-	21
(Refused).....	-	-	-
(ref:VOTE062)			

<sup>1</sup> Likely voters are defined as those 2008 voters who voted or were not eligible in 2006 AND are almost certain to vote, probable to vote, or don't know if they will vote in 2010.

<sup>2</sup> 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 this November: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Almost certain .....	72	79	31
Probably.....	20	20	19
50-50.....	6	-	38
Will not vote .....	2	-	11
(Don't know).....	1	1	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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Right direction.....	32	31	38
Wrong track .....	60	62	49
(Don't know/refused).....	8	7	13
<b>Right - Wrong</b> .....	<b>-28</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>-11</b>
(ref:DIRECT)			

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Strongly approve.....	27	27	28
Somewhat approve .....	22	20	31
Somewhat disapprove .....	12	11	15
Strongly disapprove .....	35	37	21
(Don't know/refused).....	5	5	6
<b>Total approve</b> .....	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b> .....	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>35</b>
(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 .....	44.0	31	46	11	28	96	-15
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	44.6	33	44	12	28	97	-12
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	40.1	20	53	6	27	93	-33
13 The Democratic Party .....	44.6	35	47	17	34	98	-11
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	43.8	36	49	17	37	98	-13
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	49.3	33	34	17	22	95	-1
14 The Democratic Congress .....	41.7	32	48	14	36	96	-16
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	40.8	32	51	13	39	97	-19
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	47.5	33	33	17	22	88	0
15 Barack Obama .....	51.3	48	42	31	31	100	6
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	50.6	47	43	31	33	99	4
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	55.5	49	33	35	23	100	17
<b>[466 Respondents]</b>							
16 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>3</sup> (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE).....	52.3	37	29	21	20	81	8
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	52.6	39	30	22	21	84	10
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	48.8	23	26	14	17	59	-3
<b>[385 Respondents]</b>							
16 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>4</sup> (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE).....	56.0	38	21	20	14	73	17
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	57.3	42	21	22	14	76	20
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	44.5	17	21	3	14	53	-3
17 Republicans in Congress .....	42.9	30	47	10	30	95	-17
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	43.3	31	47	11	30	97	-16
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	40.1	24	48	6	32	88	-24
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association ....	53.1	42	31	27	25	92	11
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	54.0	43	31	28	24	92	13
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	47.9	36	35	24	28	89	1
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups .....	46.5	35	42	24	33	96	-7
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	46.1	35	43	23	34	96	-8
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	48.9	34	39	25	29	95	-5

<sup>3</sup> The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

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	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>							
20 (SPLIT A) The Iraq War .....	38.1	25	50	9	37	96	-24
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	39.8	28	47	11	36	96	-20
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	27.9	13	63	2	42	92	-50
21 Gay marriage .....	41.3	32	48	26	44	94	-16
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	40.0	31	50	25	46	95	-19
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	49.4	38	38	32	31	89	0
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>							
22 (SPLIT A) The United Nations .....	49.0	38	37	18	26	94	1
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	49.0	39	37	19	27	95	3
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	49.3	31	36	15	20	88	-6
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>							
23 (SPLIT B) NATO, which is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization .....	52.1	33	24	15	15	79	10
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	52.9	34	23	16	14	80	11
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	47.3	30	25	8	17	74	5
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>							
24 (SPLIT A) The state of the economy .....	29.5	13	72	2	48	99	-59
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	29.7	13	73	3	49	99	-60
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	28.9	10	68	1	40	100	-58
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>							
25 (SPLIT B) The war in Afghanistan .....	46.0	35	41	14	27	97	-5
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	46.9	36	39	15	26	97	-3
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	40.8	31	50	12	37	96	-19
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>							
26 (SPLIT B) The state of your personal finances .....	55.0	48	26	19	16	95	21
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	57.1	52	23	22	15	94	28
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	43.2	24	42	5	20	98	-17

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.27 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)<sup>5</sup>?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Democratic candidate .....	41	39	47
Lean Democratic candidate .....	5	4	8
Republican candidate .....	38	40	26
Lean Republican candidate .....	6	6	4
(Other candidate).....	1	1	3
Lean (Other candidate).....	1	1	-
(Undecided) .....	7	7	10
(Refused) .....	1	1	2
<b>Total Democratic candidate .....</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate .....</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

(ref:CONG10)

Q.29 Generally speaking, do you feel America is more safe or less safe from foreign threats and dangers than two years ago?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Much more safe .....	14	14	11
Somewhat more safe .....	28	26	34
Somewhat less safe.....	19	18	23
Much less safe .....	24	26	18
(Neither).....	11	12	9
(Don't know/refused).....	4	4	5
<b>Total More safe .....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total Less safe .....</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>More safe - Less safe .....</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>4</b>

(ref:SAFE)

<sup>5</sup> 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.30 And would you say the United States is more respected or less respected in the world than it was two years ago?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Much more respected .....	19	20	12
Somewhat more respected .....	23	21	35
Somewhat less respected .....	24	24	28
Much less respected .....	26	27	16
(Neither) .....	4	3	5
(Don't know/refused) .....	4	4	5
<b>Total More respected .....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Less respected .....</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>More respected - Less respected .....</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>3</b>
(ref:USRSPCT)			

Q.31 Now I'm going to read you a list of issues. For each one, I would like you to tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job on that issue.

	Strng App	Smwt App	Smwt Disap	Strng Disap	DK/ Ref	Total App	Total Disap	App - Disap
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
31 (SPLIT A) The economy .....	15	30	13	41	1	<b>45</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>-10</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	16	26	14	44	1	<b>42</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-15</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	11	49	10	28	2	<b>60</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>
32 National security .....	24	34	16	23	3	<b>58</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	25	32	16	24	3	<b>57</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	19	45	12	19	4	<b>65</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
33 (SPLIT A) Improving America's standing in the world .....	31	25	16	25	3	<b>56</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	32	22	15	27	3	<b>55</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	21	42	17	15	6	<b>62</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>
34 Fighting terrorism .....	25	30	17	24	4	<b>55</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	25	29	18	24	5	<b>54</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	22	35	17	22	4	<b>58</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
35 (SPLIT A) Afghanistan .....	16	42	21	15	5	<b>58</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	18	40	22	15	5	<b>58</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	7	55	16	19	3	<b>62</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>								
36 (SPLIT B) Iraq .....	20	33	20	21	7	<b>52</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	21	33	19	21	7	<b>54</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	16	30	29	20	5	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>								
37 (SPLIT B) Leading America's military .....	25	32	17	22	4	<b>57</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	24	33	16	22	4	<b>57</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	31	24	21	18	5	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>								
38 (SPLIT B) Foreign Policy .....	23	31	16	24	6	<b>54</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	23	29	17	25	6	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	23	43	8	19	7	<b>66</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>								
39 (SPLIT B) Iran .....	14	28	20	28	9	<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-5</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	14	28	18	30	9	<b>42</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-7</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	16	32	29	14	9	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>

	Strng App	Smwt App	Smwt Disap	Strng Disap	DK/ Ref	Total App	Total Disap	App - Disap
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
40 (SPLIT A) Interrogation and prosecution of terrorism suspects.....	23	23	14	35	6	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	23	21	13	37	5	<b>44</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-6</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	20	33	18	20	10	<b>52</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>15</b>
(ref:PRESBATT)								

Q.41 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Democrats in Congress are doing on national security?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strongly approve.....	9	9	7
Somewhat approve .....	34	32	46
Somewhat disapprove .....	21	21	18
Strongly disapprove .....	28	30	15
(Don't know/refused).....	8	7	14
<b>Total approve</b> .....	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b> .....	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove</b> .....	<b>-5</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>19</b>
(ref:DNSAPP)			

Q.42 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Republicans in Congress are doing on national security?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strongly approve.....	7	7	6
Somewhat approve .....	38	38	42
Somewhat disapprove .....	24	26	16
Strongly disapprove .....	20	20	20
(Don't know/refused).....	10	9	16
<b>Total approve</b> .....	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b> .....	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove</b> .....	<b>1</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>11</b>
(ref:RNSAPP)			



**[500 Respondents]**

Q.43 (SPLIT A) When it comes to national security, do you think President Obama is doing better, worse, or about the same as President George W. Bush?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Much better.....	25	26	21
Somewhat better.....	14	12	25
Somewhat worse.....	12	11	13
Much worse.....	20	22	8
About the same.....	28	28	29
(Don't know/refused).....	2	1	4
<b>Total better.....</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total worse.....</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Better - Worse.....</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>
(ref:PSTPREZ5)			

**[501 Respondents]**

Q.44 (SPLIT B) When it comes to combating terrorism and handling terrorism suspects, do you think President Obama is doing better, worse, or about the same as President George W. Bush?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Much better.....	23	22	27
Somewhat better.....	15	15	17
Somewhat worse.....	11	11	12
Much worse.....	20	22	8
About the same.....	29	28	32
(Don't know/refused).....	3	2	5
<b>Total better.....</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total worse.....</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Better - Worse.....</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>
(ref:PSTPREZ6)			

Q.45 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.

	Dems Much Btrr	Dems Smwt Btrr	Reps Smwt Btrr	Reps Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dems	Total Reps	Dems - Reps
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>										
45 (SPLIT B) The economy .....										
	23	20	20	23	1	6	8	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	21	21	19	25	1	6	7	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	32	12	23	13	-	10	10	<b>44</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
46 (SPLIT A) Keeping America safe .....										
	16	18	21	23	6	4	12	<b>34</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-11</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	16	17	22	25	6	3	11	<b>34</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-14</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	12	23	17	14	6	8	20	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>
47 National security .....										
	13	20	24	24	3	4	11	<b>34</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-15</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	14	19	25	25	3	4	10	<b>33</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-17</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	9	25	19	17	6	7	16	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>										
48 (SPLIT B) Improving global respect for America ....										
	29	19	16	17	2	5	12	<b>48</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	29	18	16	17	2	5	12	<b>47</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	31	21	15	12	3	7	11	<b>52</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
49 (SPLIT A) Ensuring a strong military .....										
	13	14	23	33	3	2	12	<b>26</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-30</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	14	13	23	35	3	2	10	<b>27</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>-32</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	8	18	24	19	5	4	23	<b>26</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-17</b>
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>										
50 (SPLIT B) Combating terrorism.....										
	13	22	22	25	4	4	11	<b>34</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-13</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	13	22	22	25	3	4	11	<b>35</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-12</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	12	20	25	25	6	6	7	<b>31</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-19</b>
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>										
51 (SPLIT B) The situation in Afghanistan .....										
	15	25	23	15	4	6	13	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	14	23	24	16	4	7	13	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	18	35	19	8	3	6	11	<b>53</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>

	Dems Much Btr	Dems Smwt Btr	Reps Smwt Btr	Reps Much Btr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dems	Total Reps	Dems - Reps
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
52 (SPLIT A) Making America safer from nuclear threats .....										
	17	17	20	22	4	6	14	<b>34</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-9</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	17	17	21	24	4	5	12	<b>34</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-11</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	14	18	15	13	4	10	26	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
53 (SPLIT A) The budget deficit .....										
	18	20	20	20	3	7	13	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	18	20	22	21	2	7	10	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-5</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	16	18	8	16	4	9	28	<b>35</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>
(ref:BETJOB)										

Q.54 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
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
54 (SPLIT A) America's security depends on building strong ties with other nations.										
OR										
Bottom line, America's security depends on its own military strength.....										
	43	9	12	30	3	1	2	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	43	10	10	33	3	0	2	<b>52</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	45	5	25	16	3	5	1	<b>50</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>9</b>

<b>[501 Respondents]</b>										
55 (SPLIT B) America is losing its global leadership as China and other developing countries grow their economies and hold more of our debt.										
OR										
America remains the world's strongest and most influential country due to our combination of economic strength, military power, and political freedom.....										
	43	20	10	22	1	1	3	<b>63</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	43	20	10	22	1	1	3	<b>64</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	44	18	10	26	-	-	3	<b>62</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>26</b>

<b>[501 Respondents]</b>										
56 (SPLIT B) Democrats generally do what is necessary to defend America's security.										
OR										
Democrats too often shortchange America's security in favor of domestic priorities.....										
	27	18	17	30	0	3	5	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	26	17	17	31	0	4	5	<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-4</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	31	24	16	25	-	-	5	<b>54</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>14</b>

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>										
57 (SPLIT B) I have a pretty good idea what the Democrats' national security agenda is.										
OR										
I do not really know what the Democrats stand for on national security.....										
	33	21	18	23	0	1	5	<b>54</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	34	20	17	24	0	1	4	<b>55</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	26	23	22	19	-	-	9	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>8</b>

<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
58 (SPLIT A) I have a pretty good idea what the Republicans' national security agenda is.										
OR										
I do not really know what the Republicans stand for on national security.....										
	43	20	14	17	0	1	4	<b>63</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	44	19	15	17	0	1	5	<b>63</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	37	28	10	18	-	4	4	<b>65</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>
(ref:PAIRS10)										

Q.59 Now something different. As you may know, over Christmas a Nigerian man was arrested for trying to set off a bomb on a plane headed from Amsterdam to Detroit. Thinking about what you have heard about this incident and how the Obama administration has responded, do those events make you feel more confident or less confident about the Obama administration's handling of national security?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Much more confident .....	17	17	19
Somewhat more confident .....	25	25	26
Somewhat less confident .....	16	13	30
Much less confident .....	30	33	13
(Neither) .....	6	6	7
(Don't know/refused) .....	6	6	5
<b>Total More confident .....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total Less confident .....</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>More confident - Less confident .....</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>2</b>

(ref:XMASBLM2)

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.60 (SPLIT A) Now a different topic. As you may know, President Obama recently said he will work with Congress and the military to repeal the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy, which prohibits gay and lesbian people from disclosing their sexual orientation while serving in the armed forces. Based on what you know, do you approve or disapprove of repealing the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Strongly approve .....	36	37	29
Somewhat approve .....	14	14	15
Somewhat disapprove .....	12	12	14
Strongly disapprove .....	25	25	29
(Don't know/refused) .....	12	12	14
<b>Total approve .....</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total disapprove .....</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove .....</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>

(ref:DADTA)

**[501 Respondents]**

Q.61 (SPLIT B) Now a different topic. As you may know, President Obama recently said he will work with Congress and the military to repeal the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy, which prohibits gay and lesbian people from disclosing their sexual orientation while serving in the armed forces. Based on what you know, does this make you feel more or less favorable toward President Obama?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Much more favorable .....	33	32	38
Somewhat more favorable .....	20	20	19
Somewhat less favorable .....	13	12	13
Much less favorable .....	19	21	10
(Don't know/refused) .....	15	14	20
<b>Total More favorable .....</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Total Less favorable .....</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>More favorable - Less favorable .....</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>33</b>

(ref:DADTB)

Q.62 Now I am going to read you a set of statements about national security. Let's start with statements from the Democrats. For each statement, let me know whether it makes you feel more confident or less confident about the Democrats on national security.

	<b>Much More Conf</b>	<b>Smwmt More Conf</b>	<b>Smwmt Less Conf</b>	<b>Much Less Conf</b>	<b>No Diff</b>	<b>Both/ Nei ther</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Total More</b>	<b>Total Less</b>	<b>More - Less</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
62 (SPLIT A) Democrats say: The Obama administration's interrogation policies toward suspected terrorists are making America safer. By using proven, traditional FBI techniques rather than torture we got the Christmas Day bomber to provide actionable intelligence, which, according to recent reports, already contributed to the arrest of ten suspected terrorists overseas. ....	24	31	19	20	0	2	5	<b>54</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Likely Voters .....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters .....</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei ther	DK/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>										
63 (SPLIT B) Democrats say: Since the day Obama took office, we've stepped up the fight against terrorists. Using our Special Forces and Predator planes in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Yemen, we captured or killed hundreds of al Qaeda's fighters and affiliates in 2009, far more than in 2008. Just last week, US forces helped capture the Taliban's top military commander. ....										
	33	36	10	10	3	2	6	<b>69</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	34	35	11	11	3	2	5	<b>69</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	32	41	4	5	-	3	15	<b>73</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>63</b>

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei ther	DK/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
64 (SPLIT A) Democrats say: After a period of US policies that alienated the rest of the world, we have raised America's standing by ending torture, working more with our allies, and getting other countries like Pakistan to cooperate with us on fighting terrorism. By improving America's image, we are strengthening our hand against the terrorists. ....										
	23	31	17	23	1	0	5	<b>54</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	26	28	16	25	1	0	5	<b>54</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	7	51	20	12	-	1	8	<b>59</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27</b>



	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei ther	DK/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
65 (SPLIT A) Democrats say: We are determined to get terrorists convicted and imprisoned more quickly. Since 9/11, the military tribunal system produced only three terrorist convictions, and many military tribunals dragged on without clear verdicts. We support shifting more trials to the civilian courts, which is how the US got a quick conviction of Richard Reid, the so-called shoe bomber, in 2003.										
	18	29	16	30	1	1	6	47	45	2
<b>Likely Voters</b>	19	26	16	33	1	1	5	45	48	-3
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>	15	43	15	13	1	-	13	58	28	30

<b>[501 Respondents]</b>										
66 (SPLIT B) Democrats say: It is safe and reliable to try and imprison terrorists in the United States. The US government safely tried the recently convicted World Trade Center bomber and one of the 9/11 conspirators. Today, more than 300 terrorists are held in federal prisons and no terrorists have ever escaped from our "supermax" prisons.										
	25	29	16	21	3	2	5	54	37	17
<b>Likely Voters</b>	25	28	16	22	3	1	5	53	38	14
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>	25	34	17	12	2	3	7	59	29	30

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei ther	DK/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>										
67 (SPLIT B) Democrats say: Although Republicans are criticizing Obama's proposals to try more terrorists in civilians courts and imprison them in federal facilities, that is exactly the approach Bush took during his presidency with terrorists including the so-called shoe bomber										
Richard Reid. ....	13	28	23	22	3	3	8	41	45	-4
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	13	28	23	23	3	3	8	41	46	-5
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	13	29	27	15	1	7	8	42	42	0
(ref:DNSMSGGS)										

Q.68 Now I am going to read you another set of statements about national security, this time from Republicans. For each statement, let me know whether it makes you feel more confident or less confident about the Republicans on national security.

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei ther	DK/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
68 (SPLIT A) Republicans say: Democrats are insisting that terrorists be treated like American citizens with full legal protections, like Miranda rights. But we should put the safety of Americans before the rights of terrorists, and we should be using all our toughest interrogation techniques to fight back against these terrorists who are trying to kill us. ....										
kill us. ....	38	19	16	21	1	1	5	57	36	20
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	40	19	15	21	0	0	4	60	36	24
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	22	17	20	21	4	4	11	40	41	-1

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei ther	DK/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
69 (SPLIT A) Republicans say: President Obama has dramatically increased our national deficit and the US debt held by foreign countries like China, which makes us weaker in the world. We need policies that slash spending to ensure we are less vulnerable to other countries.										
	32	22	22	18	1	1	4	<b>54</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b>	35	20	19	19	1	2	3	<b>55</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>	14	32	36	11	-	-	6	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-1</b>

<b>[501 Respondents]</b>										
70 (SPLIT B) Republicans say: At a time when our military is under strain fighting wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, we should not be seeking to overturn the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy - a change that will put additional strains on our service personnel, and put social goals ahead of military effectiveness.										
	17	19	20	31	3	1	9	<b>37</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-14</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b>	19	20	19	30	3	0	8	<b>38</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-11</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>	10	18	22	35	2	2	12	<b>27</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-29</b>

71 Republicans say: Obama wants to pretend the US is not at war with terrorists. He doesn't seem to understand terrorists want to plot another 9/11, this time with a nuclear or biological weapon. We need to treat this like a real war, and do what it takes to defeat groups like al Qaeda that are trying to kill us.										
	30	22	17	23	1	1	5	<b>52</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b>	33	21	16	24	1	1	4	<b>54</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>	15	28	27	19	3	-	7	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-3</b>

	Much More Conf	Smwt More Conf	Smwt Less Conf	Much Less Conf	No Diff	Both/ Nei ther	DK/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
<b>[501 Respondents]</b>										
72 (SPLIT B) Republicans										
say: By trying terrorists in										
civilian courts in our major										
cities, Obama is putting										
Americans at risk.										
Terrorists should be tried										
by military tribunals on										
military bases in order to										
bring them to justice and										
keep our communities										
safe.....	37	23	14	17	3	1	5	<b>60</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	<b>39</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>
(ref:RNSMSGGS)										

Q.73 How closely do you follow international relations and the foreign affairs of the United States -- very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Very closely .....	26	29	15
Somewhat closely .....	51	53	39
Not very closely .....	17	14	36
Not at all closely.....	5	4	11
(Don't know/refused).....	0	0	-
<b>Total Closely</b> .....	<b>77</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Total Not closely</b> .....	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>47</b>
(ref:EVENTS)			

Q.74 Are you serving or have you served in the active United States military or have you not been in the military? (IF NO) Is any member of your household currently serving in the active U.S. military or have they served in the past?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Yes: Served in military .....	15	15	12
Household member in service .....	6	6	6
Household member past service .....	17	17	16
No: Neither respondent nor household member in service/has served .....	62	61	66
(Served in the US Reserves) .....	0	0	-
(Don't know/refused).....	0	0	-
<b>Total military household .....</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>
(ref:MIL1)			

Q.75 If you were talking to your own child or a close relative about what to do after high school, would you be more likely to encourage them to enter the US military, or more likely to discourage them from entering the US military?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strongly encourage.....	18	19	12
Somewhat encourage .....	22	23	18
Somewhat discourage .....	23	23	19
Strongly discourage .....	23	21	38
(Neither).....	9	9	9
(Don't know/refused).....	5	5	5
<b>Total Encourage.....</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total Discourage.....</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Encourage - Discourage .....</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-26</b>
(ref:MIL2)			

Q.76 Do you have any close personal friends who are actively serving in the military now or have been in the last 3 years?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Yes.....	60	61	55
No .....	40	39	44
(Don't know/refused).....	0	0	1
(ref:MIL3)			

Q.77 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
1 - 11th grade .....	3	3	3
High School graduate .....	24	23	27
Non-college post H.S. ....	1	1	2
Some college .....	27	26	32
College graduate .....	27	28	23
Post-graduate school .....	18	19	12
(Don't know/refused) .....	0	0	1
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.78 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Yes: Respondent belongs .....	14	15	8
Household member .....	8	8	9
No member belongs .....	78	77	81
(Don't know/Refused) .....	0	0	1
<b>Union Household .....</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>
(ref:UNION)			

Q.79 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Married .....	60	63	46
Single .....	19	16	37
Separated/Divorced .....	12	12	14
Widowed .....	8	9	4
(Don't know/refused) .....	1	1	-
<b>Sep/Div/Wid .....</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.80 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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Yes: Respondent .....	22	20	31
Yes: Family Member .....	19	19	20
No .....	58	60	49
(Dk/Ref) .....	1	1	1
<b>Total Yes .....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>
(ref:EMPLOY2)			

Q.81 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Yes.....	35	34	40
No .....	65	66	59
(Don't know/Refused) .....	1	0	1
(ref:KIDS)			

Q.82 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strong Democrat.....	24	24	21
Weak Democrat.....	14	13	24
Independent-lean Democrat .....	9	9	8
Independent.....	7	6	11
Independent-lean Republican.....	13	14	10
Weak Republican.....	13	13	14
Strong Republican .....	18	20	9
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1	4
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.83 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Liberal .....	22	21	27
Moderate.....	33	33	31
Conservative .....	41	42	32
(Don't know/refused).....	5	4	10
(ref:IDEO1)			

**[147 Respondents]**

Q.84 (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.....	28	26	33
No .....	72	74	67
(DK/Refused).....	-	-	-
(ref:LANDLINE)			

**[254 Respondents]**

Q.85 (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.....	83	83	78
No .....	16	15	20
(DK/Refused).....	1	1	2
(ref:CELLLINE)			

**[748 Respondents]**

Q.86 (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	18	26
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone .....	42	43	42
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone .....	38	39	32
(DK/Refused) .....	1	1	1
(ref:DUALUSE)			

Phone use table

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Cell Only .....	11	9	20
Cell Mostly .....	14	14	17
Dual User .....	32	33	27
Landline Mostly .....	28	30	21
Landline Only .....	13	13	14
Landline Unknown .....	2	2	2

Q.87 How often do you attend religious services -- more than once a week, every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
More than once a week .....	13	14	8
Once a week .....	28	28	24
Once or twice a month .....	12	13	8
Several times a year .....	15	14	18
Hardly ever .....	25	23	31
(Never) .....	4	4	8
(Don't know/Refused) .....	3	2	3
<b>More than/Once a week .....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>32</b>
(ref:RELIG2)			

**[984 Respondents]**

Q.88 (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 .....	48	46	58
Republican John McCain .....	43	45	30
(Ralph Nader) .....	0	0	1
(Bob Barr) .....	-	-	-
(Other) .....	2	2	5
(Don't know/Refused) .....	7	8	6
(ref:VOTE2008)			



**[984 Respondents]**

Q.89 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)<sup>6</sup>?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
(2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) .....	43	43	40
(2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN).....	37	40	22
(Other candidate).....	5	5	5
(Did Not Vote for Congress) .....	5	2	20
(Don't know/Refused) .....	10	10	14
(ref:VTCEG2008)			

Q.90 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
White.....	75	75	74
African-American or Black .....	12	12	12
Hispanic or Latino .....	8	7	12
Native American .....	1	1	1
Asian.....	1	1	-
(Other) .....	1	1	-
(Don't know/Refused) .....	2	2	1
(ref:RACETHN)			

Q.91 Last year, that is in 2009, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Less than \$10K.....	6	4	17
\$10K to under \$20K.....	6	6	8
\$20K to under \$30K.....	11	11	13
\$30K to under \$50K.....	16	17	12
\$50K to under \$75K.....	18	17	19
\$75K to under \$100K.....	11	11	14
\$100K or more .....	16	18	4
(Refused).....	11	12	7
(Don't know).....	4	4	5
(ref:INCOME)			

<sup>6</sup> 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.2 Record respondent's gender

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Male .....	47	49	38
Female .....	53	51	62
(ref:GENDER)			

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
18 - 24.....	6	5	12
25 - 29.....	9	8	17
30 - 34.....	8	6	16
35 - 39.....	8	8	7
40 - 44.....	10	10	9
45 - 49.....	12	11	13
50 - 54.....	9	9	6
55 - 59.....	9	10	6
60 - 64.....	9	10	7
Over 64 .....	19	22	6
(No answer) .....	2	2	1
(ref:AGE)			