

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

May 10-12, 2009

1000 2008 Voters

852 Likely 2010 Voters (861 Unweighted)

148 Drop-Off Voters (139 Unweighted)

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

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
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	Drop Off
Voted.....	98	99	93
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young.....	2	1	7
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	Drop Off
Voted.....	84	94	22
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young.....	6	6	8
Did not vote.....	8	-	55
(Can't remember/Don't know)	2	-	14
(Refused)	0	-	1
(ref:VOTE062)			

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	Drop Off
Almost certain	77	85	30
Probably	15	15	19
50-50	6	-	39
Will not vote	1	-	9
(Don't know)	0	-	3
(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	Drop Off
Right direction	44	44	46
Wrong track.....	47	48	43
(Don't know/refused)	9	8	11
Right - Wrong	-3	-4	4
(ref:DIRECT)			

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

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Strongly approve	39	38	46
Somewhat approve	20	20	16
Somewhat disapprove	7	7	10
Strongly disapprove	26	27	19
(Don't know/refused)	8	8	9
Total approve	59	58	62
Total disapprove	33	33	29
(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	42.6	28	45	9	30	96	-17
Likely	43.1	28	44	10	29	96	-16
Drop Off	40.1	26	45	8	34	93	-20
13 The Democratic Party	50.7	46	37	26	28	98	9
Likely	50.3	46	38	26	29	98	8
Drop Off	53.3	47	33	29	23	97	13
14 The Democratic Congress	47.7	42	37	19	29	96	5
Likely	47.1	42	39	19	31	96	3
Drop Off	51.1	42	30	20	21	93	12
15 Barack Obama	62.9	60	28	46	21	99	32
Likely	62.1	59	29	44	21	99	30
Drop Off	67.2	66	22	53	17	99	45
[451 Respondents]							
16 (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹	57.9	40	22	23	13	75	18
Likely	59.7	44	21	26	12	77	23
Drop Off	42.6	13	26	9	17	59	-13
[389 Respondents]							
16 (REPUBLICAN HOUSE INCUMBENT) ²	57.2	38	19	20	12	74	19
Likely	57.4	41	20	21	13	77	21
Drop Off	55.3	22	11	10	6	52	11
17 Republicans in Congress	42.9	27	44	8	27	96	-18
Likely	43.4	27	45	8	26	96	-18
Drop Off	39.8	28	44	9	33	93	-16
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	56.2	47	29	30	23	92	17
Likely	56.2	47	29	29	22	94	18
Drop Off	56.8	43	29	37	23	84	13
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	50.2	39	37	27	30	94	2
Likely	50.1	39	37	27	29	95	1
Drop Off	51.4	40	35	28	30	91	5

^{1,2} The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

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	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
20 Gay marriage	37.3	30	53	21	49	96	-23
Likely	36.8	30	54	21	49	96	-24
Drop Off	40.0	32	50	24	46	93	-18
[500 Respondents]							
21 (SPLIT A) The United Nations	49.0	39	34	18	24	94	6
Likely	48.6	40	35	17	24	94	5
Drop Off	51.4	36	27	22	20	91	9
[500 Respondents]							
22 (SPLIT B) Hillary Clinton	53.3	49	35	30	27	98	14
Likely	52.7	48	36	30	28	98	12
Drop Off	56.3	54	28	31	22	98	26
[500 Respondents]							
23 (SPLIT A) Immigration into the country	42.1	28	45	15	34	93	-17
Likely	42.8	30	44	15	33	92	-14
Drop Off	37.2	12	49	11	40	97	-37
[500 Respondents]							
24 (SPLIT A) The U.S. military	83.0	87	5	68	3	98	82
Likely	83.9	88	4	68	2	98	84
Drop Off	77.3	78	8	63	8	99	70
[500 Respondents]							
25 (SPLIT B) NATO, which is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization	52.7	36	22	13	14	79	13
Likely	52.6	36	23	14	15	82	14
Drop Off	53.4	32	20	8	10	63	12
26 The state of the economy	33.6	15	65	4	41	99	-50
Likely	34.1	15	64	4	40	99	-49
Drop Off	30.5	14	71	5	44	99	-57
[500 Respondents]							
27 (SPLIT B) Russia	39.9	14	38	4	24	81	-24
Likely	41.2	15	36	5	22	81	-21
Drop Off	33.2	7	46	1	33	79	-39

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

[824 Respondents]

Q.28 Thinking about the election for governor in (2009/2010), if the election for governor were held today, would you vote for (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)³?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Democratic candidate	38	37	41
Lean Democratic candidate	5	6	5
Republican candidate	35	35	33
Lean Republican candidate	7	8	4
(Other candidate)	2	2	0
Lean (Other candidate)	1	0	1
(Undecided)	9	9	12
(Refused)	3	3	3
Total Democratic candidate	43	42	46
Total Republican candidate	42	43	37
Total (Other candidate).....	3	3	2

(ref:GOVVOTE)

Q.30 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)?⁴

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
(DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE)	43	42	47
Lean (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE)	4	4	2
(REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)	39	40	33
Lean (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)	4	4	4
(Other candidate)	2	2	3
Lean (Other candidate)	1	1	-
(Undecided)	6	5	8
(Refused)	2	2	2
Total (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE).....	46	46	49
Total (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE).....	43	44	37
Total (Other candidate).....	3	3	3

(ref:CONG10)

³ Asked of respondents in states holding gubernatorial elections in 2009 or 2010. Where the incumbent is known to be running, that candidate's name was inserted, otherwise the generic "the Democratic candidate" and "the Republican candidate" were used.

⁴ 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.32 Now I am going to read you a list of threats that some people say America faces. Please tell me which TWO of these you personally consider to be the biggest threats to America's security?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Terrorists obtaining nuclear, chemical, or biological materials	33	34	25
Nuclear weapons programs in Iran, North Korea, and other hostile states	32	32	31
America's dependence on foreign oil	28	28	26
Drug violence and immigration from Mexico	23	24	22
Terrorist attacks	22	21	28
Resurgence of the Taliban and al Qaeda in Afghanistan	18	18	18
Increasing power of Russia and China	14	15	11
Continuing extremist violence in Iraq	7	6	9
Global epidemics, like swine flu	5	5	9
(All)	4	3	4
(None)	1	1	1
(Other)	2	2	3
(Don't know/ refused)	2	2	2
(ref:THREAT)			

Q.33 From what you have seen and heard so far about Barack Obama's national security policies for the country, would you say that you support or oppose his national security policies?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Strongly support	32	32	34
Somewhat support	25	25	29
Somewhat oppose	10	10	6
Strongly oppose	20	21	15
(Don't know/refused)	12	12	16
Total support	57	56	63
Total oppose	30	32	22
Support - Oppose	27	25	41
(ref:BOPOLIFP)			

[500 Respondents]

Q.34 (SPLIT A) When it comes to national security policy, do you think President Obama is doing better, worse, or about the same as recent Democratic presidents?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Much better	17	17	14
Somewhat better	17	16	21
Somewhat worse	8	7	15
Much worse.....	10	11	4
About the same	44	45	39
(Don't know/refused)	5	4	8
Total better	34	34	35
Total worse	18	18	19
Better - Worse	16	16	17
(ref:PSTPREZ4)			

[500 Respondents]

Q.35 (SPLIT B) When it comes to national security policy, do you think President Obama is doing better, worse, or about the same as President George W. Bush?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Much better	37	37	39
Somewhat better	13	12	18
Somewhat worse	8	10	3
Much worse.....	17	17	15
About the same	20	20	23
(Don't know/refused)	5	6	2
Total better	50	48	57
Total worse	25	26	18
Better - Worse	25	22	39
(ref:PSTPREZ5)			

Q.36 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 job being done by President Obama on that issue.

	Strng App	Smwt App	Smwt Disap	Strng Disap	DK/ Ref	Total App	Total Disap	App - Disap
[500 Respondents]								
36 (SPLIT A) The economy	30	31	10	27	2	61	37	24
Likely	30	30	10	28	3	60	37	23
Drop Off	29	36	11	24	1	65	35	30
[500 Respondents]								
37 (SPLIT A) National security.....	33	32	10	20	5	65	30	35
Likely	32	32	10	21	5	64	31	33
Drop Off	38	31	12	13	6	68	25	43
[500 Respondents]								
38 (SPLIT B) The budget deficit.....	23	30	8	36	3	53	44	10
Likely	22	31	7	37	3	52	44	8
Drop Off	30	26	12	28	4	56	40	17
[500 Respondents]								
39 (SPLIT A) Improving America's standing in the world	46	23	11	17	3	69	28	41
Likely	44	24	11	18	3	68	29	39
Drop Off	61	18	11	9	2	78	20	59
[500 Respondents]								
40 (SPLIT B) Fighting terrorism	35	27	14	16	8	62	30	32
Likely	34	27	15	16	8	61	31	30
Drop Off	38	31	7	17	7	69	24	45
[500 Respondents]								
41 (SPLIT B) His trips to other countries and meetings with foreign leaders	46	22	9	20	4	68	28	39
Likely	45	21	9	21	4	66	30	36
Drop Off	49	28	8	13	3	76	21	56
[500 Respondents]								
42 (SPLIT A) Afghanistan	30	37	11	11	11	67	22	44
Likely	31	37	11	11	10	68	22	47
Drop Off	23	34	13	13	18	57	26	31
[500 Respondents]								
43 (SPLIT B) Iraq	30	36	12	14	7	66	26	40
Likely	30	37	14	12	7	67	26	41
Drop Off	30	33	4	22	11	63	26	37

	Strng App	Smwt App	Smwt Disap	Strng Disap	DK/ Ref	Total App	Total Disap	App - Disap
[500 Respondents]								
44 (SPLIT B) Leading America's military.....	34	32	12	16	5	66	29	37
Likely	33	32	14	16	5	65	30	35
Drop Off	36	35	4	18	7	71	22	49
[500 Respondents]								
45 (SPLIT A) Dealing with pirates off the coast of Somalia	37	29	10	12	12	66	22	44
Likely	37	30	11	12	10	67	23	44
Drop Off	33	26	5	11	25	59	16	43
[500 Respondents]								
46 (SPLIT A) Immigration	15	31	14	24	16	46	38	8
Likely	15	31	14	25	14	47	39	8
Drop Off	16	27	16	19	22	43	35	8
[500 Respondents]								
47 (SPLIT B) America's policies on nuclear weapons.....	27	32	11	10	20	59	20	39
Likely	28	31	12	10	20	58	22	36
Drop Off	27	39	5	7	22	66	12	54
(ref:PRESBATT)								

Q.48 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.

	Dem Much Bttr	Dem Smwt Bttr	Rep Smwt Bttr	Rep Much Bttr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
[500 Respondents]										
48 (SPLIT A) The economy										
	33	18	16	17	1	5	9	51	33	18
Likely	32	18	15	19	1	6	9	50	34	16
Drop Off	39	20	18	9	-	4	11	58	27	32
[500 Respondents]										
49 (SPLIT B) Foreign policy										
	30	22	18	15	1	1	12	53	33	19
Likely	31	21	19	16	1	2	10	52	35	17
Drop Off	28	27	9	14	2	-	20	55	23	31
[500 Respondents]										
50 (SPLIT A) National security										
	22	21	18	24	2	3	10	43	41	2
Likely	23	19	18	25	2	3	10	41	43	-2
Drop Off	19	36	15	12	-	4	14	55	27	28
[500 Respondents]										
51 (SPLIT B) The war on terrorism										
	22	19	16	26	1	2	14	41	42	-1
Likely	22	20	16	25	1	3	13	41	41	0
Drop Off	23	16	13	31	1	-	16	39	44	-6
[500 Respondents]										
52 (SPLIT A) The situation in Iraq										
	29	20	17	18	2	3	11	49	35	14
Likely	27	20	19	18	2	3	11	47	37	11
Drop Off	38	21	9	17	-	4	11	59	26	33
[500 Respondents]										
53 (SPLIT B) Working with our allies around the world....										
	36	21	15	12	2	2	13	56	28	28
Likely	37	20	17	12	2	2	12	56	29	27
Drop Off	31	25	10	12	1	1	20	57	22	35
[500 Respondents]										
54 (SPLIT A) Immigration										
	20	19	21	15	2	8	15	40	36	3
Likely	20	19	21	16	2	7	14	39	37	2
Drop Off	20	21	19	10	-	10	20	41	29	12

	Dem Much Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
[500 Respondents]										
55 (SPLIT A) Improving global respect for America	37	23	13	10	2	4	12	60	23	37
Likely	37	22	13	10	2	4	12	59	23	36
Drop Off	35	28	12	9	1	3	12	63	21	42
[500 Respondents]										
56 (SPLIT B) Ensuring a strong military.....	17	16	23	31	1	2	10	34	53	-20
Likely	18	18	23	31	0	2	9	35	53	-18
Drop Off	17	11	22	32	5	-	14	27	54	-26
[500 Respondents]										
57 (SPLIT B) The situation in Afghanistan	23	20	17	16	2	4	18	43	33	10
Likely	23	21	17	15	2	5	17	44	32	11
Drop Off	21	17	13	22	5	1	21	38	34	4
(ref:BETJOB)										

Q.58 Now I'd like to ask you which party you associate more with these terms when it comes to national security, the Democrats or Republicans.

	Dem Much More	Dem Smwt More	Rep Smwt More	Rep Much More	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
[500 Respondents]										
58 (SPLIT A) Not decisive enough in a crisis	26	22	15	12	4	8	13	49	27	22
Likely	27	23	14	11	4	8	13	50	26	24
Drop Off	19	21	18	14	3	10	14	40	32	8
[500 Respondents]										
59 (SPLIT A) Reckless.....	20	16	20	22	3	6	13	36	42	-5
Likely	21	16	21	21	3	5	12	38	42	-4
Drop Off	12	17	15	26	1	10	18	29	41	-12
[500 Respondents]										
60 (SPLIT B) Extreme.....	15	16	18	24	2	6	19	31	42	-10
Likely	15	16	18	25	2	6	17	31	44	-12
Drop Off	15	17	16	15	2	5	30	32	31	1
[500 Respondents]										
61 (SPLIT A) Patriotic	17	11	18	27	12	5	10	28	45	-17
Likely	16	10	18	27	13	6	10	26	45	-19
Drop Off	22	16	20	21	6	3	11	39	41	-2
[500 Respondents]										
62 (SPLIT B) Respect the military.....	14	19	17	32	7	3	8	33	49	-16
Likely	15	18	18	33	7	3	7	32	51	-18
Drop Off	13	23	13	30	6	3	13	36	42	-6
[500 Respondents]										
63 (SPLIT B) Out of touch.....	18	14	18	30	4	4	11	32	48	-15
Likely	18	14	18	30	5	4	11	32	48	-16
Drop Off	16	19	18	28	-	5	15	35	46	-11
(ref:DEMREP)										

Q.64 Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. After I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[500 Respondents]										
64 (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.										
	49	9	6	31	3	0	2	58	37	21
Likely	49	9	6	31	3	0	2	57	37	20
Drop Off	54	8	2	32	1	1	2	62	34	28

[500 Respondents]										
65 (SPLIT A) All told, President Bush's foreign and national security policies undermined America's security										
OR										
All told, President Bush's foreign and national security policies increased America's security										
	41	9	12	31	0	1	5	50	44	7
Likely	41	10	12	32	0	1	5	51	44	7
Drop Off	43	5	16	27	1	1	7	48	43	6

[500 Respondents]										
66 (SPLIT B) It should be America's goal to eliminate all nuclear weapons in the world										
OR										
Eliminating all nuclear weapons in the world is not realistic or good for America's security										
	26	9	19	42	-	1	4	35	60	-25
Likely	25	7	20	43	-	1	4	32	63	-31
Drop Off	33	17	9	37	-	1	3	50	46	4

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[500 Respondents]										
67 (SPLIT A) The strategy that the U.S. and its allies are pursuing in Iraq is achieving results										
OR										
The strategy that the U.S. and its allies are pursuing in Iraq is seriously off										
course.....	33	24	12	23	0	1	7	58	34	24
Likely.....	34	25	11	22	-	1	7	60	33	26
Drop Off.....	27	18	15	26	3	2	8	45	41	4

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[500 Respondents]										
68 (SPLIT B) The strategy that the U.S. and its allies are pursuing in Afghanistan is achieving results										
OR										
The strategy that the U.S. and its allies are pursuing in Afghanistan is seriously off										
course.....	28	23	10	19	0	3	17	51	29	22
Likely.....	28	24	10	19	0	3	17	52	28	24
Drop Off.....	28	19	10	23	1	4	15	47	32	15

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[500 Respondents]										
69 (SPLIT A) Our military mission in Afghanistan seems pretty clear to me										
OR										
I do not believe we have a clear military mission in										
Afghanistan.....	27	18	17	32	0	0	5	45	49	-4
Likely.....	29	17	17	32	0	0	5	46	48	-2
Drop Off.....	16	26	19	35	-	1	3	42	55	-13

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[500 Respondents]										
70 (SPLIT B) All told, President Obama's foreign and national security policies are increasing America's security OR All told, President Obama's foreign and national security policies are undermining America's security.....										
	36	20	9	26	0	1	8	56	35	21
Likely	35	19	9	27	0	1	7	55	37	18
Drop Off	41	22	6	21	-	-	10	63	27	36

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[500 Respondents]										
71 (SPLIT B) It is important to launch a bipartisan inquiry into the Bush administration's use of harsh interrogation techniques such as waterboarding. OR It is not useful to launch a bipartisan inquiry into the Bush administration's use of harsh interrogation techniques such as waterboarding.										
	23	10	11	42	-	1	12	34	53	-19
Likely	22	10	10	45	-	2	11	32	55	-23
Drop Off	29	13	15	27	-	1	14	43	42	1

	1 st Strng	1 st Not Strng	2 nd Not Strng	2 nd Strng	Both	Nthr	Dk/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[500 Respondents]										
72 (SPLIT B) I am more concerned that Republicans in Congress will block President Obama's effort to get the economy moving again										
OR										
I am more concerned that President Obama will spend too much money and increase the size of government										
	38	9	9	40	0	1	3	47	49	-2
Likely	38	8	9	42	0	1	3	46	51	-5
Drop Off	41	14	11	29	-	2	3	54	40	14

[500 Respondents]										
73 (SPLIT A) It is sometimes justified for the US officials to torture detainees, such as to prevent terrorist attacks										
OR										
It is never justified for American officials to use torture to get information from detainees										
	36	14	6	38	-	1	5	50	44	6
Likely	35	14	6	39	-	1	4	50	45	4
Drop Off	43	13	6	31	-	1	6	56	37	19
(ref:VALUES06/PAIRS10)										

[500 Respondents]

Q.74 (SPLIT A) As you may know, President Obama announced that he will withdraw America's combat troops in Iraq by August 2010, but will leave up to fifty-thousand support troops for functions such as training, logistics, and support until 2011. Do you approve or disapprove of this plan?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Strongly approve	37	38	32
Somewhat approve	35	35	36
Somewhat disapprove	6	6	10
Strongly disapprove	17	17	18
(Don't know/refused)	4	4	5
Total approve	73	73	68
Total disapprove	23	23	27
Approve - disapprove	49	51	40
(ref:WITHDRAW)			

[500 Respondents]

Q.75 (SPLIT B) As you may know, the US is pursuing a plan to withdraw its combat forces from Iraq over the coming months. After the United States withdraws its combat forces, do you think Iraq will move toward greater peace or greater violence?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Strongly greater peace.....	12	12	13
Somewhat greater peace.....	19	19	20
Somewhat greater violence	25	24	28
Strongly greater violence	30	30	31
(Volunteered only: both/neither).....	2	2	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	13	14	7
Total Peace	31	31	33
Total Violence.....	54	53	59
Peace - Violence.....	-24	-23	-27
(ref:POSTWDR)			

Q.76 As you may know, President Obama recently announced a new strategy for the war in Afghanistan, which includes our NATO allies sending more support personnel, and the US sending an additional seventeen-thousand combat troops. Based on what you know, do you approve or disapprove of this new strategy?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Strongly approve	34	35	23
Somewhat approve	37	38	36
Somewhat disapprove	8	8	7
Strongly disapprove	13	11	24
(Don't know/refused)	8	7	10
Total approve	71	73	59
Total disapprove	21	19	31
Approve - disapprove	50	54	28
(ref:AFGHTRPS)			

Q.77 Now I am going to read you a list of reasons some people give for why the U.S. is fighting in Afghanistan. Which TWO do you think are main reasons the US is fighting in Afghanistan?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Prevent it from becoming a safe haven for terrorists like al Qaeda	53	54	47
Stop the resurgence of the Taliban	41	42	38
Prevent Pakistan from falling to Islamic extremists.....	26	26	24
Capture Osama bin Laden.....	21	20	25
Protect oil interests	20	18	26
Promote democracy in that region	17	18	15
(Don't know/Refused).....	7	7	10
(ref:AFGHGOL2)			

[500 Respondents]

Q.78 (SPLIT A) While in Europe, President Obama announced that the U.S. would pursue the goal of a world without nuclear weapons, including new negotiations with Russia to reduce both countries' nuclear arsenals, a global ban on nuclear testing, and new efforts to stem the proliferation of nuclear materials and weapons. Based on what you know, do you support or oppose these policies?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Strongly support.....	41	42	37
Somewhat support	25	24	30
Somewhat oppose	9	9	6
Strongly oppose	15	16	12
(Don't know/refused)	10	9	15
Total support	66	66	66
Total oppose.....	24	25	19
Support - Oppose.....	42	41	48
(ref:PRAGUE2)			

[500 Respondents]

Q.79 (SPLIT B) While in Europe, President Obama announced that the U.S. would pursue new negotiations with Russia to reduce both countries' nuclear arsenals, a global ban on nuclear testing, and new efforts to stem the proliferation of nuclear materials and weapons. Based on what you know, do you support or oppose these policies?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Strongly support.....	37	39	25
Somewhat support	33	32	41
Somewhat oppose	7	7	8
Strongly oppose	8	8	6
(Don't know/refused)	15	14	20
Total support.....	70	71	66
Total oppose.....	15	15	15
Support - Oppose.....	55	56	51
(ref:PRAGUE3)			

Q.80 Now I'm going to read you some criticisms some people might make about President Obama. For each criticism, please tell me whether this raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubt in your own mind about President Obama and his national security policies.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
80 (SPLIT A) Obama is proposing to cut the defense budget by more than 18 billion, including deep cuts in fighter aircraft, missile defense, and the Army's modernization program- even at a time when Iran and North Korea are building new nuclear weapons, and China and Russia are expanding their militaries.....	23	30	20	25	2	53	46
Likely.....	23	30	20	26	2	53	45
Drop Off	23	29	25	21	2	52	46

[500 Respondents]

81 (SPLIT B) Obama is not standing up for America. He went to Europe and Latin America and apologized for America's past policies toward those regions. And he has criticized our intelligence personnel for how they interrogated terrorists after 9/11.....

.....	16	25	17	39	4	41	55
Likely.....	18	25	16	39	4	42	54
Drop Off	9	25	22	41	3	34	62

[500 Respondents]

82 (SPLIT A) Obama is sending a message of American weakness by making unilateral concessions to hostile regimes. He has started discussions with Iran, resumed travel with Cuba, and did a photo-op with Hugo Chavez of Venezuela - all without getting anything in return for America.....

.....	15	25	15	42	4	40	57
Likely	14	24	15	43	4	38	57
Drop Off	17	30	16	36	1	47	52

[500 Respondents]

83 (SPLIT B) Obama is undermining our efforts to fight terrorism. He has abandoned the phrase, "the war on terror," and says we will never use harsh interrogation techniques - even if we captured Osama bin Laden and he had specific information about a pending terrorist attack against the United States.....

.....	17	28	16	34	5	44	51
Likely	17	26	16	36	5	43	52
Drop Off	15	34	20	26	4	50	46

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[500 Respondents]							
84 (SPLIT A) Obama is not doing enough to bring real changes in our national security policies. Obama is expanding our troop presence in Afghanistan rather than ending it, he slowed down his plan to pull US troops out of Iraq, and now he says tens of thousands of US troops will remain in Iraq indefinitely.....	8	23	30	35	5	31	64
Likely	8	21	30	35	5	30	65
Drop Off	7	30	28	30	5	37	58

[500 Respondents]							
85 (SPLIT B) Obama is naive about nuclear weapons. He says his goal is a world without nuclear weapons, and he is planning to make deep cuts in our nuclear weapons arsenal, even though we have no real way of verifying whether other countries are cutting their arsenals.	15	34	24	22	4	49	46
Likely	16	33	23	23	5	50	46
Drop Off	10	38	32	17	3	48	49

(ref:RFPMSG)

Q.86 Now, I am going to read you some things President Obama might do or say. For each one, please tell me whether it would make you feel much more favorable about President Obama, somewhat more favorable, just a little more favorable, no more favorable, or less favorable about President Obama.

	Much More Fav	Smwt More Fav	Lttle More Fav	No More Fav	Less Fav	DK/ Ref	Much/Smwt/ Lttle	Much Lttle
[500 Respondents]								
86 (SPLIT A) President Obama says: I am determined to restore America's leadership in the world. That is why I coordinated with our NATO allies on new strategies in Iraq and Afghanistan, closed the prison at Guantanamo, and stepped-up global negotiations to combat global warming.								
	29	24	12	16	17	2	53	64
Likely	30	23	10	16	19	2	53	63
Drop Off	21	29	19	21	8	1	50	70

[500 Respondents]								
87 (SPLIT B) President Obama says: I am determined to deter and defeat the terrorists who endanger America. That is why I sent additional US troops to fight al Qaeda in Afghanistan, and launched new efforts to prevent rogue states and terrorists from getting their hands on nuclear weapons or materials.								
	31	29	15	17	6	2	60	75
Likely	31	31	15	16	5	2	62	77
Drop Off	33	21	13	19	12	2	54	67

[500 Respondents]								
88 (SPLIT B) President Obama says: I am determined to address the full range of threats that now face America. That is why we expanding the fight against drug wars on the Mexican border, launching new efforts to combat global warming, and taking aggressive steps to prevent the spread of global epidemics like swine flu.								
	27	27	16	18	8	3	54	70
Likely	27	28	15	19	8	3	54	70
Drop Off	32	21	19	15	6	7	53	72

	Much More Fav	Smwt More Fav	Ltle More Fav	No More Fav	Less Fav	DK/ Ref	Much/Smwt/ Ltle	Much Ltle
[500 Respondents]								
89 (SPLIT A) President Obama says: Secretary of Defense Gates and I are launching deep reforms in procurement and cancelling unneeded weapons systems. That will save billions, which we are using to expand the troop strength of army, the marines, and our special forces, and investing in new intelligence capabilities, such as the unmanned aerial vehicle highly in demand in both Iraq and Afghanistan.								
	18	26	15	22	14	5	44	59
Likely	19	25	13	21	15	5	45	58
Drop Off	7	30	24	24	8	6	37	62

[500 Respondents]								
90 (SPLIT A) President Obama says: I am determined to use our influence in the world to improve life for Americans. That is why I am working to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, working with foreign leaders on ways to regulate the financial sector worldwide, and closing down tax loopholes that allow companies to send American jobs abroad.								
	41	22	11	12	11	2	63	74
Likely	43	21	10	12	12	3	63	73
Drop Off	32	27	21	13	6	1	58	80

[500 Respondents]								
91 (SPLIT B) President Obama says: I believe the foundation of our national security is our men and women in uniform. That is why I proposed a 17 billion dollar increase in defense spending, including the largest increase in benefits for veterans in history, with quality health care for 500,000 low-income veterans who were previously ineligible.								
	42	26	11	13	5	2	69	80
Likely	42	27	11	13	5	2	69	80
Drop Off	43	23	12	12	7	3	66	78
(ref:BOFPMSGs)								

Q.92 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	Drop Off
Very closely.....	27	29	18
Somewhat closely	52	53	49
Not very closely.....	15	14	23
Not at all closely.....	5	4	10
(Don't know/refused)	0	0	0
Total Closely.....	79	82	66
Total Not closely	20	18	33
Closely - Not closely.....	59	64	33
(ref:EVENTS)			

Q.93 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	Drop Off
1 - 11th grade.....	3	2	8
High School graduate	22	22	25
Non-college post H.S.	1	1	0
Some college	28	28	30
College graduate.....	29	29	28
Post-graduate school	15	16	8
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.94 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Married.....	61	62	52
Single	21	20	29
Separated/Divorced	9	9	12
Widowed	8	8	5
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	2
Sep/Div/Wid	17	17	17
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.95 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Strong Democrat.....	25	26	20
Weak Democrat.....	15	13	23
Independent-lean Democrat.....	10	10	13
Independent.....	7	7	9
Independent-lean Republican.....	10	10	9
Weak Republican.....	11	12	9
Strong Republican.....	21	22	16
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1	2
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.98 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Liberal.....	19	18	25
Moderate.....	36	35	42
Conservative.....	41	44	28
(Don't know/refused).....	4	4	6
(ref:IDEO1)			

[160 Respondents]

Q.99 (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	Drop Off
Yes.....	28	31	20
No.....	72	69	80
(DK/Refused).....	-	-	-
(ref:LANDLINE)			

[840 Respondents]

Q.100 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Yes.....	83	84	79
No.....	15	15	19
(DK/Refused).....	1	1	2
(ref:CELLLINE)			

Q.101 Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get...

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
All or almost all calls on a cell phone.....	19	18	25
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone.....	42	43	34
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone.....	39	39	41
(DK/Refused).....	1	1	-
(ref:DUALUSE)			

Phone Use Table

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Cell Only	12	10	22
Cell Mostly	14	14	16
Dual User	31	33	22
Landline Mostly	29	30	26
Landline Only	13	13	14
Landline Unknown	2	2	1

Q.102 What is your religion?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Protestant.....	53	53	52
Catholic	20	20	18
Jewish	2	2	2
Muslim.....	-	-	-
(Don't know/refused)	25	24	29
(ref:RELIG1)			

[531 Respondents]

Q.103 (ASK IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Fundamentalist	11	12	8
Evangelical.....	23	23	20
Charismatic/Pentecostal	11	10	19
Moderate to liberal	37	38	35
(Something else)	6	6	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	12	12	13
(ref:RELIG3)			

Q.104 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	Drop Off
More than once a week.....	14	15	8
Once a week	29	30	26
Once or twice a month	12	12	12
Several times a year	10	10	13
Hardly ever.....	24	24	25
(Never)	5	4	10
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	6
More than/Once a week	43	45	34
(ref:RELIG2)			

[982 Respondents]

Q.105 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Democrat Barack Obama	49	48	56
Republican John McCain	40	41	33
(Ralph Nader)	0	0	-
(Bob Barr)	0	0	-
(Other).....	2	3	1
(DK/Refused)	8	7	10
(ref:VOTE2008)			

[982 Respondents]

Q.106 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)?⁵

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
House Democrat	46	47	42
House Republican.....	41	43	33
(Other candidate)	2	2	1
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	3	1	10
(DK/Refused)	8	7	14
(ref:VTCG2008)			

Q.107 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
White	74	76	65
African-American or Black	13	13	10
Hispanic or Latino	8	7	14
Native American.....	1	1	3
Asian	1	1	3
(Other).....	1	1	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	2	3
(ref:RACETHN)			

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total	Likely	Drop Off
Male	47	48	40
Female	53	52	60
(ref:GENDER)			

⁵ 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	Drop Off
18 - 24.....	6	5	15
25 - 29.....	10	10	13
30 - 34.....	6	6	7
35 - 39.....	10	9	14
40 - 44.....	9	10	6
45 - 49.....	11	11	11
50 - 54.....	8	9	8
55 - 59.....	10	10	7
60 - 64.....	8	8	8
Over 64	19	21	10
(No answer)	1	2	1
(ref:AGE)			