

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

November 19-23, 2008
1,000 Likely Voters

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

	Total
Yes	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
Voted	100
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	0
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.5 As you know, there was an election for Congress and other offices in 2006. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted	97
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young	3
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE062)	

Q.7 I know it is far 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
Almost certain.....	87
Probably	13
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:CP10)	

Q.8 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
Right direction	17
Wrong track	76
(Don't know/refused)	7
Right - Wrong.....	-59
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.9 Do you approve or disapprove of the job being done by Barack Obama as President-elect?

	Total
Strongly approve	39
Somewhat approve	14
Somewhat disapprove.....	6
Strongly disapprove.....	14
(Don't know/refused)	28
Total approve.....	53
Total disapprove.....	19
(ref:BOAPP)	

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	% ID
10 The Republican Party	43.2	34	47	99
11 The Democratic Party	52.2	46	37	98
12 George W. Bush	35.1	29	61	100
13 Hillary Clinton.....	53.3	48	37	98
14 The Democratic Congress	48.0	41	40	97
15 Barack Obama.....	62.9	59	28	96
16 John McCain	51.9	46	33	99
[473 Respondents]				
17 (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹	59.7	47	22	81
[520 Respondents]				
17 (REPUBLICAN HOUSE INCUMBENT)	58.0	41	19	77
18 Republicans in Congress.....	42.8	28	46	97
19 Joe Biden.....	53.5	48	35	93
20 Michelle Obama.....	59.9	50	26	89
21 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	52.7	44	36	96
22 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	48.9	39	41	96
23 NAFTA and international trade agreements	43.4	25	41	91
24 Big corporations.....	37.9	21	50	97
25 Gay marriage	34.0	27	56	96

¹ The names of the representatives elected in the 2008 cycle were inserted by district. Respondents in Illinois 05, which became an open-seat upon appointment of Rahm Emanuel as chief-of-staff, did not receive this question, nor did respondents in districts where the races were not decided as of 11/19/08 (California 04, Louisiana 04, Ohio 15).

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
26 Immigration into the country.....	39.6	25	46	94
27 The state of the economy	25.3	9	79	99

[500 Respondents]

28 (SPLIT A) The Big Three Automakers	37.8	20	54	96
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[500 Respondents]

29 (SPLIT B) General Motors	40.9	21	48	93
(ref:THERM04/THERM204)				

[500 Respondents]

Q.30 (SPLIT A) 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
Strongly support	45
Somewhat support	21
Somewhat oppose.....	9
Strongly oppose	20
(Don't know/refused)	6
Total support	66
Total oppose	28
Support - Oppose	38
(ref:BOPOLIC)	

[500 Respondents]

Q.31 (SPLIT B) And though it's hard to tell for sure at this stage, do you think that Barack Obama will lead the country in the right direction as president and change things for the better, take the country in the wrong direction and change things for the worse, or not really have much effect either way on the direction of the country?

	Total
Right direction, make things better.....	58
Wrong direction, make things worse	22
Not much effect either way.....	15
(DK/Refused).....	5
Right - Wrong.....	36
(ref:BODIRECT)	

Q.32 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	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
32 (SPLIT A) I'm more concerned that Congress will prevent Barack Obama from making the kinds of changes he thinks are needed, by playing politics and catering too much to the special interests										
OR										
I'm more concerned that the Democratic Congress will be too much of a rubber stamp for Barack Obama, and will push through Obama's programs whether they are good or bad.....	28	14	13	36	0	7	2	42	49	-7

[500 Respondents]										
33 (SPLIT B) I'm more concerned that Republicans in Congress will obstruct Barack Obama's agenda and prevent him from making the kinds of changes he thinks are needed.										
OR										
I'm more concerned that Democrats in Congress will be too much of a rubber stamp for Barack Obama, and will push through Obama's programs whether they are good or bad.....	31	12	7	41	-	6	3	43	48	-5

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
34 Congress should support Barack Obama's agenda as much as possible and help the Obama administration get its programs passed so the new president has a chance to make the kinds of changes he thinks the country needs. OR While Congress should consider what Barack Obama wants, it should have an independent agenda and pass its own alternatives for dealing with the country's problems, even if they are in conflict with Obama's agenda.....	38	11	14	33	0	2	2	49	47	2

Q.35 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
1 - 11th grade	2
High School graduate.....	20
Non-college post H.S.	2
Some college.....	25
College graduate	30
Post-graduate school	20
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.36 Are you a member of a labor union?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	12
Household member	10
No member belongs.....	77
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:UNION)	

Q.37 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	63
Single	16
Separated/Divorced.....	11
Widowed.....	8
(Don't know/refused)	1
Sep/Div/Wid.....	19
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.38 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total
Yes	35
No.....	64
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.39 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	29
Weak Democrat.....	12
Independent-lean Democrat.....	8
Independent	6
Independent-lean Republican	11
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican.....	20
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.42 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	19
Moderate	36
Conservative	42
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.43 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant.....	55
Catholic	23
Jewish	1
Muslim.....	.
(Don't know/refused)	21
(ref:RELIG1)	

[551 Respondents]

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

	Total
Fundamentalist.....	9
Evangelical	26
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	13
Moderate to liberal.....	39
(Something else)	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	9
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.45 How often do you attend religious services -- more than once a week, every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
Once or twice a month	14
Several times a year.....	13
Hardly ever	21
(Never)	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
More than once a week.....	14
Once a week	29
More than/once a week	43
(ref:RELIG2)	

[998 Respondents]

Q.46 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the this year's election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	48
Republican John McCain	43
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Bob Barr).....	0
(Other).....	1
(DK/Refused).....	7
(ref:VOTE2008)	

[997 Respondents]

Q.47 In this year's election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)²?

	Total
House Democrat	45
House Republican.....	43
(Other candidate)	3
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	1
(DK/Refused).....	7
(ref:VT CG2008)	

Q.48 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	77
African-American or Black.....	11
Hispanic or Latino.....	8
Native American	1
Asian	0
(Other).....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male.....	48
Female	52
(ref:GENDER)	

² Actual candidate names were inserted. In unopposed districts, a generic candidate was used as the opposition. This question was not asked of respondents in Louisiana 02 or Louisiana 04, where primary run-offs were held on November 4.

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	6
25 - 29	6
30 - 34	7
35 - 39	7
40 - 44	7
45 - 49	12
50 - 54	10
55 - 59	12
60 - 64	10
Over 64.....	23
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	