

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

August 30 - September 2, 2010

1,000 2008 Voters

845 Likely Voters (895 unweighted) ¹

155 Drop-Off Voters (105 unweighted) ²

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.....	97	98	91
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young.....	3	2	9
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.....	80	91	18
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young.....	11	9	22
Did not vote	7	-	47
(Can't remember/Don't know)	2	-	13
(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, probable 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 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?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Almost certain	75	84	26
Probably	15	15	11
50-50	7	-	43
Will not vote	3	-	18
(Don't know)	1	0	1
(Refused)	0	-	0
(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	31	29	41
Wrong track.....	62	63	51
(Don't know/Refused)	7	7	7
Right - Wrong	-31	-34	-10
(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	27	27	33
Somewhat approve	19	18	23
Somewhat disapprove	9	8	14
Strongly disapprove	41	44	23
(Don't know/Refused)	4	3	7
Total approve	46	45	56
Total disapprove	50	52	37
(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	45.5	35	41	13	28	96	-6
Likely Voters	44.6	35	42	12	29	97	-8
Drop-Off Voters	47.3	33	41	14	23	93	-8
13 The Democratic Party	45.0	36	45	20	34	96	-9
Likely Voters	43.8	36	46	19	37	97	-11
Drop-Off Voters	51.9	38	36	23	22	95	2
14 The Democratic Congress	41.9	33	48	17	37	96	-15
Likely Voters	41.0	34	50	17	40	97	-16
Drop-Off Voters	49.2	33	35	19	21	93	-2
15 Barack Obama	49.3	44	43	33	37	98	0
Likely Voters	48.2	44	45	33	39	99	-1
Drop-Off Voters	58.0	46	31	37	21	96	15
[463 Respondents]							
16 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) ³ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE)	52.4	36	27	20	20	77	9
Likely Voters	53.3	39	26	22	20	79	12
Drop-Off Voters	46.7	22	27	8	16	63	-5
[371 Respondents]							
16 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) ³ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE)	58.9	41	19	22	11	73	22
Likely Voters	58.3	43	21	23	13	78	22
Drop-Off Voters	57.5	17	11	10	3	40	7
17 Republicans in Congress	43.6	30	43	10	28	94	-12
Likely Voters	43.2	31	44	9	29	96	-13
Drop-Off Voters	44.6	28	38	9	25	90	-10
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	56.4	44	27	27	19	88	16
Likely Voters	57.1	45	27	29	20	90	19
Drop-Off Voters	56.1	39	24	26	16	82	14
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	50.2	39	37	29	30	92	1
Likely Voters	50.1	40	38	29	30	93	2
Drop-Off Voters	50.6	39	37	33	30	90	2

³ The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
20 Gay marriage	39.2	29	48	22	44	93	-19
Likely Voters	38.1	28	50	21	45	93	-22
Drop-Off Voters	46.6	42	41	31	39	97	1
[500 Respondents]							
22 (SPLIT A) The state of the economy.....	31.3	17	69	6	49	98	-52
Likely Voters	30.2	16	71	5	51	98	-55
Drop-Off Voters	34.9	14	64	9	42	100	-50
[500 Respondents]							
23 (SPLIT B) The state of your personal finances.....	57.9	49	23	24	15	93	26
Likely Voters	56.3	46	26	22	16	94	20
Drop-Off Voters	62.6	59	12	29	12	92	47
24 The Tea Party movement	46.3	34	37	20	29	85	-4
Likely Voters	46.3	34	38	21	30	87	-4
Drop-Off Voters	45.4	29	33	16	24	74	-4
25 The new health care reform law.....	38.2	30	50	17	42	91	-20
Likely Voters	37.1	29	52	16	44	92	-22
Drop-Off Voters	45.9	36	41	20	33	89	-4
26 The way that Washington DC works.....	31.6	15	60	5	47	96	-45
Likely Voters	30.6	15	63	5	50	97	-48
Drop-Off Voters	36.6	16	44	5	38	92	-28

(ref:THERM04/THERM204/THERM205)

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)⁴?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Democratic candidate	39	39	46
Lean Democratic candidate	3	3	2
Republican candidate	44	45	34
Lean Republican candidate	5	4	6
(Other candidate)	2	1	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0	0	-
(Undecided)	7	6	8
(Refused)	2	1	3
Total Democratic candidate	42	42	47
Total Republican candidate	48	49	40
Total (Other candidate).....	2	2	1

(ref:CONG10)

Q.29 Even though you are not supporting (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) now, what are the chances that you might support (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) in the election for Congress in November -- is there a fair chance that you might support that candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Fair chance	9	8	8
A small chance.....	8	8	7
Just a very slight chance.....	12	11	15
No chance at all	26	27	17
(Don't know/Refused)	4	3	5
Democratic candidate supporter	42	42	47

(ref:CONG10C)

Q.30 Even though you are not supporting (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) now, what are the chances that you might support (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) in the election for Congress in November -- is there a fair chance that you might support that candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Fair chance	9	8	9
A small chance.....	6	6	8
Just a very slight chance.....	11	11	14
No chance at all	24	23	24
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3	5
Republican candidate supporter	48	49	40

(ref:CONG10D)

⁴ 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.31 Please rate your level of enthusiasm about voting in this year's election for Congress on a scale from zero to ten, where zero means you're not at all enthusiastic about voting this year and ten means you're extremely enthusiastic about voting this year. You can use any number from zero to ten, the higher the number the more enthusiastic you are about voting this year.

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop Off Voters
Mean	7.4	7.8	5.2
10	38	42	18
8-10	57	63	24
6-10	72	77	49
5	15	14	18
0-4	12	9	31
(Don't know/Refused)	-	-	-

(ref:ENTHUSIM)

Q.34 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	18	19	18	29	2	6	10	36	46	-10
Likely Voters	17	19	18	29	1	6	9	36	48	-12
Drop-Off Voters	26	18	14	23	4	3	13	44	37	7
35 Being on your side	23	17	17	23	0	7	13	39	40	-1
Likely Voters	22	15	17	24	0	8	13	37	41	-4
Drop-Off Voters	29	22	16	16	1	4	11	51	32	19
[500 Respondents]										
36 (SPLIT A) Government spending	18	14	19	29	2	8	10	32	47	-15
Likely Voters	17	13	21	29	2	8	10	31	49	-18
Drop-Off Voters	27	14	15	31	1	4	10	41	45	-5
[500 Respondents]										
37 (SPLIT B) The federal budget deficit	18	14	22	27	2	7	9	32	49	-17
Likely Voters	20	13	20	29	2	8	9	32	50	-18
Drop-Off Voters	14	25	28	9	2	5	17	39	36	3

(ref:BETJOBCEG)

[500 Respondents]

Q.38 (SPLIT A) Now, thinking about the nation's economy, do you believe the economy...

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve.....	35	34	37
Is at the bottom but is not yet getting any better	22	22	23
Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse	37	40	32
(Don't know/Refused)	5	4	8
Bottomed out - Will still get worse	-2	-5	5
(ref:BTTMOUT)			

Q.39 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]										
39 (SPLIT B) President Obama's economic policies helped avert an even worse crisis, and are laying the foundation for our eventual economic recovery.										
OR										
President Obama's economic policies have run up a record federal deficit while failing to end the recession or slow the record pace of job losses.....	29	11	10	43	1	3	3	40	53	-13
Likely Voters	28	11	7	46	1	3	4	40	53	-13
Drop-Off Voters	32	10	28	24	-	4	1	43	52	-9

[500 Respondents]										
40 (SPLIT A) Obama and the Democrats are more concerned with creating jobs for ordinary Americans.										
OR										
Obama and the Democrats are more concerned with bailing out Wall Street.	30	11	10	34	1	7	5	42	45	-3
Likely Voters	29	11	9	36	1	8	6	40	44	-4
Drop-Off Voters	37	8	17	35	-	2	1	45	52	-7

	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]										
41 (SPLIT A) Looking at what is happening with the economy, I am leaning toward voting for the Democrats so we don't jeopardize the chance of an economic recovery.										
OR										
Looking at what is happening with the economy, I am leaning toward voting for the Republicans to protest the direction the economy is heading.	33	9	12	40	1	3	3	43	51	-9
Likely Voters	33	10	10	41	0	3	3	43	51	-9
Drop-Off Voters	32	4	22	35	-	6	-	36	57	-21

Q.74 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	4	3	10
High School graduate	22	23	22
Non-college post H.S.	1	1	3
Some college	28	27	27
College graduate	28	28	30
Post-graduate school	16	17	8
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	1
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.75 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	19	18	26
Yes: Family Member	24	24	24
No	56	56	50
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	0
Total Yes	43	42	50
(ref:EMPLOY2)			

Q.76 I'm going to read you a list of economic experiences some people have recently had. For each one, please tell me if you have directly experienced this in the last year, if your family has directly experienced this in the last year, or if someone you know well, like a friend, neighbor or co-worker, has experienced this or if no one you know well has experienced it.

	Impct You	Impct Fam	Some one Know	Has Not Impct	(DK/ Ref)	Total Impct
76 Loss of a job.....	12	23	28	33	3	64
Likely Voters	13	23	27	33	3	64
Drop-Off Voters	9	27	31	29	3	67
77 Reduced wages or hours at work	15	23	20	38	4	58
Likely Voters	15	23	20	39	4	57
Drop-Off Voters	14	27	18	35	6	59
[500 Respondents]						
78 (SPLIT A) Lost health insurance coverage	12	14	15	55	4	41
Likely Voters	12	14	16	54	5	42
Drop-Off Voters	8	10	17	63	1	36
79 Fallen behind on mortgage payments or home was foreclosed on	5	12	21	58	4	38
Likely Voters	4	13	21	57	5	39
Drop-Off Voters	4	11	23	60	1	39
[500 Respondents]						
80 (SPLIT B) Got a new job	10	20	20	46	4	51
Likely Voters	9	22	20	44	4	52
Drop-Off Voters	15	13	26	40	5	54
81 Rejoined the job market and began to look for work again.....	12	23	25	36	4	60
Likely Voters	12	23	25	35	5	60
Drop-Off Voters	10	24	28	35	2	63
(ref:ECONIMPC)						

Q.82 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	13	12	13
Household member	9	8	11
No member belongs.....	76	77	74
(Don't know/Refused)	2	3	2
Union Household	21	20	24
(ref:UNION)			

Q.83 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Married.....	56	58	40
Single.....	24	19	45
Separated/Divorced.....	10	11	11
Widowed.....	8	9	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	3	0
Sep/Div/Wid	18	20	15
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.84 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strong Democrat.....	22	22	23
Weak Democrat.....	14	12	28
Independent-lean Democrat.....	8	9	2
Independent.....	8	8	6
Independent-lean Republican.....	13	13	12
Weak Republican.....	11	10	10
Strong Republican.....	22	23	17
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	3	2
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.87 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Liberal.....	20	19	25
Moderate.....	29	29	33
Conservative.....	46	47	36
(Don't know/Refused).....	5	5	6
(ref:IDEO1)			

[153 Respondents]

Q.88 (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.....	22	37	7
No.....	78	63	93
(Don't know/Refused).....	-	-	-
(ref:LANDLINE)			

[847 Respondents]

Q.89 (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	84	78
No	15	13	22
(Don't know/Refused)	2	3	0
(ref:CELLLINE)			

[733 Respondents]

Q.90 (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	29	20
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	40	37	49
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	41	34	31
(Don't know/Refused)	0	1	-
(ref:DUALUSE)			

Phone Use Table

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Cell Only	12	9	27
Cell Mostly	14	22	11
Dual User	29	28	28
Landline Mostly	30	26	18
Landline Only	13	11	16
Landline Unknown	2	3	0
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample)	3	5	2
Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample)	11	17	9

Q.91 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strong supporter	20	20	13
Not so strong supporter	13	14	11
Not a supporter	56	55	63
(Don't know/Refused)	11	10	13
Total Supporter	33	34	24
(ref:TEASUPP)			

Q.92 Have you supported the Tea Party movement by either donating money or attending a rally or meeting, or have you done both, or have you done neither?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Donated money.....	2	1	2
Attended a rally or meeting	4	4	2
Both.....	2	2	1
Neither	88	87	90
(Don't know/Refused)	5	6	4
(ref:TEAPTACTION)			

Q.93 What is your religion?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Protestant.....	54	53	62
Catholic.....	20	21	17
Jewish.....	1	2	-
Muslim.....	0	0	-
(Don't know/Refused)	24	24	21
(ref:RELIG1)			

[969 Respondents]

Q.94 (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	45	44	51
Republican John McCain	45	46	40
(Ralph Nader)	0	0	-
(Bob Barr)	-	-	-
(Other).....	2	2	3
(Don't know/Refused)	7	8	5
(ref:VOTE2008)			

[969 Respondents]

Q.95 (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 Voters	Drop-Off Voters
(2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT)	40	41	35
(2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN).....	42	43	31
(Other candidate)	3	2	3
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	5	3	17
(Don't know/Refused)	10	10	13
(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. In the cell sample, "the Democratic candidate" and "the Republican candidate" were used.

Q.96 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
White.....	75	76	69
African-American or Black	13	11	19
Hispanic or Latino	8	9	8
Native American.....	1	1	1
Asian.....	0	0	1
(Other).....	1	1	0
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2	3
(ref:RACETHN)			

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Male	47	48	37
Female.....	53	52	63
(ref:GENDER)			

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
18 - 24.....	9	5	25
25 - 29.....	7	6	14
30 - 34.....	8	6	20
35 - 39.....	7	8	7
40 - 44.....	8	8	5
45 - 49.....	12	12	9
50 - 54.....	7	9	1
55 - 59.....	8	10	4
60 - 64.....	11	13	4
65 and over.....	20	22	9
(No answer)	3	1	1
(ref:AGE)			