

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

July 22-26, 2009

1,000 2008 Voters (1,000 unweighted)

850 Likely Voters¹ (852 unweighted)

150 Drop Off Voters² (148 unweighted)

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

	Total	Likely Voters	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 Voters	Drop Off
Voted.....	97	98	96
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young.....	3	2	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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
Voted.....	81	93	17
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young.....	7	7	4
Did not vote.....	9	-	62
(Can't remember/Don't know)	2	-	16
(Refused)	0	-	1
(ref:VOTE062)			

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

² Drop-off voters are defined as those 2008 voters who are not likely voters.

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

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
Almost certain	78	85	39
Probably	15	15	19
50-50	5	-	31
Will not vote	2	-	11
(Don't know)	0	0	-
(Refused)	0	-	1
(ref:CP10)			

Q.10 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
10 The Republican Party	43.1	30	48	10	29	97	-17
Likely Voters	43.2	31	47	10	29	98	-16
Drop-off Voters	42.5	27	48	8	31	97	-21
11 The Democratic Party	48.1	43	40	21	30	98	3
Likely Voters	47.1	41	42	21	32	98	0
Drop-off Voters	54.2	50	30	25	20	96	20
12 The Democratic Congress	46.4	39	41	18	31	98	-2
Likely Voters	45.5	38	43	18	33	98	-4
Drop-off Voters	51.7	43	30	18	19	97	13
13 Barack Obama	57.7	56	33	39	27	99	22
Likely Voters	56.4	54	35	38	28	99	19
Drop-off Voters	65.1	67	25	48	19	100	42
[464 Respondents]							
14 (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE INCUMBENT) ³	56.2	39	21	21	14	76	18
Likely Voters	56.7	41	21	22	14	78	20
Drop-off Voters	51.6	23	18	13	13	55	6
[376 Respondents]							
15 (REPUBLICAN HOUSE INCUMBENT) ³	57.6	42	18	20	13	75	24
Likely Voters	57.8	45	19	21	14	77	25
Drop-off Voters	56.2	26	11	11	9	59	16

³ The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
16 Republicans in Congress	42.8	30	45	9	28	96	-15
Likely Voters	42.9	31	46	9	29	97	-15
Drop-off Voters	42.8	22	40	6	26	93	-18
17 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	55.5	45	28	28	22	91	17
Likely Voters	56.7	48	27	30	22	91	21
Drop-off Voters	48.5	30	34	15	25	87	-5
18 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	48.8	36	40	26	30	93	-4
Likely Voters	48.4	36	40	25	31	93	-4
Drop-off Voters	50.9	36	36	27	27	93	-1
19 Big corporations	42.2	25	43	9	29	94	-18
Likely Voters	43.0	26	42	10	28	94	-16
Drop-off Voters	37.4	17	48	5	33	92	-31
20 Gay marriage	36.9	26	52	20	46	93	-26
Likely Voters	35.8	24	53	19	47	93	-28
Drop-off Voters	42.8	37	47	25	40	94	-9
22 The state of the economy	33.2	16	66	5	44	99	-50
Likely Voters	33.4	16	66	5	43	99	-50
Drop-off Voters	32.3	16	67	5	49	99	-51

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.23 From what you have seen and heard so far about Barack Obama's policies and goals for the country, would you say that you support or oppose his policies and goals?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
Strongly support.....	36	35	38
Somewhat support.....	22	20	30
Somewhat oppose.....	10	10	7
Strongly oppose.....	28	30	20
(Don't know/refused).....	5	5	5
Total support.....	57	55	68
Total oppose.....	38	40	27
Support - Oppose..... (ref:BOPOLIC)	19	15	41

Q.24 Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes Barack Obama very well, well, not too well, or not well at all.

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[500 Respondents]								
24 (SPLIT B) Has good plans for the economy.....	21	34	23	20	2	55	43	12
Likely Voters.....	20	32	24	21	2	53	45	7
Drop-off Voters.....	27	42	16	13	2	69	29	41
[500 Respondents]								
25 (SPLIT A) Strong leader.....	35	30	15	18	2	65	33	32
Likely Voters.....	35	29	16	19	2	64	34	30
Drop-off Voters.....	36	36	12	15	1	72	27	46
[500 Respondents]								
26 (SPLIT A) On your side.....	30	27	18	23	2	56	41	15
Likely Voters.....	29	27	18	24	2	56	42	15
Drop-off Voters.....	34	22	20	20	4	56	40	16
[500 Respondents]								
27 (SPLIT B) Makes me feel hopeful about the future.....	32	25	19	23	1	57	43	14
Likely Voters.....	31	24	21	24	1	54	45	10
Drop-off Voters.....	37	33	10	20	1	69	30	39
[500 Respondents]								
28 (SPLIT A) Has realistic solutions to the country's problems.....	23	30	24	22	1	53	46	7
Likely Voters.....	24	28	25	23	1	52	48	4
Drop-off Voters.....	21	41	20	17	1	62	37	25

[500 Respondents]

29 (SPLIT B) Willing to work with both parties	34	31	18	16	2	64	34	30
Likely Voters.....	31	31	19	17	2	62	36	26
Drop-off Voters.....	47	30	13	9	0	77	23	54

(ref:BOPOS)

Q.30 Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes Barack Obama very well, well, not too well, or not well at all.

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[500 Respondents]								
30 (SPLIT A) Too liberal	32	22	26	15	4	54	41	13
Likely Voters.....	33	20	27	15	5	53	42	11
Drop-off Voters.....	24	35	24	14	3	59	38	21

[500 Respondents]

31 (SPLIT A) Will raise my taxes	31	20	27	15	7	51	42	9
Likely Voters.....	33	19	25	15	7	53	40	13
Drop-off Voters.....	16	26	39	12	6	42	52	-10

[500 Respondents]

32 (SPLIT B) Promises things that sound good but won't be able to get them done.	25	30	27	15	3	55	42	13
Likely Voters.....	27	29	27	15	3	55	42	13
Drop-off Voters.....	18	36	28	15	2	55	43	12

[500 Respondents]

33 (SPLIT B) A big spender	36	28	21	12	3	64	33	32
Likely Voters.....	37	28	20	12	3	65	32	33
Drop-off Voters.....	29	33	22	15	1	61	37	24

(ref:BONEG)

[500 Respondents]

Q.34 (SPLIT A) Now I am going to read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think the Democrats or the Republicans would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	Dem Much Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
34 The economy	23	23	17	21	1	5	11	46	38	8
Likely Voters.....	22	23	18	22	1	4	11	45	39	5
Drop-off Voters.....	30	24	11	18	-	6	12	54	29	25
35 Taxes	16	24	20	26	0	4	10	40	46	-7
Likely Voters.....	16	22	21	29	0	3	9	38	49	-11
Drop-off Voters.....	19	30	14	14	1	7	14	49	29	20
36 Health care.....	29	21	17	18	1	5	10	50	35	15
Likely Voters.....	27	21	17	19	1	5	9	48	36	12
Drop-off Voters.....	40	17	15	12	-	3	12	57	28	30
37 Government spending.....	17	19	26	18	1	8	11	36	44	-8
Likely Voters.....	16	18	27	19	1	9	10	34	47	-12
Drop-off Voters.....	21	25	18	12	1	6	18	46	29	17
38 The budget deficit	16	22	19	20	1	7	14	38	39	-1
Likely Voters.....	17	21	20	22	1	7	12	37	42	-4
Drop-off Voters.....	13	30	16	10	-	6	25	43	26	17

(ref:BETJOBCEG)

[500 Respondents]

Q.39 (SPLIT B) 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 Barack Obama or the Republicans would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	BHO Much Btrr	BHO Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total BHO	Total Rep	BHO - Rep
39 The economy	27	23	19	18	1	2	10	49	38	12
Likely Voters.....	26	23	21	19	1	2	9	49	40	9
Drop-off Voters.....	32	19	11	16	4	3	15	51	27	24
40 Taxes	22	23	20	22	1	2	10	45	42	3
Likely Voters.....	21	21	21	24	1	2	9	43	45	-3
Drop-off Voters.....	23	36	13	11	-	2	14	58	25	33
41 Health care.....	34	18	17	18	0	4	9	52	35	17
Likely Voters.....	33	17	18	19	0	4	9	50	37	14
Drop-off Voters.....	42	22	9	16	-	3	8	64	25	40
42 Government spending.....	20	19	24	20	1	4	13	39	43	-5
Likely Voters.....	20	18	25	21	1	4	12	38	46	-8
Drop-off Voters.....	22	22	18	11	-	5	21	45	29	16
43 The budget deficit	21	24	21	18	1	4	12	44	39	5
Likely Voters.....	20	24	21	19	1	5	10	44	40	4
Drop-off Voters.....	23	21	20	12	-	3	22	43	32	12

(ref:BETJOBBO)

Q.44 Now, I'm going to read you a list of things that Barack Obama said he intended to do if elected president. For each one, please tell me whether Obama is keeping his promise or not keeping it. (IF KEEPING HIS PROMISES) Is Obama making progress or not making progress? (IF NOT KEEPING HIS PROMISES) Is Obama trying or not trying to keep his promises?

	Keep Make Prog	Keep No Prog	Not Keep Try	Not Keep Nt Try	Too Early	DK/ Ref	Total Keep	Total Not Keep	Keep - Not
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[500 Respondents]

44 (SPLIT A) Restoring

America's standing in the world	54	5	16	17	1	8	58	33	25
Likely Voters.....	55	3	16	17	1	7	58	34	24
Drop-off Voters.....	47	11	14	13	1	15	58	27	31

[500 Respondents]

45 (SPLIT B) Creating or saving

3 million jobs	26	8	32	22	4	8	34	54	-19
Likely Voters.....	25	8	32	22	4	8	34	54	-21
Drop-off Voters.....	33	5	29	19	5	9	38	48	-10

	Keep Make Prog	Keep No Prog	Not Keep Try	Not Keep Nt Try	Too Early	DK/ Ref	Total Keep	Total Not Keep	Keep - Not
[500 Respondents]									
46 (SPLIT A) Making health insurance affordable for all Americans									
	41	12	24	15	2	7	53	38	15
Likely Voters	40	11	25	15	2	7	51	40	12
Drop-off Voters	44	18	17	13	0	7	62	30	32
[500 Respondents]									
47 (SPLIT B) Taking bold action to reduce global warming.....									
	34	11	18	15	2	20	45	33	12
Likely Voters	32	12	19	16	2	19	44	35	10
Drop-off Voters	43	3	15	9	4	27	46	23	22
[500 Respondents]									
48 (SPLIT A) Creating new industries in America centered on alternative energy									
	40	8	18	20	1	13	48	38	11
Likely Voters	39	7	18	21	1	14	46	39	8
Drop-off Voters	44	14	17	15	2	8	58	32	26
[500 Respondents]									
49 (SPLIT B) Raising taxes on the very wealthiest and cutting taxes for the middle class									
	39	9	15	17	4	16	47	32	15
Likely Voters	37	8	17	17	4	16	46	34	12
Drop-off Voters	45	10	6	16	5	17	55	22	33
[500 Respondents]									
50 (SPLIT A) Reducing the influence of special interests and lobbyists in Washington									
	29	6	12	27	2	24	35	39	-4
Likely Voters	28	5	12	28	2	25	33	41	-8
Drop-off Voters	36	11	8	21	-	24	47	29	18
[500 Respondents]									
51 (SPLIT B) Shifting our focus from Iraq to Afghanistan to address the terrorist threat there.....									
	51	11	12	9	3	14	62	21	41
Likely Voters	51	11	12	9	2	14	62	21	41
Drop-off Voters	49	11	7	11	5	18	60	18	42

Q.52 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
[500 Respondents]										
52 (SPLIT A) President Obama's economic recovery plan has a good chance of creating jobs, boosting our economy and getting our country back on the right track.										
OR										
President Obama's stimulus plan will mostly lead to more wasteful government spending, increase the deficit and further damage the economy.										
	37	13	9	38	1	0	2	51	46	5
Likely Voters	38	13	8	39	1	-	2	50	47	3
Drop-off Voters	37	19	13	29	-	1	2	55	42	13

[500 Respondents]										
53 (SPLIT B) The challenges America faces are too big to ignore. President Obama is right to seek solutions on health care, energy and education while still making the economy his top priority.										
OR										
President Obama is trying to do too much. He should put his entire focus on the economy and deal with health care, energy and education when we're through this crisis.										
	45	10	11	28	0	4	2	55	39	16
Likely Voters	44	10	10	30	0	3	2	54	40	14
Drop-off Voters	52	8	12	21	-	6	1	59	33	26

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
54 I am more worried that the president and Congress will fail to take strong action on important priorities like rebuilding our economy and reforming health care.										
OR										
I am more worried that the president and Congress will spend too much, leading to increased budget deficits and higher taxes.	29	13	11	40	2	2	3	42	51	-9
Likely Voters.....	29	14	10	41	1	2	3	43	51	-8
Drop-off Voters.....	28	11	16	36	3	4	1	39	52	-12
(ref:PAIRS10)										

Q.55 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
1 - 11th grade.....	3	3	5
High School graduate	23	22	26
Non-college post H.S.	1	1	1
Some college	28	28	32
College graduate.....	27	28	22
Post-graduate school	16	18	10
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	3
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.56 Are you a member of a labor union?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
Yes: Respondent belongs.....	12	14	6
Household member.....	8	8	11
No member belongs.....	78	77	82
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	1	1
Union Household	21	22	16
(ref:UNION)			

Q.57 And have you or any member of your immediate family been unemployed at some point in the last year?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
Yes: Respondent	18	16	27
Yes: Family Member	22	21	27
No	60	62	45
(Dk/Ref).....	1	1	1
Total Unemployment	39	37	54
(ref:EMPLOY2)			

Q.58 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
Married.....	58	60	46
Single	22	20	35
Separated/Divorced	12	12	9
Widowed	8	8	8
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	2
Sep/Div/Wid	19	20	17
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.59 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
Strong Democrat.....	26	26	28
Weak Democrat.....	14	12	24
Independent-lean Democrat.....	10	10	9
Independent.....	7	7	4
Independent-lean Republican.....	11	12	3
Weak Republican.....	14	13	21
Strong Republican.....	18	19	11
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1	2
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.60 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
Liberal.....	18	17	23
Moderate.....	38	39	33
Conservative.....	41	41	42
(Don't know/refused).....	3	3	2
(ref:IDEO1)			

[158 Respondents]

Q.61 (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
Yes.....	30	34	22
No.....	70	66	78
(DK/Refused).....	-	-	-
(ref:LANDLINE)			

[842 Respondents]

Q.62 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
Yes.....	83	84	78
No.....	16	15	20
(DK/Refused).....	1	1	1
(ref:CELLLINE)			

[749 Respondents]

Q.63 (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
All or almost all calls on a cell phone	19	18	23
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	46	47	39
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	34	34	38
(DK/Refused)	1	1	0
(ref:DUALUSE)			

Phone Use

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
Cell Only	11	9	23
Cell Mostly	14	14	14
Dual User	34	36	24
Landline Mostly	26	26	23
Landline Only	14	13	14
Landline Unknown	2	2	1

Q.64 What is your religion?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
Protestant.....	54	53	57
Catholic	21	22	14
Jewish	1	2	1
Muslim.....	0	0	1
(Don't know/refused)	24	23	26
(ref:RELIG1)			

Q.65 How often do you attend religious services -- more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
Once or twice a month	13	14	10
Several times a year	12	12	10
Hardly ever.....	22	22	28
(Never)	6	6	7
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	4
More than once a week.....	13	13	10
Once a week	30	29	30
(ref:RELIG2)			

[975 Respondents]

Q.66 (ASK IF VOTED IN 2008) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
Democrat Barack Obama	51	49	62
Republican John McCain	40	42	28
(Ralph Nader)	0	0	-
(Bob Barr)	-	-	-
(Other).....	2	3	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	7	6	8
(ref:VOTE2008)			

[975 Respondents]

Q.67 (ASK IF VOTED IN 2008) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN) ⁴?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
(2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT)	46	45	52
(2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN).....	38	40	22
(Other candidate)	3	3	4
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	3	2	10
(Don't know/Refused).....	10	10	12
(ref:VTCTG2008)			

Q.68 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
White.....	74	77	63
African-American or Black	12	10	21
Hispanic or Latino	8	8	8
Native American.....	1	1	1
Asian.....	1	1	4
(Other).....	1	1	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	2	2
(ref:RACETHN)			

⁴ Actual candidate names were inserted preceded by party identifications for all districts. In unopposed districts, a generic candidate was used as the opposition.

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
Male	47	48	41
Female	53	52	59
(ref:GENDER)			

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off
18 - 24.....	9	9	8
25 - 29.....	8	5	22
30 - 34.....	7	6	15
35 - 39.....	9	9	9
40 - 44.....	7	7	9
45 - 49.....	11	12	6
50 - 54.....	10	10	7
55 - 59.....	9	10	4
60 - 64.....	9	10	5
Over 64	21	22	14
(No answer)	1	1	1
(ref:AGE)			