

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

August 30-September 1, 2009
1,000 2008 Voters (1,097 unweighted)
837 Likely Voters¹ (951 unweighted)
163 Drop-Off Voters² (146 unweighted)

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

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
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 Voters
Voted.....	99	99	99
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young.....	1	1	1
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 Voters
Voted.....	83	95	23
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young.....	5	5	4
Did not vote.....	9	-	58
(Can't remember/Don't know)	3	-	15
(Refused)	-	-	-
(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 Voters
Almost certain	76	84	37
Probably	16	15	19
50-50	6	-	38
Will not vote	1	-	6
(Don't know)	1	1	1
(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 Voters	Drop Off Voters
Right direction	38	37	41
Wrong track.....	54	55	48
(Don't know/refused)	8	8	11
Right - Wrong	-16	-17	-7
(ref:DIRECT)			

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

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Strongly approve	32	32	35
Somewhat approve	19	18	23
Somewhat disapprove	9	9	11
Strongly disapprove	33	36	18
(Don't know/refused)	7	6	13
Total approve	51	50	58
Total disapprove	42	45	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	44.0	31	44	9	27	96	-13
Likely Voters	44.2	32	44	9	27	97	-12
Drop Off Voters	42.9	25	42	7	26	95	-17
13 The Democratic Party	49.0	42	42	23	30	97	0
Likely Voters	47.2	41	45	22	33	97	-5
Drop Off Voters	58.1	49	27	30	18	97	22
14 The Democratic Congress	47.2	42	41	19	30	96	0
Likely Voters	45.3	40	45	17	33	96	-5
Drop Off Voters	57.5	48	23	28	14	92	25
15 Barack Obama	56.8	53	35	40	27	99	18
Likely Voters	55.0	50	38	39	29	99	12
Drop Off Voters	66.1	66	20	47	17	99	46
16 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) ³	57.3	43	25	27	16	81	18
Likely Voters	57.0	45	26	28	18	85	18
Drop Off Voters	59.4	34	16	21	6	62	18
16 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) ⁴	55.9	38	23	22	14	75	15
Likely Voters	56.0	40	24	22	15	77	16
Drop Off Voters	55.2	28	19	24	12	64	8
17 Republicans in Congress	43.9	29	42	8	25	94	-13
Likely Voters	44.3	30	42	8	25	95	-12
Drop Off Voters	41.6	22	42	6	27	91	-20

³ The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

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	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	53.3	44	34	27	24	94	10
Likely Voters	54.1	46	33	28	24	95	12
Drop Off Voters	49.1	36	39	24	27	91	-3
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	48.9	37	38	25	31	95	-2
Likely Voters	50.7	39	36	27	28	95	2
Drop Off Voters	39.6	27	49	17	43	93	-23
20 Gay marriage	40.2	32	50	23	44	93	-18
Likely Voters	39.2	31	51	22	44	93	-20
Drop Off Voters	45.2	39	47	33	45	96	-8
21 The state of the economy	33.8	17	65	4	43	99	-47
Likely Voters	34.2	17	65	4	42	99	-48
Drop Off Voters	32.1	20	65	3	49	98	-45

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.22 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)?⁵

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Democratic candidate	44	42	55
Lean Democratic candidate	5	4	6
Republican candidate	36	39	20
Lean Republican candidate	4	4	3
(Other candidate)	2	2	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0	0	-
(Undecided)	7	7	12
(Refused)	2	2	2
Total Democratic candidate	49	47	61
Total Republican candidate	40	43	23
Total (Other candidate)	2	2	2

(ref:CONG10)

⁵ 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.23 As you may have heard, President Obama and the Democrats in Congress are preparing a plan to change the health care system. From what you have heard about this plan, do you favor or oppose Obama and the Democrats' health care proposal?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Strongly favor	26	26	25
Somewhat favor	18	16	28
Somewhat oppose	10	9	15
Strongly oppose	38	41	25
(Don't know/refused)	8	8	7
Total favor.....	44	42	53
Total oppose.....	48	50	40

(ref:OBHCPROP)

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 At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[500 Respondents]								
24 (SPLIT B) Has good plans for the economy	26	28	20	23	2	55	43	12
Likely Voters.....	26	26	21	24	3	52	45	7
Drop Off Voters	26	43	14	17	-	69	31	38
[500 Respondents]								
25 (SPLIT A) Strong leader.....	36	25	18	19	1	61	37	24
Likely Voters.....	33	25	19	21	1	58	41	17
Drop Off Voters	52	26	10	10	2	79	19	59
[500 Respondents]								
26 (SPLIT A) On your side.....	30	21	18	27	3	52	45	6
Likely Voters.....	29	19	19	29	3	49	48	1
Drop Off Voters	34	32	12	20	2	66	32	34
[500 Respondents]								
27 (SPLIT B) Willing to work with both parties	36	29	18	16	2	64	34	30
Likely Voters.....	35	27	19	17	1	62	36	26
Drop Off Voters	37	38	11	12	2	75	23	52

(ref:BOPOS)

Q.28 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]								
28 (SPLIT A) Will raise my taxes	35	22	23	18	3	56	41	15
Likely Voters	36	20	23	19	3	55	42	14
Drop Off Voters	30	32	24	14	1	61	38	24

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/ Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[500 Respondents]								
29 (SPLIT B) Promises things that sound good but won't be able to get them done.....	34	21	25	17	2	55	42	13
Likely Voters	37	19	25	17	3	56	42	14
Drop Off Voters	22	32	28	18	-	55	45	9

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/ Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[500 Respondents]								
30 (SPLIT A) Can't break the gridlock in Washington	16	25	32	18	9	41	50	-9
Likely Voters	17	25	31	19	9	42	49	-8
Drop Off Voters	11	26	38	17	8	38	55	-17

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/ Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[500 Respondents]								
31 (SPLIT B) A big spender	43	23	19	11	4	66	30	36
Likely Voters	46	21	17	12	4	67	29	38
Drop Off Voters	32	30	28	4	6	62	32	30

Q.32 Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political parties. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes the Republican Party 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]								
32 (SPLIT B) Has new ideas for addressing the country's problems	7	23	40	26	5	30	66	-36
Likely Voters	7	22	40	27	4	29	67	-38
Drop Off Voters	9	25	41	18	8	34	58	-25

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/ Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[500 Respondents]								
33 (SPLIT B) On your side.....	11	25	33	25	7	36	57	-21
Likely Voters	11	24	32	26	7	35	58	-23
Drop Off Voters	13	29	35	18	4	42	54	-12

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/ Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[500 Respondents]								
34 (SPLIT A) Willing to work with both parties	9	26	35	27	2	36	63	-27
Likely Voters	10	27	35	26	2	36	62	-25
Drop Off Voters	8	24	36	31	0	32	67	-35

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/ Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[500 Respondents]								
35 (SPLIT A) Has good plans for the economy	10	28	33	26	4	37	59	-22
Likely Voters	11	28	33	25	2	39	59	-19
Drop Off Voters	3	24	33	28	12	27	61	-33
(ref:REPPPOS)								

Q.36 Now, I am going to read you a different list of words and phrases which people use to describe political parties. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes the Republican Party 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]								
36 (SPLIT B) For the wealthy and big business, not the middle class	32	24	26	15	3	56	41	15
Likely Voters	33	22	26	16	3	55	42	13
Drop Off Voters	26	38	22	12	2	64	35	29

[500 Respondents]								
37 (SPLIT A) Too conservative	26	28	25	17	3	54	42	12
Likely Voters	24	29	26	18	4	53	44	9
Drop Off Voters	37	25	19	16	3	62	35	27

[500 Respondents]								
38 (SPLIT B) More interested in partisan politics than solving the country's problems	32	23	26	15	4	55	41	14
Likely Voters	33	23	24	16	4	56	40	16
Drop Off Voters	24	24	36	11	5	48	47	1

[500 Respondents]								
39 (SPLIT A) Directionless.....	20	27	32	14	7	46	47	0
Likely Voters	17	28	31	16	7	46	47	-1
Drop Off Voters	31	19	37	8	6	49	45	4
(ref:REPNEG)								

[500 Respondents]

Q.40 (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.

	Dems Much Btr	Dems Smwt Btr	Reps Smwt Btr	Reps Much Btr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
40 The economy	26	22	19	19	0	5	9	48	38	10
Likely Voters	25	21	20	21	0	5	8	46	41	5
Drop Off Voters	29	31	16	11	0	3	10	60	26	33
41 Taxes	18	23	21	24	1	5	8	42	45	-3
Likely Voters	18	21	23	25	1	5	8	38	48	-9
Drop Off Voters	22	38	12	17	1	1	10	59	29	30
42 Health care.....	33	16	16	22	1	6	8	48	38	11
Likely Voters	34	13	15	24	1	6	7	47	39	7
Drop Off Voters	27	30	17	11	1	6	8	56	28	29
43 Government spending.....	20	18	21	21	1	8	11	37	43	-5
Likely Voters	20	17	22	22	1	9	9	37	44	-7
Drop Off Voters	17	23	19	18	-	1	22	40	37	3

(ref:BETJOBCEG)

[500 Respondents]

Q.44 (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 Btr	BHO Smwt Btr	Reps Smwt Btr	Reps Much Btr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
44 The economy	28	20	21	18	1	3	8	48	39	9
Likely Voters	27	18	23	19	1	4	9	45	42	3
Drop Off Voters	32	31	15	12	3	-	7	63	27	36
45 Taxes	21	21	17	27	0	4	10	42	43	-1
Likely Voters	21	19	18	28	0	4	10	40	45	-5
Drop Off Voters	25	27	11	23	-	4	9	52	34	18
46 Health care.....	32	16	16	22	1	4	9	48	38	10
Likely Voters	31	15	16	23	0	5	9	46	40	6
Drop Off Voters	39	19	12	14	3	3	10	58	27	31
47 Government spending.....	23	17	23	21	1	4	11	40	44	-4
Likely Voters	22	17	26	21	0	4	10	39	47	-8
Drop Off Voters	30	19	11	21	3	1	16	49	31	17

(ref:BETJOBBO)

Q.48 Now, I'm going to read you a short description of a health care reform plan that President Obama and the Democrats may propose.

This plan prohibits insurance companies from denying coverage for pre-existing conditions or dropping coverage when someone gets sick and requires them to cover preventive care. It creates a health insurance exchange where individuals can comparison shop among different private plans or a public insurance option.

The plan requires all Americans to have health insurance while subsidizing the cost for those with low and moderate incomes. It requires all companies to provide health insurance for their employees or contribute to a fund that will help pay for their coverage with small businesses getting help covering some of the cost.

The plan will be paid for by cutting spending for Medicaid and Medicare by 500 billion dollars over ten years and increasing the top income tax rate by about two points for households earning over 350,000 dollars.

Based on what you heard, do you favor or oppose this health care plan?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Strongly favor	27	27	32
Somewhat favor	20	19	26
Somewhat oppose	12	11	15
Strongly oppose	36	39	23
(Don't know/refused)	5	5	5
Total favor.....	47	45	57
Total oppose.....	48	50	38
(ref:PACKAGE)			

Q.49 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 Voters
1 - 11th grade.....	3	3	4
High School graduate	22	22	25
Non-college post H.S.	2	2	1
Some college	28	27	34
College graduate.....	27	27	27
Post-graduate school	17	19	9
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.50 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Yes: Respondent belongs	12	13	7
Household member.....	9	9	11
No member belongs.....	78	77	81
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	2	0
Union Household	21	22	19
(ref:UNION)			

Q.51 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 Voters	Drop Off Voters
Yes: Respondent	17	16	24
Yes: Family Member	21	21	20
No	60	61	53
(Dk/Ref).....	2	1	4
Total Yes	39	38	44
(ref:EMPLOY2)			

Q.52 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Married.....	60	61	56
Single	21	19	27
Separated/Divorced	11	10	14
Widowed	7	8	4
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	0
Sep/Div/Wid	18	19	17
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.53 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Strong Democrat.....	26	25	29
Weak Democrat.....	12	11	17
Independent-lean Democrat.....	12	12	14
Independent.....	7	8	5
Independent-lean Republican.....	12	12	13
Weak Republican.....	12	13	8
Strong Republican.....	18	19	13
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1	1
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.54 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Liberal.....	23	22	26
Moderate.....	35	34	38
Conservative.....	39	41	31
(Don't know/refused).....	3	3	4
(ref:IDEO1)			

[154 Respondents]

Q.55 (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.....	27	28	22
No.....	71	71	73
(DK/Refused).....	2	1	5
(ref:LANDLINE)			

[846 Respondents]

Q.56 (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	83
No.....	16	15	17
(DK/Refused).....	1	1	0
(ref:CELLLINE)			

[748 Respondents]

Q.57 (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	20
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home			

phone	40	39	49
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	40	42	31
(DK/Refused)	1	1	-

Phone Use Table

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Cell Only	11	10	16
Cell Mostly	14	14	14
Dual User	30	29	34
Landline Mostly	30	31	22
Landline Only	13	13	13
Landline Unknown	2	2	0
(ref:DUALUSE)			

Q.58 What is your religion?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Protestant.....	52	53	48
Catholic	20	21	17
Jewish	2	1	4
Muslim.....	0	0	2
(Don't know/refused)	25	24	29
(ref:RELIG1)			

Q.59 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 Voters
More than once a week.....	14	14	13
Once a week	29	30	23
Once or twice a month	13	12	18
Several times a year	13	13	11
Hardly ever.....	23	22	29
(Never)	5	5	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	3
More than/Once a week	43	44	36
(ref:RELIG2)			

[987 Respondents]

Q.60 (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	50	47	66
Republican John McCain	42	45	27
(Ralph Nader)	0	0	-
(Bob Barr)	-	-	-
(Other).....	2	2	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	5	6	4
(ref:VOTE2008)			

[987 Respondents]

Q.61 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)?⁶

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
(2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT)	45	44	51
(2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN).....	42	45	27
(Other candidate)	2	2	2
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	3	2	8
(Don't know/Refused).....	8	7	12
(ref:VTCTG2008)			

Q.62 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
White	74	77	62
African-American or Black	12	11	16
Hispanic or Latino	8	6	16
Native American.....	1	1	1
Asian	1	1	3
(Other).....	1	1	-
(Don't know/Refused).....	3	3	2
(ref:RACETHN)			

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

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

⁶ 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 Voters	Drop Off Voters
18 - 24.....	9	8	12
25 - 29.....	8	7	13
30 - 34.....	7	7	10
35 - 39.....	9	8	16
40 - 44.....	10	9	15
45 - 49.....	10	11	7
50 - 54.....	7	7	9
55 - 59.....	9	10	5
60 - 64.....	10	11	5
Over 64	19	21	8
(No answer)	1	1	0
(ref:AGE)			