

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

May 28-June 1, 2009
1013 2008 Voters (1013 unweighted)
890 Likely Voters (897 unweighted)
123 Drop-Off Voters (116 unweighted)
810 Non-Seniors (712 unweighted)

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

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off¹	Not Sr.
Yes	100	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	Not Sr.
Voted.....	100	100	99	100
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	0	0	1	0
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	Not Sr.
Voted.....	87	95	30	86
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young	5	5	2	6
Did not vote	6	-	51	7
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	2	-	17	2
(Refused).....	-	-	0	0
(ref:VOTE062)				

¹ Likely voters are defined as those 2008 voters who voted or were not eligible in 2006 AND are almost certain or probable to vote in 2010. Drop-off voters are defined as all of those 2008 voters who are not likely voters.

Q.9 I know it is a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for Congress in 2010: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Almost certain.....	77	84	27	78
Probably	16	16	19	15
50-50	6	-	47	6
Will not vote.....	0	-	3	0
(Don't know)	1	-	5	0
(Refused).....	-	-	-	-
(ref:CP10)				

Q.10 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Right direction	41	40	47	43
Wrong track.....	50	51	44	49
(Don't know/refused)	9	9	9	9
Right - Wrong.....	-9	-11	4	-6
(ref:DIRECT)				

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

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Strongly approve	38	38	40	40
Somewhat approve	20	19	28	20
Somewhat disapprove.....	8	8	6	7
Strongly disapprove.....	26	27	17	24
(Don't know/refused)	8	8	9	9
Total approve.....	58	57	68	60
Total disapprove.....	33	35	23	31
(ref:BOAPP)				

Q.12 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or organization, please say so.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
12 The Republican Party	42.8	30	46	10	30	97	-16
Likely	42.7	30	45	10	30	96	-15
Drop-Off	43.6	30	51	12	29	98	-21
Not Senior	42.9	29	46	10	29	97	-16
13 The Democratic Party	52.0	47	37	25	27	98	10
Likely	51.7	46	38	25	27	98	8
Drop-Off	53.9	54	32	25	22	99	22
Not Senior	53.1	49	36	26	25	98	13
[506 Respondents]							
14 (SPLIT A) Dick Cheney	39.2	30	50	12	37	94	-20
Likely	39.4	31	51	13	38	95	-19
Drop-Off	36.7	16	41	3	30	82	-24
Not Senior	38.4	29	51	11	38	95	-22
15 The Democratic Congress	48.7	41	38	21	28	96	4
Likely	48.2	41	39	21	29	97	2
Drop-Off	52.4	47	29	22	21	93	17
Not Senior	49.8	43	36	21	26	96	7
16 Barack Obama	62.2	58	29	46	23	99	30
Likely	61.3	57	30	45	24	99	27
Drop-Off	68.8	66	19	52	13	96	47
Not Senior	63.4	60	27	47	22	99	33
[462 Respondents]							
17 (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE INCUMBENT) ²	60.1	46	21	26	12	79	24
Likely	59.9	47	22	27	13	80	24
Drop-Off	61.6	38	15	22	5	66	24
Not Senior	60.4	45	21	26	12	78	24
[387 Respondents]							
17 (REPUBLICAN HOUSE INCUMBENT) ²	58.8	42	16	20	11	78	26
Likely	59.3	44	16	21	10	81	28
Drop-Off	52.7	29	15	11	11	58	15
Not Senior	58.1	40	15	18	10	77	25

² The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
18 Republicans in Congress	44.0	29	42	9	25	95	-13
Likely	43.6	29	43	8	26	96	-13
Drop-Off	46.9	27	40	11	19	88	-13
Not Senior	43.8	29	43	8	25	96	-15
[507 Respondents]							
19 (SPLIT B) Newt Gingrich.....	43.7	29	38	13	28	81	-9
Likely	44.3	30	38	13	29	83	-8
Drop-Off	38.4	18	37	9	25	67	-18
Not Senior	43.0	26	37	10	27	79	-11
20 Sonia Sotomayor	52.9	24	19	16	14	57	5
Likely	53.1	25	20	17	14	58	5
Drop-Off	51.6	18	16	14	11	44	2
Not Senior	53.6	23	18	16	13	55	5
21 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	55.2	46	33	30	23	92	13
Likely	55.3	46	33	31	24	93	13
Drop-Off	54.0	39	30	24	21	91	10
Not Senior	55.7	46	33	31	23	93	13
22 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	49.7	38	39	28	30	95	0
Likely	50.2	39	38	29	30	94	1
Drop-Off	46.3	34	45	21	28	96	-11
Not Senior	49.3	38	39	27	31	95	-1
23 Gay marriage	37.8	31	53	25	49	95	-23
Likely	36.9	30	55	24	50	96	-25
Drop-Off	44.2	37	44	30	40	91	-7
Not Senior	40.0	33	51	27	47	95	-18
24 The state of the economy	34.1	16	66	6	43	99	-50
Likely	34.0	16	66	6	44	99	-50
Drop-Off	35.2	15	63	4	37	98	-48
Not Senior	34.6	16	66	6	42	98	-50

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

[831 Respondents]

Q.25 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	Not Sr.
Democratic candidate.....	42	42	44	43
Lean Democratic candidate.....	7	6	13	7
Republican candidate.....	33	33	32	31
Lean Republican candidate.....	6	6	0	6
(Other candidate)	1	1	3	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0	1	-	1
(Undecided).....	9	9	7	9
(Refused).....	2	3	-	2
Total Democratic candidate	49	47	58	50
Total Republican candidate.....	38	39	33	37
Total (Other candidate)	2	2	3	2

(ref:GOVVOTE)

Q.27 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	Not Sr.
(DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE)	47	46	54	49
Lean (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE)	5	4	7	5
(REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)	36	38	28	35
Lean (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)	2	3	0	2
(Other candidate)	1	1	3	1
Lean (Other candidate)	1	1	-	1
(Undecided).....	6	6	8	6
(Refused).....	2	2	0	2
Total (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE)	52	50	61	54
Total (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)	39	40	28	37
Total (Other candidate)	2	2	3	2

(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.29 And, as you may have heard, President Obama has nominated Sonia Sotomayor to be a Justice on the Supreme Court. Do you approve or disapprove of Obama's nomination of Sotomayor?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Strongly approve	32	31	37	32
Somewhat approve	24	24	23	26
Somewhat disapprove.....	9	10	5	9
Strongly disapprove.....	16	17	12	15
(Don't know/refused)	18	18	23	18
Total approve.....	56	56	60	58
Total disapprove.....	26	27	17	24

(ref:SOTOMAY)

Q.30 Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements. After I read the 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
[506 Respondents]										
30 (SPLIT A) I would rather see the Republican Party led by Colin Powell										
OR										
I would rather see the Republican Party led by Rush Limbaugh and Dick Cheney.....										
	52	15	9	13	-	7	5	66	22	44
Likely	52	14	10	13	-	7	4	66	23	43
Drop-Off	45	21	7	9	-	6	11	67	16	50
Not Senior	51	16	9	13	-	7	4	67	22	45

[507 Respondents]										
31 (SPLIT B) When it comes to national security, President Barack Obama has better ideas for keeping the country safe.										
OR										
When it comes to national security, former Vice President Dick Cheney has better ideas for keeping the country safe.....										
	44	9	7	32	0	4	4	54	39	15
Likely	43	9	7	33	1	4	4	52	40	12
Drop-Off	55	13	9	19	-	-	4	68	29	39
Not Senior	46	10	7	29	1	4	3	56	36	19

(ref:PAIRS10)

Q.32 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	Not Sr.
1 - 11th grade	4	3	5	3
High School graduate	22	22	26	20
Non-college post H.S.	1	1	3	1
Some college	28	27	29	29
College graduate	29	29	23	31
Post-graduate school	15	16	11	15
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	3	1
(ref:EDUC)				

Q.33 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Yes: Respondent belongs	13	14	12	15
Household member	7	7	8	8
No member belongs	78	78	79	76
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	2	1
(ref:UNION)				

Q.34 And have you or any member of your immediate family been unemployed at some point in the last year? (IF YES) Was that you or a family member who was unemployed?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Yes: Respondent.....	19	18	23	22
Yes: Family Member	18	18	25	19
No.....	62	63	51	58
(Dk/Ref).....	1	1	-	1
(ref:EMPLOY2)				

Q.35 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Married	60	61	50	61
Single	21	20	29	25
Separated/Divorced.....	10	10	12	10
Widowed.....	8	7	9	3
(Don't know/refused)	1	2	1	2
Sep/Div/Wid.....	18	18	21	13
(ref:MARITAL)				

Q.36 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Strong Democrat	28	28	28	28
Weak Democrat.....	13	12	19	14
Independent-lean Democrat.....	9	8	14	9
Independent	7	7	6	7
Independent-lean Republican	10	11	5	10
Weak Republican	13	13	11	13
Strong Republican.....	18	19	16	17
(Don't know/refused)	2	2	2	2
(ref:PTYID1)				

Q.39 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Liberal.....	23	22	28	24
Moderate	31	31	32	32
Conservative	42	43	35	40
(Don't know/refused)	4	4	5	4
(ref:IDEO1)				

[163 Respondents]

Q.40 (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	Not Sr.
Yes	32	32	32	32
No.....	68	68	68	68
(DK/Refused).....	-	-	-	-
(ref:LANDLINE)				

[850 Respondents]

Q.41 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Yes	83	83	83	86
No.....	15	15	16	12
(DK/Refused).....	1	2	1	1
(ref:CELLLINE)				

Q.42 Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get...

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
All or almost all calls on a cell phone	19	19	20	23
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	45	45	43	48
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	36	36	36	29
(DK/Refused).....	0	0	2	0
(ref:DUALUSE)				

Phone Use Table

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Cell Only	11	10	15	13
Cell Mostly	14	15	14	17
Dual User	33	34	31	36
Landline Mostly	27	27	26	22
Landline Only	13	13	12	10
Landline Unknown.....	2	1	2	1
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample).....	5	5	7	6
Cell Mostly (from landline Sample).....	9	10	7	11

Q.43 What is your religion?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Protestant	54	54	53	52
Catholic	20	20	23	20
Jewish	1	2	0	2
Muslim	0	0	1	0
(Don't know/refused)	24	24	23	26
(ref:RELIG1)				

[547 Respondents]

Q.44 (ASK IF PROTESTANT IN RELIG1) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Fundamentalist.....	10	10	8	9
Evangelical	20	21	12	19
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	12	12	9	14
Moderate to liberal.....	39	39	41	39
(Something else)	5	4	13	5
(Don't know/Refused)	14	14	16	13
(ref:RELIG3)				

Q.45 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	Not Sr.
More than once a week.....	13	13	11	12
Once a week	30	31	22	27
Once or twice a month	13	14	11	14
Several times a year.....	11	10	17	11
Hardly ever	22	21	31	24
(Never)	6	6	6	7
(Don't know/Refused)	4	5	2	4
More Than/Once a Week.....	43	44	33	40

(ref:RELIG2)

[1010 Respondents]

Q.46 (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	Not Sr.
Democrat Barack Obama.....	52	49	70	54
Republican John McCain	40	42	26	38
(Ralph Nader).....	1	1	-	1
(Bob Barr).....	0	0	-	0
(Other)	2	2	1	2
(DK/Refused).....	6	6	3	5

(ref:VOTE2008)

[1010 Respondents]

Q.47 (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	Not Sr.
House Democrat	47	47	47	48
House Republican	39	41	25	38
(Other candidate)	2	2	0	2
(Did Not Vote for Congress)	3	2	15	4
(DK/Refused).....	9	8	13	8

(ref:VTCG2008)

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.48 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
White	74	75	70	72
African-American or Black.....	12	12	12	13
Hispanic or Latino.....	8	8	9	9
Native American	1	1	2	1
Asian	1	0	5	1
(Other).....	1	1	-	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	3	3	3	3
(ref:RACETHN)				

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
Male.....	47	48	42	49
Female	53	52	58	51
(ref:GENDER)				

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total	Likely	Drop-Off	Not Sr.
18 - 24	7	6	15	8
25 - 29	9	9	9	12
30 - 34	7	6	10	8
35 - 39	9	9	10	12
40 - 44	9	9	8	11
45 - 49	12	13	10	15
50 - 54	10	10	6	12
55 - 59	10	10	10	13
60 - 64	7	7	5	9
Over 64.....	19	19	16	-
(No answer).....	1	1	0	-
(ref:AGE)				