

# Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

November 12-16, 2009

**1,000 2008 Voters (1,000 unweighted)**  
**847 Likely Voters (875 unweighted)<sup>1</sup>**  
**153 Drop-Off Voters (125 unweighted)<sup>2</sup>**

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
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?

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Voted.....	85	95	32
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young.....	5	5	6
Did not vote.....	7	-	48
(Can't remember/Don't know) .....	2	-	15
(Refused) .....	-	-	-
(ref:VOTE062)			

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Almost certain .....	75	83	28
Probably .....	16	16	15
50-50 .....	7	-	46
Will not vote .....	2	-	11
(Don't know) .....	1	1	0
(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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Right direction .....	36	35	42
Wrong track.....	57	58	50
(Don't know/refused) .....	7	6	8
<b>Right - Wrong</b> .....	<b>-21</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-8</b>
(ref:DIRECT)			

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Strongly approve .....	33	33	33
Somewhat approve .....	17	15	28
Somewhat disapprove .....	9	9	6
Strongly disapprove .....	35	37	25
(Don't know/refused) .....	6	6	7
<b>Total Approve</b> .....	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Total Disapprove</b> .....	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>32</b>
(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 .....	43.4	31	45	11	29	97	-14
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	43.7	32	46	11	30	97	-13
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	41.7	24	43	10	28	96	-19
13 The Democratic Party .....	46.8	40	44	21	32	97	-4
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	45.6	38	46	20	34	97	-7
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	53.6	48	33	26	25	97	15
14 The Democratic Congress .....	43.4	37	46	17	36	95	-9
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	42.2	36	49	16	38	96	-13
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	50.3	44	33	21	26	92	11
15 Barack Obama .....	54.4	50	36	38	30	99	14
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	53.5	49	38	37	31	99	11
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	59.1	57	26	42	23	100	31
<b>[484 Respondents]</b>							
16 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>3</sup> (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE) .....	54.8	40	26	23	18	78	15
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	53.8	41	28	23	20	81	13
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	61.9	35	13	26	11	64	22
<b>[363 Respondents]</b>							
16 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>3</sup> (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE) .....	54.9	38	21	19	16	75	17
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	54.8	37	22	20	17	74	16
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	55.8	42	17	11	9	81	25
17 Republicans in Congress .....	43.4	31	45	10	28	95	-14
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	43.7	32	46	10	28	96	-13
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	41.8	23	43	10	29	94	-20
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association ....	54.7	45	31	29	24	93	15
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	54.4	45	31	29	24	94	14
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	56.7	46	29	30	23	86	17
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	48.2	37	41	28	33	94	-3
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	47.9	37	40	27	33	94	-3
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	50.0	38	42	31	34	94	-4

<sup>3</sup> The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>							
20 (SPLIT A) Labor unions .....	44.0	31	43	15	31	93	-11
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	43.7	31	44	15	32	95	-13
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	46.0	32	37	14	26	86	-5
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>							
21 (SPLIT B) Big corporations .....	40.8	23	44	11	32	94	-21
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	41.6	24	41	11	31	94	-17
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	35.9	16	57	12	40	92	-40
22 Gay marriage .....	37.3	28	51	20	47	95	-23
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	36.3	27	52	18	47	95	-25
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	42.3	34	48	27	44	96	-13
23 The state of the economy .....	34.0	19	64	3	41	98	-45
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	34.0	18	65	3	41	99	-47
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	33.7	20	58	3	39	98	-38
24 The state of your personal finances.....	54.7	47	27	21	17	96	20
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	56.4	50	25	22	15	95	25
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	45.8	36	43	17	28	100	-7
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>							
25 (SPLIT A) Glenn Beck.....	46.1	25	26	16	22	58	-1
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	48.3	28	26	19	21	60	2
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	29.8	10	29	3	26	45	-19
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>							
26 (SPLIT B) The tea party movement .....	51.9	33	28	23	22	71	5
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	52.2	34	28	24	23	71	6
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	50.3	27	28	16	19	69	-1

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.27 I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the presidential election in 2012, if the election for president were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican Mitt Romney, Green Party Candidate Ralph Nader and America First Party Candidate Lou Dobbs, for whom would you vote?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Democrat Barack Obama .....	44	44	48
Lean Democrat Barack Obama .....	3	2	10
Republican Mitt Romney .....	34	35	24
Lean Republican Mitt Romney .....	3	3	2
Green Party Ralph Nader .....	4	4	3
Lean Green Party Ralph Nader .....	0	0	-
America First Party Lou Dobbs .....	5	5	4
Lean America First Party Lou Dobbs .....	1	1	1
(Other Candidate) .....	2	2	2
Lean (Other Candidate) .....	0	0	-
(Undecided) .....	3	3	5
(Refused) .....	1	2	1
<b>Total Democrat Barack Obama.....</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Total Republican Mitt Romney.....</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Total Green Party Ralph Nader.....</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total America First Party Lou Dobbs.....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total (Other Candidate).....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

(ref:PRES12)

Q.29 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)<sup>4</sup>?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Democratic Candidate .....	44	43	48
Lean Democratic Candidate .....	4	4	5
Republican Candidate.....	41	42	36
Lean Republican Candidate.....	2	3	-
(Other Candidate) .....	1	1	1
Lean (Other Candidate) .....	0	0	-
(Undecided) .....	6	6	5
(Refused) .....	2	1	4
<b>Total Democratic Candidate .....</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Total Republican Candidate.....</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Total (Other Candidate).....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

(ref:CONG10)

<sup>4</sup> 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.31 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 Btrr	Dems Smwt Btrr	Reps Smwt Btrr	Reps Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
31 (SPLIT A) The economy .....	23	20	21	23	1	3	11	42	43	-1
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	23	18	19	26	1	3	9	42	45	-3
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	20	27	27	9	1	-	17	47	35	12
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
32 (SPLIT B) Taxes .....	16	22	20	24	2	5	11	39	44	-5
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	15	22	21	25	2	4	10	38	45	-8
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	21	23	17	16	-	7	16	44	33	11
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
33 (SPLIT A) Health care.....	31	16	16	23	0	3	11	46	39	7
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	31	14	17	26	0	3	9	45	42	3
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	29	25	12	10	-	2	22	54	22	32
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
34 (SPLIT A) Government spending .....	16	19	19	25	1	8	11	36	44	-9
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	16	17	20	28	1	8	10	33	48	-15
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	19	29	14	8	-	11	18	48	22	26
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
35 (SPLIT B) Jobs and employment .....	24	21	18	20	2	4	12	44	38	6
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	23	22	19	21	2	3	10	44	40	5
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	29	16	18	13	-	5	20	45	31	14
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
36 (SPLIT B) The budget deficit.....	20	17	22	19	2	6	13	38	41	-4
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	19	18	24	20	2	4	12	37	44	-7
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	25	16	9	18	-	17	15	41	27	13
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
37 (SPLIT A) Looking out for the middle class.....	34	18	17	19	0	4	8	51	36	15
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	32	16	18	21	0	4	9	48	39	9
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	43	25	12	8	1	5	6	67	20	47

	Dems Much Btrr	Dems Smwt Btrr	Reps Smwt Btrr	Reps Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
38 (SPLIT B) Standing up to the elites.....	20	20	13	11	1	7	27	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Likely Voters.....</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters.....</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>

(ref:BETJOBCEG)

Q.39 As you may have heard, President Obama has proposed a plan to change the health care system that recently passed in the House of Representatives. From what you have heard about this plan, do you favor or oppose Obama's health care proposal?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strongly favor.....	24	24	20
Somewhat favor.....	19	17	31
Somewhat oppose.....	7	7	7
Strongly oppose.....	42	45	28
(Don't know/refused).....	9	7	14
<b>Total Favor.....</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Total Oppose.....</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose.....</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>15</b>

(ref:OBHCPROP)

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.40 (SPLIT C) Now, I'm going to read you a short description of a health care reform plan that President Obama has proposed and that recently passed in the House of Representatives.

*This plan prohibits insurance companies from denying coverage for pre-existing conditions or dropping coverage when someone gets sick. It requires insurance companies to cover preventive care and it eliminates the gap in prescription drug coverage for seniors.*

*It creates a national health insurance exchange where small businesses and individuals without insurance can choose among different private plans or a public insurance option.*

*The plan requires that everyone have health insurance while subsidizing the cost for those with low and average incomes. It requires all companies, except small businesses, to provide health insurance for their employees or contribute to a fund to help pay for that coverage.*

*The plan will cost 1 trillion dollars over ten years and be paid for by reducing Medicare spending by 500 billion dollars, eliminating subsidies to insurance companies, and increasing taxes for families earning over 1 million a year by 5.4 percent. Experts estimate that the plan will reduce the deficit by 110 billion dollars.*

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Strongly favor .....	31	29	38
Somewhat favor .....	23	21	32
Somewhat oppose .....	7	8	3
Strongly oppose .....	36	38	25
(Don't know/refused) .....	4	4	2
<b>Total Favor.....</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose.....</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>42</b>
(ref:PACKAGE2)			



**[500 Respondents]**

Q.41 (SPLIT D) Now, I'm going to read you a short description of a slightly different health care reform plan that is being considered by the U.S. Senate.

*This plan prohibits insurance companies from denying coverage for pre-existing conditions or dropping coverage when someone gets sick. It requires insurance companies to cover preventive care and it reduces the gap in prescription drug coverage for seniors.*

*It creates state health insurance exchanges where small businesses and individuals without insurance can choose among different private plans or a public insurance option. States can opt out of the public option.*

*The plan requires that everyone have health insurance while subsidizing the cost for those with low and average incomes. It penalizes companies, except small businesses, who don't provide insurance to their workers if any of their workers need to use government subsidies to buy coverage.*

*The plan will cost 900 billion dollars over ten years and be paid for by reducing Medicare spending by 500 billion dollars, eliminating subsidies to insurance companies and adding a 35 percent tax on insurance companies for high-end plans that cost more than 21 thousand dollars a year. Experts estimate that the plan will reduce the deficit by 80 billion dollars.*

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

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Strongly favor .....	21	20	22
Somewhat favor .....	27	25	38
Somewhat oppose .....	11	11	10
Strongly oppose .....	31	33	18
(Don't know/refused) .....	10	9	11
<b>Total Favor.....</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose.....</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>
(ref:PACKAGE3)			

Q.42 Now, thinking about the nation's economy, do you believe the economy...

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve.....	36	36	38
Is at the bottom but is not yet getting any better .....	26	25	32
Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse .....	33	35	24
(DK/Refused) .....	4	3	6
<b>Improving - Worsening.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>
(ref:BTTMOUT)			

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.43 (SPLIT A) Would you say that the economy right now is better than it was six months ago or worse than it was six months ago?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Better .....	47	45	54
(About the same) .....	9	10	8
Worse.....	41	42	36
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	3	3	3
<b>Better - Worse</b> .....	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>
(ref:ECONPAST)			

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.44 (SPLIT A) Looking ahead, do you think that a year from now the economy will be better than it is now, or worse that it is now?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Better .....	64	61	80
(About the same) .....	4	5	-
Worse.....	27	29	14
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	4	4	5
<b>Better - Worse</b> .....	<b>37</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>66</b>
(ref:ECONFUT)			

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.45 (SPLIT B) Looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you and your family will be better off financially or worse off financially than you are right now?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Better off .....	53	51	62
(About the same) .....	15	16	8
Worse off.....	27	27	23
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	6	6	7
<b>Better off - Worse off</b> .....	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>39</b>
(ref:FAMFIN)			

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.46 (SPLIT B) Would you say that right now you and your family are better off financially than you were a year ago or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Better off .....	27	27	26
(About the same) .....	22	22	26
Worse off.....	50	50	45
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	1	1	2
<b>Better off - Worse off</b> .....	<b>-22</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-19</b>
(ref:FMFNPAST)			

Q.47 Which TWO of the following do you think are the most important economic problems facing the country right now?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Unemployment is very high.....	64	65	59
The budget deficits are very big .....	29	30	25
Health care costs are way up.....	29	29	25
Taxes are too high .....	23	23	24
Wages and salaries are down while costs rise .....	22	21	26
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>			
(SPLIT A) Home prices are way down and many homes have been foreclosed on.....	18	18	22
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>			
(SPLIT B) The value of pensions, 401ks and homes are way down.....	12	12	11
(Other).....	3	2	3
(All of the above).....	3	3	5
(Don't know/refused) .....	1	1	2
(ref:ECONPRB1)			

Q.48 Now I am going to read you a list of things that some people say upsets them about the way our corporate or political leaders are handling the economy. After I read this list I'd like you to tell me which ONE makes you personally the most upset. Or if none make you upset, just say so.

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
The government taking over too much control over everything .....	25	26	20
Big banks and Wall Street getting handouts while nothing is done for working Americans .....	23	21	29
Political bickering and fighting by the parties preventing needed action.....	17	17	15
The wealthy benefiting while too little is being done for the middle class .....	11	11	12
Overspending that has increased our deficit.....	10	10	7
Not enough being done to create jobs .....	7	6	11
(Other).....	1	1	1
(All of the above).....	4	4	3
(None of the above) .....	1	1	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	1	1	2
(ref:ECNANGR1)			

**[933 Respondents]**

Q.49 (SKIP IF NONE, ALL OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED IN ECNANGR1) And which of those would you say makes you the next most upset?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Overspending that has increased our deficit.....	22	22	25
Big banks and Wall Street getting handouts while nothing is done for working Americans .....	20	20	19
The wealthy benefiting while too little is being done for the middle class .....	16	15	19
Political bickering and fighting by the parties preventing needed action.....	14	15	12
The government taking over too much control over everything .....	12	13	8
Not enough being done to create jobs .....	10	10	14
(Other).....	2	2	-
(All of the above) .....	.	0	-
(None of the above) .....	2	2	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	1	1	2

Combined Upsets

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Big banks and Wall Street getting handouts while nothing is done for working Americans .....	41	40	47
The government taking over too much control over everything .....	37	38	27
Overspending that has increased our deficit.....	30	30	30
Political bickering and fighting by the parties preventing needed action.....	30	31	26
The wealthy benefiting while too little is being done for the middle class .....	26	25	30
Not enough being done to create jobs .....	17	16	25
(Other).....	3	3	1
(All of the above) .....	4	4	3
(None of the above) .....	1	1	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	1	1	2

Q.50 Now I'm going to read you some pairs 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
50 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.....	30	15	9	40	0	2	5	45	48	-3
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	29	15	8	41	0	2	5	44	50	-6
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	32	20	9	31	-	2	5	52	40	12

**[500 Respondents]**

51 (SPLIT B) Right now, it is more important to create jobs and reduce unemployment, even if that means a higher short-term deficit.

OR

Right now, it is more important to reduce the deficit, even if that means higher short-term

unemployment. ....	51	17	11	16	-	1	4	68	27	42
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	50	18	11	16	-	1	4	68	27	41
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	57	14	10	16	-	1	2	71	26	45

**[500 Respondents]**

52 (SPLIT A) It is worth higher deficits over the next few years if we can create 5 million jobs.

OR

It is not worth higher deficits over the next few years even if we can

create 5 million jobs. ....	33	17	12	26	0	3	8	51	38	12
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	34	16	10	28	0	4	7	50	38	12
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	30	22	22	14	-	-	12	52	36	16

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
53 (SPLIT A) Former President Bush is more responsible for the current state of the economy.										
OR										
President Obama is more responsible for the current state of the economy.....										
	48	9	7	21	3	6	6	58	28	30
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	45	9	7	24	3	6	6	55	31	24
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	65	8	8	5	4	4	6	73	13	60

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
54 (SPLIT B) If unemployment is still over 10 percent a year from now, former President Bush and his policies would still be more responsible for the state of the economy.										
OR										
If unemployment is still over 10 percent a year from now, then President Obama and his policies would be more responsible for the state of the economy. ....										
	27	11	14	42	0	2	2	38	56	-18
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	26	10	14	44	1	2	3	36	58	-23
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	37	15	13	31	-	4	-	52	43	9

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
55 (SPLIT B) Former President Bush is more responsible for the budget deficit.										
OR										
President Obama is more responsible for the budget deficit.....										
	49	9	9	24	3	3	3	58	33	25
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	48	9	9	25	3	3	2	57	34	23
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	56	10	8	19	-	3	4	66	27	39

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
56 (SPLIT A) Former President Bush is more responsible for the budget deficit because of his tax cuts for the wealthy, the prescription drug benefit and the war in Iraq.										
OR										
President Obama is more responsible for the budget deficit because of his stimulus package, corporate bailouts and budget plan. ....										
	46	7	8	31	3	4	2	53	38	14
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	45	6	8	33	3	4	2	51	41	10
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	49	16	5	19	5	2	4	65	24	41

(ref:PAIRS10)

Q.57 Now I am going to read you several statements that may be true a year from now. For each statement, please imagine that statement is true a year from now and tell me if it would make you more or less likely to support (HOUSE INCUMBENT)<sup>5</sup> for reelection next year?

	Much More Likely	Smwt More Likely	Smwt Less Likely	Much Less Likely	No Diff	Dk/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>									
57 (SPLIT A) Unemployment falls below 10 percent and is starting to fall a little each month ....									
	21	35	12	15	11	8	55	26	29
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	21	34	11	14	12	8	55	25	30
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	18	37	17	18	6	5	55	34	21

<b>[500 Respondents]</b>									
58 (SPLIT B) Unemployment is still above 10 percent and is not declining.....									
	11	13	26	32	10	9	24	57	-33
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	12	12	25	33	11	8	24	58	-34
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	7	22	29	27	4	10	29	56	-28

<b>[500 Respondents]</b>									
59 (SPLIT A) The federal deficit is projected to remain high.....									
	10	15	24	23	16	13	25	46	-22
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	9	15	24	22	17	12	25	46	-21
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	11	13	19	28	12	17	24	47	-23

<sup>5</sup> The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Smwt Less Likly	Much Less Likly	No Diff	Dk/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>									
60 (SPLIT B) Starting next year, the federal deficit is going down each year. ....	29	34	13	9	7	8	<b>63</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	27	35	13	9	7	9	<b>62</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	37	30	15	7	4	6	<b>67</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>									
61 (SPLIT A) The DOW JONES average drops again .....	10	13	29	16	21	12	<b>23</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-21</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	11	13	27	15	22	11	<b>24</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-18</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	7	12	38	20	10	13	<b>19</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>-39</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>									
62 (SPLIT B) The DOW JONES average continues to climb and 401ks are increasing in value .....	23	37	9	11	13	8	<b>59</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	22	35	10	11	13	8	<b>57</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	24	45	5	8	9	8	<b>69</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>									
63 (SPLIT B) House values have not stabilized and continue to drop.....	13	14	27	22	14	10	<b>27</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-22</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	14	13	26	23	14	10	<b>26</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-23</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	13	20	33	15	9	9	<b>33</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-16</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>									
64 (SPLIT A) Home values have started to rise again .....	20	32	12	13	14	8	<b>52</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	21	34	12	11	14	8	<b>54</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	18	24	11	27	13	8	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>



Q.65 Now I am going to read you several specific economic proposals that could be considered by the Congress. For each proposal please tell me whether this is something that you favor or oppose.

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Fav - Opp
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
65 (SPLIT A) Develop a "green bank" to open new credit markets and provide stable financing for businesses to invest in new alternative and efficient energy technologies to create jobs. ....	45	28	9	13	6	72	22	50
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	43	27	10	15	5	70	25	46
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	51	32	3	6	7	84	10	74

<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
66 (SPLIT B) Develop an infrastructure bank modeled after development banks around the world to provide loans to invest over ten years in infrastructure for transportation, clean energy and other areas to create jobs. ....	41	32	10	10	7	73	20	53
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	37	34	10	11	7	72	22	50
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	62	21	8	2	8	83	9	73

<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
67 (SPLIT A) Create a deficit reduction commission that would provide recommendations of ways to cut the deficit which would have to be quickly passed or rejected by the House or Senate as a package. ....	32	29	13	13	12	62	26	35
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	34	30	12	13	10	64	26	38
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	21	29	17	13	20	50	30	20

<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
68 (SPLIT B) Pass a new job creation tax credit for businesses that create jobs in the United States in the next two years.....	49	30	9	7	4	79	16	63
<b>Likely Voters</b> .....	49	30	8	8	5	79	16	63
<b>Drop-Off Voters</b> .....	52	30	13	5	0	82	18	64

**[500 Respondents]**

69 (SPLIT A) Provide increased federal assistance to state and local governments to prevent additional layoffs of government employees like teachers, police and firefighters. ....44 22 13 18 3 **67 30 37**  
**Likely Voters**.....43 23 14 18 2 **65 32 33**  
**Drop-Off Voters** .....55 22 5 15 4 **77 19 57**

**[500 Respondents]**

70 (SPLIT B) Temporarily eliminate the payroll tax for employers and employees.....30 21 19 18 11 **51 37 14**  
**Likely Voters**.....27 23 21 17 12 **51 37 13**  
**Drop-Off Voters** .....44 10 10 27 9 **54 37 17**

**[500 Respondents]**

71 (SPLIT A) Enact an immediate and broad range of cuts in federal spending to reduce the deficit.....43 27 13 9 7 **70 23 47**  
**Likely Voters**.....47 26 13 8 6 **73 21 52**  
**Drop-Off Voters** .....23 31 17 15 14 **54 33 21**

**[500 Respondents]**

72 (SPLIT B) Put unemployed people back to work at government-funded public service jobs that meet important community needs.....45 28 11 14 2 **73 25 48**  
**Likely Voters**.....43 27 11 16 2 **71 27 44**  
**Drop-Off Voters** .....52 32 11 4 1 **84 15 69**

**[500 Respondents]**

73 (SPLIT B) Extend unemployment benefits for families that have recently lost their income.....55 29 7 7 2 **85 14 71**  
**Likely Voters**.....54 31 7 7 2 **85 14 71**  
**Drop-Off Voters** .....65 19 5 9 1 **84 15 70**

**[500 Respondents]**

74 (SPLIT A) Cut tax rates this year for all taxpayers and cut corporate taxes to stimulate consumption and investment. ....35 23 14 21 7 **58 35 23**  
**Likely Voters**.....37 23 13 21 7 **59 34 26**  
**Drop-Off Voters** .....29 21 24 17 7 **51 42 9**  
 (ref:ECONPRP2)

Q.75 Some people in Congress are proposing a new jobs creation bill that would reduce unemployment by creating a tax credit for businesses that create jobs in the U.S.; investing in infrastructure like alternative energy, school modification and roads to create jobs now and in the future; putting unemployed people back to work in government-funded public service jobs; providing assistance to local governments to prevent additional layoffs of employees like teachers, police and firefighters; and extending unemployment insurance for the long-term unemployed. The bill would aim to create millions of new jobs, but would increase the deficit this year and next.

Would you favor or oppose this jobs creation bill?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Strongly favor .....	36	35	42
Somewhat favor .....	30	29	37
Somewhat oppose .....	12	13	10
Strongly oppose .....	18	20	7
(Don't know/refused) .....	3	3	4
<b>Total Favor.....</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>

(ref:JOBCRTON)

**[661 Respondents] <sup>6</sup>**

Q.76 Some people in Congress are proposing a new deficit reduction plan to cut the deficit in half in five years so we can make long-term growth and new jobs possible in the future. The plan allows job-creating investments over the coming year and then mandates lower deficits every year after that. The plan would require Congress to meet the deficit reduction goals by reducing spending or raising taxes and would create an independent commission to recommend major cuts in government programs, reduced growth in entitlement spending, and the elimination of tax loopholes. While this plan could mean slower growth in the short-term, by reducing the deficit it would aim to create higher incomes in the long-term.

Would you favor or oppose this deficit reduction plan?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Strongly favor .....	26	25	30
Somewhat favor .....	40	38	49
Somewhat oppose .....	14	15	3
Strongly oppose .....	12	12	9
(Don't know/refused) .....	9	9	9
<b>Total Favor.....</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>

(ref:DEFCTRED)

<sup>6</sup> Questions 76 and 77 added after the first night of calling (November 12, 2009).

**[661 Respondents]**

Q.77 Now let me ask you, after hearing descriptions of both the jobs creation plan and the deficit reduction plan, if you had to choose to do just one, which would you choose, the jobs creation plan, or the deficit reduction plan?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Jobs creation plan.....	63	63	62
Deficit reduction plan .....	32	33	29
(Both) .....	1	1	2
(Neither) .....	1	1	-
(Don't know/refused) .....	3	2	7
<b>Jobs - Deficit Plan.....</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>
(ref:CHOOSONE)			

Q.78 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
1 - 11th grade.....	4	4	8
High School graduate .....	22	20	32
Non-college post H.S. ....	1	1	1
Some college .....	28	28	31
College graduate.....	27	29	18
Post-graduate school .....	16	18	10
(Don't know/refused) .....	1	1	1
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.79 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Yes: Respondent belongs.....	13	14	9
Household member.....	7	7	6
No member belongs.....	79	79	81
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	1	4
<b>Union Household .....</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>
(ref:UNION)			

Q.80 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?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Yes: Respondent .....	20	18	34
Yes: Family Member .....	21	21	23
No .....	57	59	42
(Dk/Ref).....	2	2	2
<b>Total Yes .....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>57</b>
(ref:EMPLOY2)			

Q.81 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Married.....	61	62	51
Single.....	21	19	31
Separated/Divorced.....	10	9	13
Widowed.....	8	8	3
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1	2
<b>Sep/Div/Wid</b> .....	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.82 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Strong Democrat.....	25	25	23
Weak Democrat.....	15	12	26
Independent-lean Democrat.....	10	10	8
Independent.....	8	8	7
Independent-lean Republican.....	11	11	8
Weak Republican.....	12	12	14
Strong Republican.....	18	20	12
(Don't know/refused).....	2	2	2
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.85 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Liberal .....	19	19	22
Moderate .....	32	31	32
Conservative .....	44	45	40
(Don't know/refused) .....	5	4	7
(ref:IDEO1)			

**[153 Respondents]**

Q.86 (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 .....	21	22	18
No .....	78	78	80
(DK/Refused) .....	0	-	2
(ref:LANDLINE)			

**[847 Respondents]**

Q.87 (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	80
No .....	15	15	18
(DK/Refused) .....	2	1	3
(ref:CELLLINE)			

**[736 Respondents]**

Q.88 (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 .....	18	17	27
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone .....	44	46	36
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone .....	36	36	37
(DK/Refused) .....	1	1	-
(ref:DUALUSE)			

## Phone Use Table

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Cell Only .....	12	11	19
Cell Mostly .....	13	13	18
Dual User .....	33	34	23
Landline Mostly .....	27	27	24
Landline Only .....	13	13	13
Landline Unknown .....	2	2	2
<b>Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample) .....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample) .....</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>

## Q.89 What is your religion?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Protestant.....	53	55	45
Catholic.....	21	21	23
Jewish.....	1	1	1
Muslim.....	0	0	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	24	23	30
(ref:RELIG1)			

## Q.90 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.....	15	15	16
Once a week .....	30	31	25
Once or twice a month .....	12	12	13
Several times a year .....	12	12	14
Hardly ever.....	21	21	22
(Never) .....	5	6	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	5	4	7
<b>More Than/Once a Week .....</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>
(ref:RELIG2)			

**[979 Respondents]**

## Q.91 (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	48	58
Republican John McCain .....	40	42	27
(Ralph Nader) .....	0	0	-
(Bob Barr) .....	0	0	-
(Other).....	3	2	7
(Don't know/Refused).....	7	7	8
(ref:VOTE2008)			

**[979 Respondents]**

Q.92 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)<sup>7</sup>?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
(2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) .....	45	46	39
(2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN) .....	40	41	32
(Other candidate) .....	2	2	5
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	3	2	10
(Don't know/Refused).....	10	9	14
(ref:VTCG2008)			

Q.93 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
White .....	75	77	62
African-American or Black .....	12	10	19
Hispanic or Latino .....	8	7	16
Native American.....	1	1	-
Asian .....	1	1	-
(Other).....	1	1	0
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	3	2
(ref:RACETHN)			

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
Male .....	47	49	36
Female .....	53	51	64
(ref:GENDER)			

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>Drop-Off Voters</b>
18 - 24.....	7	6	14
25 - 29.....	9	6	20
30 - 34.....	6	5	13
35 - 39.....	10	11	8
40 - 44.....	10	9	13
45 - 49.....	11	12	9
50 - 54.....	9	9	4
55 - 59.....	8	9	2
60 - 64.....	10	11	5
Over 64 .....	19	21	10
(No answer) .....	1	1	1
(ref:AGE)			

<sup>7</sup> Actual candidate names were inserted preceded by party identifications for all districts. In unopposed districts, a generic candidate was used as the opposition.