

# Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

December 16-18, 2008  
1000 Likely Voters

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

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted .....	99
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young .....	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?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted .....	95
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young .....	5
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?

	<b>Total</b>
Almost certain.....	85
Probably .....	15
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?

	<b>Total</b>
Right direction .....	22
Wrong track.....	72
(Don't know/refused) .....	7
<b>Right - Wrong.....</b>	<b>-50</b>
(ref:DIRECT)	

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

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	39
Somewhat approve .....	18
Somewhat disapprove.....	6
Strongly disapprove.....	13
(Don't know/refused) .....	24
<b>Total approve.....</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Total disapprove.....</b>	<b>19</b>
(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 .....	41.2	30	50	98
11 The Democratic Party .....	50.4	44	38	98
12 George W. Bush .....	36.0	30	56	98
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>				
13 (SPLIT B) Hillary Clinton .....	51.8	46	39	98
14 The Democratic Congress .....	44.9	37	44	97
15 Barack Obama .....	61.9	54	26	96
<b>[510 Respondents]</b>				
16 (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE INCUMBENT) .....	59.4	49	21	84
<b>[490 Respondents]</b>				
16 (REPUBLICAN HOUSE INCUMBENT) .....	54.1	39	26	82
17 Republicans in Congress .....	41.6	28	47	97
18 Boeing .....	55.0	32	17	68
19 Airbus .....	43.8	13	21	52
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>				
20 (SPLIT A) Northrop Grumman .....	49.4	15	15	42
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>				
21 (SPLIT B) Lockheed Martin .....	53.9	26	14	58
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>				
22 (SPLIT A) The Big Three Automakers .....	36.1	15	58	93
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>				
23 (SPLIT B) General Motors .....	42.7	25	44	90
24 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association .....	53.0	44	35	96
25 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups .....	48.2	38	41	95
26 Labor unions .....	44.3	33	46	97

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
27 Big corporations .....	40.5	25	48	96
28 Gay marriage .....	36.9	29	52	94
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>				
29 (SPLIT B) Pharmaceutical companies .....	40.3	24	50	97
30 The state of the economy .....	24.3	8	79	98
31 Barack Obama's Economic Recovery Plan .....	56.1	48	27	89
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>				
32 (SPLIT A) Insurance companies .....	38.0	20	52	97
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>				
33 (SPLIT A) Small businesses .....	75.4	82	8	98
(ref:THERM04/THERMCOR/THERM204)				

Q.34 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 .....	44
Somewhat support .....	24
Somewhat oppose.....	8
Strongly oppose .....	16
(Don't know/refused) .....	9
<b>Total support .....</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Support - Oppose .....</b>	<b>44</b>
(ref:BOPOLIC)	

Q.35 Now let me read you a list of issues. For each issue please tell me if, when Obama takes office, you worry that he will not go far enough in making changes to address that issue or that we will go too far in making changes to address that issue?

	Very not engh	Smwt not engh	Smwt too far	Very too far	Nei ther/ Right	Both	DK/ Ref	Not far engh	Too far
35 The economy .....	13	29	15	15	18	0	9	43	30
36 Health care.....	15	27	16	20	15	0	7	42	36
37 Energy.....	13	35	14	10	18	0	9	48	25
38 Reducing troops in Iraq.....	8	22	22	23	17	1	8	30	45
(ref:TOOFARIS)									

Q.39 Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements. Please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

*I am more worried that Obama will leave consumers unprotected because he will not go far enough in restoring the environmental and financial regulations that President Bush rolled back while in office.*

OR

*I am more worried that Obama will do more damage to the economy by overreacting and imposing unnecessary regulations that will harm American businesses already struggling with the recession.*

	<b>Total</b>
First statement strongly .....	17
First statement not so strongly .....	23
Second statement not so strongly .....	16
Second statement strongly .....	27
(Neither/Right amount) .....	13
(Both).....	0
(Don't know/refused) .....	3
<b>Total First statement .....</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Second statement.....</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>First - Second .....</b>	<b>-3</b>
(ref:TOFARREG)	

Q.40 Now I'm going to read you some more 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 Much	1st Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Much	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
40 According to the federal prosecutor, Barack Obama was not involved in the recent political scandal in Illinois in any way, so I'm still confident Obama is committed to changing politics in Washington OR Barack Obama's ties to Chicago politicians like the governor of Illinois, who was recently arrested for corruption, make me question Obama's commitment to changing politics in Washington. ....	50	13	9	23	0	3	3	63	32	31

**[500 Respondents]**

41 (SPLIT B) President Obama should pass a major public works program to create job and economic growth, like Franklin Roosevelt did to battle the Great Depression, because we need to do whatever it takes to get our economy moving again. OR President Obama should take action to boost the economy, but not with something as big and costly as another New Deal because we need to fix the economy but we can't let the budget deficit get out of hand. ....	42	10	14	29	0	2	2	53	43	9
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	1st Stmt Much	1st Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Much	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
42 (SPLIT A) With the economy in trouble, the highest priority should be a major economic recovery program that gets the economy moving, creates jobs and long-term growth. OR With the federal budget such a mess, the highest priority should be getting government spending under control and getting better results for the tax dollars we spend. ....	43	8	9	37	2	1	1	51	45	5

43 When I saw that Congress voted down assistance for the Big Three automakers I was anxious and worried that the economy would get worse OR When I saw that Congress voted down the bailout of the Big Three automakers I was relieved that the proposal lost.....	27	14	16	36	0	3	4	41	52	-10
(ref:PAIRS08)										

Q.44 As you may have heard, President-elect Obama says his first act will be to pass an economic recovery plan. From what you have heard about Obama's plan, do you favor or oppose his proposal?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly favor .....	37
Somewhat favor .....	26
Somewhat oppose.....	9
Strongly oppose .....	13
(Don't know/refused) .....	15
<b>Total favor .....</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose .....</b>	<b>41</b>
(ref:STMPROP2)	

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.45 (SPLIT A) Now let me read you a pair of statements that describe what some Democrats and Republicans are saying about Obama's economic recovery plan. After I read these statements, please tell me which one you agree with more.

*Democrats say we need immediate and decisive action to get our economy back on track. Rather than short-term fixes that throw money at the problem, this plan will save or create 2.5 million jobs in two years while making America more competitive in the world and reducing our dependence on oil by rebuilding and modernizing our roads and schools, investing in energy efficiency and expanding new technologies.*

OR

*Republicans say this plan is nothing more than a massive increase in wasteful spending. It would mean more pork-barrel projects, more waste and it would lead to higher taxes on all Americans at a time when we can least afford it. We need to cut wasteful spending and keep taxes low for working families and small businesses, not choke our economy with higher taxes and more wasteful pork spending.*

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic statement strongly .....	39
Democratic statement somewhat .....	18
Republican statement somewhat .....	11
Republican statement strongly .....	30
(Neither) .....	2
(Both).....	0
(DK/Refused).....	1
<b>Total Democratic statement .....</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Total Republican statement .....</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Democratic - Republican statement .....</b>	<b>16</b>
(ref:STMPAIR1)	

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.46 (SPLIT B) Now let me read you a pair of statements that describe what some Democrats and Republicans are saying about Obama's economic recovery plan. After I read these statements, please tell me which one you agree with more.

*Democrats say we need immediate and decisive action to get our economy back on track. Rather than short-term fixes that throw money at the problem, this plan will save or create 2.5 million jobs in two years while making America more competitive in the world and reducing our dependence on oil by rebuilding and modernizing our roads and schools, cutting taxes for the middle class, investing in energy efficiency and expanding new technologies.*

OR

*Republicans say this plan is nothing more than a massive increase in wasteful spending. It would mean more pork-barrel projects, more waste and it would lead to higher taxes on all Americans at a time when we can least afford it. We need to cut wasteful spending and keep taxes low on working families and small businesses, not choke our economy with higher taxes*

*and more wasteful pork spending.*

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic statement strongly .....	42
Democratic statement somewhat .....	15
Republican statement somewhat .....	13
Republican statement strongly .....	26
(Neither) .....	2
(Both).....	0
(DK/Refused).....	1
<b>Total Democratic statement .....</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Total Republican statement .....</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Democratic - Republican statement .....</b>	<b>18</b>
(ref:STMPAIR2)	

Q.47 Now I'm going to read you a list of proposals that Barack Obama is likely to make on a variety of issues. Here is a list of proposals Obama might make on the economy. For each one, please tell me how important it is that Obama enact this proposal. Is it EXTREMELY important to enact, VERY important to enact, just SOMEWHAT important to enact, NOT AT ALL important to enact or would you actively OPPOSE that proposal?

	Extr impor tant	Very impor tant	Smwt impot tant	Not at all impt	Opp ose	DK/ Ref	Extr/ Very	Very/ Smwt
<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 47 (SPLIT A) Invest in the emerging industries like alternative energy, medical research, bio-technology and broadband to create jobs and long-term growth .....	29	35	25	4	5	1	<b>65</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 48 (SPLIT B) Fast-track investment in infrastructure like roads, bridges and school buildings to immediately create jobs and boost the economy .....	27	33	28	4	7	1	<b>61</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 49 (SPLIT A) Enact a permanent middle class tax cut for all Americans making less than 200,000 dollars. ....	26	34	24	5	9	2	<b>60</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 50 (SPLIT B) Renegotiate NAFTA and require all new trade deals to have tough labor and environmental standards so American workers are protected.....	23	34	29	4	9	2	<b>57</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 51 (SPLIT A) Encourage job creation by giving companies a new "American Jobs Tax Credit" for each new full-time American employee hired here in the United States. ....	24	35	28	6	6	1	<b>59</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 52 (SPLIT B) Extend unemployment benefits for an additional 13 weeks and temporarily suspend taxes on these benefits. ....	20	28	35	5	9	2	<b>48</b>	<b>84</b>

	Extr impor tant	Very impor tant	Smwt impot tant	Not at all impt	Opp ose	DK/ Ref	Extr/ Very	Extr/ Very/ Smwt
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
53 (SPLIT A) Cut taxes for the small businesses that are struggling with restricted access to credit and skyrocketing health care and energy costs.....	26	41	27	2	2	2	<b>67</b>	<b>94</b>

<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
54 (SPLIT A) Allow Americans to make penalty-free hardship withdrawals from their 401(k) and IRA accounts and allow seniors to delay required withdraws until the stock market recovers. ....	21	32	30	4	9	4	<b>53</b>	<b>83</b>

<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
55 (SPLIT B) Reverse the deregulation of banks and other financial institutions that helped allow the collapse of the markets and the spike in home foreclosures. ....	25	31	23	4	11	5	<b>56</b>	<b>79</b>

<b>[500 Respondents]</b>								
56 (SPLIT B) Help the Big Three automakers survive and save jobs by providing them a loan in exchange for a commitment to retool the industry and develop more fuel efficient vehicles. .... (ref:ECONPROP)	21	29	28	6	15	1	<b>49</b>	<b>77</b>

Q.57 Now I'm going to read you a list of proposals that Barack Obama is likely to make on a variety of issues. Here is a list of proposals Obama might make on health care. For each one, please tell me how important it is that Obama enact this proposal. Is it EXTREMELY important to enact, VERY important to enact, just SOMEWHAT important to enact, NOT AT ALL important to enact or would you actively OPPOSE that proposal?

	Extr impor tant	Very impor tant	Smwt impot tant	Not at all impt	Opp ose	DK/ Ref	Extr/ Very	Extr/ Very/ Smwt
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**[500 Respondents]**

57 (SPLIT A) Expand Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Plan to cover all low-income Americans .....	26	26	28	6	11	2	<b>52</b>	<b>80</b>
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**[500 Respondents]**

58 (SPLIT B) Expand the State Children's Health Insurance Plan to cover all children in America. ....	35	29	19	4	12	1	<b>64</b>	<b>83</b>
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**[500 Respondents]**

59 (SPLIT A) Prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage because of age, medical history, or pre-existing condition .....	40	31	17	3	8	1	<b>71</b>	<b>88</b>
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**[500 Respondents]**

60 (SPLIT B) Give all Americans a choice of keeping what they have now or joining a national insurance pool with a choice of private and public plans, including the plan that Members of Congress receive .....	20	30	28	5	13	4	<b>50</b>	<b>78</b>
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**[500 Respondents]**

61 (SPLIT A) Require all businesses to provide health care for their employees or contribute to a fund to help pay for their coverage .....	20	32	25	7	15	2	<b>52</b>	<b>77</b>
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**[500 Respondents]**

62 (SPLIT B) Require all Americans to have health insurance while providing financial assistance to those who cannot afford it. ....	24	28	21	5	21	1	<b>52</b>	<b>73</b>
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**[500 Respondents]**

63 (SPLIT A) Invest in more preventative health care to help people lead healthy lifestyles and reduce diseases such as diabetes, cancer and heart disease. ....	34	36	20	4	5	1	<b>70</b>	<b>90</b>
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	Extr impor tant	Very impor tant	Smwt impot tant	Not at all impt	Opp ose	DK/ Ref	Extr/ Very	Extr/ Very/ Smwt
<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 64 (SPLIT A) Create a new Small Business Health Tax Credit to help small businesses provide affordable health insurance to their employees. ....	27	41	24	4	3	1	69	93

<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 65 (SPLIT B) Invest in electronic health information technology systems to reduce errors and improve efficiencies. .... (ref:HCPROP)	18	28	38	6	7	2	46	84
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Q.66 Now I'm going to read you a list of proposals that Barack Obama is likely to make on a variety of issues. Here is a list of proposals Obama might make on energy. For each one, please tell me how important it is that Obama enact this proposal. Is it EXTREMELY important to enact, VERY important to enact, just SOMEWHAT important to enact, NOT AT ALL important to enact or would you actively OPPOSE that proposal?

	Extr impor tant	Very impor tant	Smwt impot tant	Not at all impt	Opp ose	DK/ Ref	Extr/ Very	Extr/ Very/ Smwt
<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 66 (SPLIT A) Eliminate the billions of dollars in tax breaks and subsidies for big oil and gas companies .....	29	22	26	8	12	3	51	77

<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 67 (SPLIT B) Put a cap on the greenhouse gas pollution that causes global warming.....	21	31	28	8	11	1	52	80
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<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 68 (SPLIT A) Provide a substantial tax-credit for the purchase of fuel efficient vehicles like hybrids .....	18	21	38	13	9	1	39	77
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<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 69 (SPLIT B) Retrofit public buildings and schools with new energy efficiency technology to reduce energy consumption.....	20	34	35	5	5	2	54	89
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<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 70 (SPLIT B) Invest in alternative energy like wind, solar and bio-fuels to create jobs, and reduce dependence on foreign oil. ....	41	40	12	2	4	1	81	93
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	Extr impor tant	Very impor tant	Smwt impot tant	Not at all impt	Opp ose	DK/ Ref	Extr/ Very	Extr/ Very/ Smwt
<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 71 (SPLIT A) Require that at least a quarter of our energy come from renewables sources like wind and solar by the year 2025. ....	36	32	20	5	6	1	<b>68</b>	<b>88</b>

<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 72 (SPLIT B) Require automakers to increase the average fuel economy of their car and truck fleets.....	34	36	17	6	6	1	<b>70</b>	<b>87</b>
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<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 73 (SPLIT B) Undo the Bush administration's policies that opened up more public lands to oil and gas drilling.....	20	23	23	7	23	3	<b>44</b>	<b>67</b>
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<b>[500 Respondents]</b> 74 (SPLIT A) Fight global warming by taxing industries that emit greenhouse gas pollution..... (ref:ENGYPROP)	24	20	30	9	15	2	<b>44</b>	<b>74</b>
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**[500 Respondents]**  
Q.75 (SPLIT C) Now I'm going to read you a list of proposals that Barack Obama is likely to make on a variety of issues. Here is a list of proposals Obama might make on accountability in government. For each one, please tell me how important it is that Obama enact this proposal. Is it EXTREMELY important to enact, VERY important to enact, just SOMEWHAT important to enact, NOT AT ALL important to enact or would you actively OPPOSE that proposal?

	Extr impor tant	Very impor tant	Smwt impot tant	Not at all impt	Opp ose	DK/ Ref	Extr/ Very	Extr/ Very/ Smwt
75 Conduct a performance audit in every government department and agency to identify areas to cut wasteful spending. ....	39	38	17	2	2	1	<b>77</b>	<b>94</b>

76 Conduct a line-by-line review of the federal budget and eliminate government programs that are not performing.....	36	36	22	2	3	1	<b>72</b>	<b>94</b>
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77 Require all businesses that receive government assistance to end corporate bonuses until they pay taxpayers back.....	40	32	20	3	4	3	<b>72</b>	<b>91</b>
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	Extr impor tant	Very impor tant	Smwt impot tant	Not at all impt	Opp ose	DK/ Ref	Extr/ Very	Extr/ Very/ Smwt
78 Enforce pay-as-you-go budgeting rules which require all new spending commitments to be paid for by cuts to other programs or new revenue.....	15	24	42	6	6	6	<b>39</b>	<b>82</b>
79 Create an Internet database, open to the public, of lobbying reports, ethics records, and campaign finance filings in searchable, sortable and downloadable format..... (ref:ACCTPROP)	18	26	38	10	4	5	<b>43</b>	<b>82</b>

Q.80 Of the various policy proposals you just heard, which one do you think should be President Obama's single highest priority?

	<b>Total</b>
<b>ECONOMY</b> .....	<b>42</b>
General Economy .....	19
Job Creation.....	10
Economy Recovery Stimulus .....	4
Auto Bailout.....	3
Regulation.....	2
Infrastructure.....	2
Investment .....	1
Trade Agreements .....	1
Other .....	1
<b>HEALTH CARE</b> .....	<b>19</b>
General Health Care .....	10
Universal Health Care.....	6
Children's Health Care .....	2
Other .....	1
<b>ENERGY</b> .....	<b>15</b>
General Energy.....	4
Alternative Energy.....	4
Independence .....	2
Environmental Protection.....	2
Drilling .....	1
Efficiency.....	1
End Subsidies .....	1
<b>TAXES</b> .....	<b>8</b>
General Taxes .....	3
Small Business Tax Cuts .....	3
Middle Class Tax Cuts .....	2
Other .....	1
<b>ACCOUNTABILITY</b> .....	<b>5</b>
Audit Agencies .....	2
General Accountability .....	1
Budget Review.....	1
<b>OTHER</b> .....	<b>6</b>
Iraq.....	2
Education .....	1
Other .....	3
<b>DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NONE</b> .....	<b>5</b>
(ref:PRIFOL)	

Q.81 And which should be President Obama's second highest priority?

	<b>Total</b>
<b>ECONOMY</b> .....	<b>25</b>
General Economy .....	13
Job Creation.....	7
Auto Bailout.....	2
Regulation.....	1
Infrastructure.....	1
Investment .....	1
Trade Agreements .....	1
Economy Recovery Stimulus.....	1
<b>HEALTH CARE</b> .....	<b>21</b>
General Health Care .....	12
Universal Health Care.....	7
Children's Health Care .....	1
Other .....	1
<b>ENERGY</b> .....	<b>20</b>
General Energy.....	8
Alternative Energy.....	4
Independence .....	3
Environmental Protection.....	3
Drilling.....	1
Efficiency.....	1
<b>TAXES</b> .....	<b>6</b>
General Taxes .....	2
Middle Class Tax Cuts .....	1
Small Business Tax Cuts .....	1
Other .....	1
<b>ACCOUNTABILITY</b> .....	<b>3</b>
Audit Agencies.....	1
Budget Review.....	1
<b>OTHER</b> .....	<b>17</b>
Iraq.....	9
Security .....	2
Education .....	1
Other .....	4
<b>DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NONE</b> .....	<b>9</b>

(ref:PRIFOL2)

Combined priorities.

	<b>Total</b>
<b>ECONOMY</b> .....	<b>61</b>
General Economy .....	31
Job Creation.....	17
Economy Recovery Stimulus .....	6
Auto Bailout.....	5
Regulation.....	3
Infrastructure.....	3
Investment .....	2
Trade Agreements .....	2
Other .....	1
<b>HEALTH CARE</b> .....	<b>39</b>
General Health Care .....	22
Universal Health Care.....	13
Children's Health Care .....	4
Other .....	2
<b>ENERGY</b> .....	<b>34</b>
General Energy.....	12
Alternative Energy.....	8
Environmental Protection.....	6
Independence .....	5
Drilling .....	2
Efficiency.....	2
End Subsidies .....	1
<b>TAXES</b> .....	<b>14</b>
General Taxes .....	5
Small Business Tax Cuts .....	4
Middle Class Tax Cuts .....	3
Other .....	2
<b>ACCOUNTABILITY</b> .....	<b>7</b>
Audit Agencies .....	3
Budget Review.....	2
General Accountability .....	1
Other .....	1
<b>OTHER</b> .....	<b>22</b>
Iraq.....	11
Security .....	3
Education .....	2
Other .....	6
<b>DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NONE</b> .....	<b>10</b>
(ref:PRIFOL/PRIFOL2)	

Q.82 Now that you have heard these likely proposals from Obama, I am going to read you another pair of statements. Please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

*I am optimistic that Obama will take decisive action to get our country back on track.*

OR

*I am worried that Obama will go too far with his big government answers to the country's problems.*

	<b>Total</b>
First statement strongly .....	49
First statement not so strongly .....	13
Second statement not so strongly .....	9
Second statement strongly .....	27
(Both).....	1
(Neither) .....	0
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
<b>Total First statement .....</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Total Second statement.....</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>First - Second .....</b>	<b>27</b>
(ref:BIGGOV)	

Q.83 Now let me ask you again, 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly support .....	46
Somewhat support .....	24
Somewhat oppose.....	10
Strongly oppose .....	14
(Don't know/refused) .....	6
<b>Total support .....</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Support - Oppose .....</b>	<b>46</b>
(ref:BOPOLIC2)	
<b>Initial Total support .....</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Initial Total oppose.....</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Initial Support - Oppose.....</b>	<b>44</b>

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.84 (SPLIT D) As you may know, Barack Obama has proposed eliminating the Bush tax cuts for those earning more than 250,000 dollars to pay for a tax cut for the middle class. Some people have suggested ending the Bush tax cuts for those earning more than 250,000 dollars immediately, some have suggested letting them expire in 2011 as is current law and some have suggested that we make these tax cuts permanent. Let me read you three statements about this:

*We should end the Bush tax cuts for those earning more than 250,000 dollars immediately because it will save 90 billion dollars that could be used for middle class tax cuts and an investment in our economy.*

OR

*The Bush tax cuts for those earning more than 250,000 dollars should be ended, but we should wait to let them expire in 2011 because ending them now would take money out of the economy at the worst possible time.*

OR

*We should make the Bush tax cuts for those earning more than 250,000 dollars permanent because keeping taxes low is the best way to spur investment, create jobs and ensure long-term growth.*

Having heard those statements, would you favor eliminating the Bush tax cuts immediately, letting them expire in 2011 or making them permanent?

	<b>Total</b>
End immediately .....	39
Let expire in 2011 .....	30
Make permanent .....	29
(Other) .....	0
(Don't know/Refused) .....	2
(ref:BUSHCUTS)	

**[500 Respondents]**

Q.85 (SPLIT D) Now let me read you some proposals President Obama might make to cut government spending. Please tell me which TWO would be the best options for cutting government spending.

	<b>Total</b>
Eliminate tax subsidies for oil and gas companies.....	42
End farm subsidy payments for millionaire and corporate farmers .....	32
Close loopholes that allow the creation of offshore tax havens.....	26
Cut unneeded programs out of the defense budget.....	23
Eliminate subsidies for private insurance companies that offer high-end plans through Medicare.....	18
Reign in costs by ensuring that all federal contracts over 25,000 dollars are competitively bid .....	10
Raise the Medicare and Social Security retirement age .....	6
End subsidies for the private student loan industry .....	5
(All) .....	3
(None) .....	3
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	9
(ref:SPNDCUTS)	

Q.86 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>
1 - 11th grade .....	3
High School graduate.....	23
Non-college post H.S. ....	2
Some college.....	25
College graduate .....	26
Post-graduate school .....	20
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.87 Are you a member of a labor union?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes: Respondent belongs .....	13
Household member .....	9
No member belongs.....	77
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:UNION)	

Q.88 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>Total</b>
Married .....	62
Single .....	17
Separated/Divorced.....	11
Widowed.....	9
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
<b>Sep/Div/Wid.....</b>	<b>20</b>
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.89 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

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

Q.90 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong Democrat .....	27
Weak Democrat.....	12
Independent-lean Democrat.....	11
Independent .....	7
Independent-lean Republican .....	10
Weak Republican .....	12
Strong Republican.....	20
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.93 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Liberal.....	17
Moderate .....	39
Conservative .....	41
(Don't know/refused) .....	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.94 What is your religion?

	<b>Total</b>
Protestant .....	53
Catholic .....	23
Jewish .....	2
Muslim .....	0
(Don't know/refused) .....	22
(ref:RELIG1)	

**[530 Respondents]**

Q.95 (ASK IF PROTESTANT IN RELIG1) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Fundamentalist.....	11
Evangelical .....	24
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	10
Moderate to liberal.....	37
(Something else) .....	8
(Don't know/Refused).....	10
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.96 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?

	<b>Total</b>
More than once a week .....	13
Once a week .....	30
Once or twice a month .....	14
Several times a year.....	14
Hardly ever .....	22
(Never) .....	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
<b>More than/once a week .....</b>	<b>43</b>
(ref:RELIG2)	

**[992 Respondents]**

Q.97 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the this year's election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat Barack Obama.....	49
Republican John McCain .....	41
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Bob Barr).....	-
(Other) .....	2
(DK/Refused).....	8
(ref:VOTE2008)	

**[992 Respondents]**

Q.98 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In this year's election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)?

	<b>Total</b>
House Democrat .....	46
House Republican .....	42
(Other candidate) .....	3
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	2
(DK/Refused).....	7
(ref:VTCG2008)	

Q.99 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	<b>Total</b>
White .....	77
African-American or Black.....	10
Hispanic or Latino.....	8
Native American .....	1
Asian .....	1
(Other) .....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.101 Have you shopped at Wal-Mart or other discount stores recently?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	79
No.....	20
(Don't Know/Refuse) .....	1
(ref:WALMART)	

Q.102 Last year, that is in 2007, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	<b>Total</b>
Less than \$10,000.....	4
\$10,000 to under \$20,000 .....	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000 .....	8
\$30,000 to under \$50,000 .....	15
\$50,000 to under \$75,000 .....	19
\$75,000 to under \$100,000 .....	13
\$100,000 or more .....	20
(Refused).....	11
(Don't know) .....	2
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.103 Would you say that over the holidays you are spending less than you did last year, spending more than you did last year, or spending about the same amount?

	<b>Total</b>
More .....	10
Same Amount.....	37
Less.....	49
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	3
(ref:HOLSPEND)	

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	<b>Total</b>
Male.....	48
Female .....	52
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
18 - 24 .....	7
25 - 29 .....	6
30 - 34 .....	7
35 - 39 .....	7
40 - 44 .....	8
45 - 49 .....	11
50 - 54 .....	11
55 - 59 .....	11
60 - 64 .....	9
Over 64.....	22
(No answer).....	2
(ref:AGE)	