

Democracy Corps/CAF Frequency Questionnaire

April 10-12, 2011
1000 Likely Voters

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

	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	97
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	3
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.5 As you may know, there was an election last November for Congress and other offices. 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	86
Not registered/ineligible/too young	1
Did not vote	13
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	1
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE10)	

Q.9 I know it is a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for President and Congress in 2012: 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.....	89
Probably	11
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	0
(Refused).....	-
(ref:CP10)	

Q.10 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total
Right direction	26
Wrong track	65
(Don't know/Refused).....	10
Right - Wrong.....	-39
(ref:DIRECT)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve	24
Somewhat approve	20
Somewhat disapprove.....	13
Strongly disapprove.....	37
(Don't know/Refused).....	7
Total approve.....	44
Total disapprove.....	50
(ref:BOAPP)	

Q.12 Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job in charge of the House of Representatives?

	Total
Strongly approve	13
Somewhat approve	25
Somewhat disapprove.....	19
Strongly disapprove.....	36
(Don't know/Refused).....	7
Total approve.....	38
Total disapprove.....	55
(ref:REPAPP)	

Q.13 Now, I'd like you 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
13 The Republican Party	46.1	39	41	14	28	97	-2
14 The Democratic Party	46.1	38	45	17	31	97	-7
15 The Republican Congress	45.8	36	40	11	27	96	-5
16 Democrats in Congress	44.3	34	46	15	32	98	-12
17 Barack Obama	51.4	47	41	32	32	98	6
[309 Respondents]							
18 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE)	53.2	38	27	24	20	79	11
[532 Respondents]							
18 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE)	56.1	36	18	17	13	67	18
19 John Boehner - the Republican leader of the House.....	47.8	36	34	14	23	86	2
[500 Respondents]							
20 (SPLIT B) Michele Bachmann.....	42.0	17	22	9	17	46	-6
21 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	54.8	46	30	28	23	92	16
22 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	50.6	42	38	28	30	96	5
[500 Respondents]							
23 (SPLIT A) Labor unions	47.3	35	38	18	28	97	-3
[500 Respondents]							
24 (SPLIT A) (CAF) Big corporations.....	41.8	24	43	7	27	95	-19
25 Gay marriage	39.7	30	48	22	44	94	-18

¹ The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
28 The state of the economy	30.8	16	68	4	49	99	-52
[500 Respondents]							
29 (SPLIT B) (CAF) Wall Street	34.7	15	54	4	37	91	-40
[500 Respondents]							
30 (SPLIT A) The Tea Party movement.....	44.2	31	42	19	31	90	-11
[500 Respondents]							
31 (SPLIT B) Public employee unions	48.2	36	37	23	29	90	-1
[500 Respondents]							
32 (SPLIT A) Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker	46.2	26	31	16	22	65	-5
[500 Respondents]							
33 (SPLIT B) Tea Party Republicans	41.8	35	47	18	38	94	-11
(ref:THERM02/THERM204/THERM205)							

Q.34 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 and Republican Mitt Romney, for whom would you vote?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama	44
Lean Democrat Barack Obama	2
Republican Mitt Romney	46
Lean Republican Mitt Romney	2
(Other candidate)	3
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	3
(Refused)	0
(Will not vote in 2012)	0
Total Democrat Barack Obama	46
Total Republican Mitt Romney	48
Total (Other candidate)	3
(ref:PREZ12A)	

[814 Respondents]

Q.36 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections for Congress in 2012, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) ²?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	42
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3
Republican candidate.....	43
Lean Republican candidate.....	4
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	6
(Refused).....	0
(Will not vote)	0
Total Democratic candidate	45
Total Republican candidate.....	47
Total (Other candidate).....	1

(ref:CONG10)

Q.38 Now I am going to ask you something different. I am going to read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think 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 Bttr	Dem Smwt Bttr	Rep Smwt Bttr	Rep Much Bttr	Both	Nthr	DK/ Ref	Total Dem Bttr	Total Rep Bttr	Dem - Rep
38 The economy	20	18	19	29	1	6	7	38	48	-10
[500 Respondents]										
39 (SPLIT A) Medicare	23	22	21	16	1	5	12	45	37	8
[500 Respondents]										
40 (SPLIT B) Retirement and Social Security	28	15	19	22	1	4	11	43	41	2
[500 Respondents]										
41 (SPLIT A) The budget deficit.....	13	20	26	26	1	5	9	33	52	-19
[500 Respondents]										
42 (SPLIT B) Jobs and employment	23	20	18	25	1	4	9	43	43	0
[500 Respondents]										
43 (SPLIT A) Has the right approach to the economy and jobs	16	22	23	22	1	5	10	38	46	-8

² 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.

	Dem Much Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nthr	DK/ Ref	Total Dem Btrr	Total Rep Btrr	Dem - Rep
[500 Respondents]										
44 (SPLIT B) Has the right approach to spending and deficits.....	16	19	21	30	1	5	8	35	51	-16
(ref:BETJOB)										

Q.45 This week, Republicans in the House of Representatives proposed a budget for the next 10 years that they say will cut 6.2 trillion dollars from the federal budget. From what you know, do you favor or oppose this budget plan?

	Total
Strongly favor	27
Somewhat favor	21
Somewhat oppose.....	10
Strongly oppose	23
(Don't know/Refused).....	19
Total favor	48
Total oppose	33
(ref:RYAN)	

Q.46 Let me read you some more information about the House Republicans' budget plan.

The plan cuts 6.2 trillion dollars below the president's budget and reduces the debt as a percentage of the economy. It makes small cuts in defense spending. It cuts spending for domestic programs in the coming year by 72 billion dollars, almost 20 percent, and freezes it for five years. It repeals the new health care bill and the new Wall Street reform law, makes major cuts of almost 800 billion dollars to Medicaid and Medicare for seniors over the next ten years. Starting in 2022, new retirees will no longer get health coverage through Medicare, but instead will get a voucher that will partially pay for insurance they purchase from private health insurance companies. The proposal cuts taxes for corporations and people making over 370 thousand dollars a year.

Now that you've heard more information, do you favor or oppose this plan?

	Total
Strongly favor	19
Somewhat favor	18
Somewhat oppose.....	14
Strongly oppose	42
(Don't know/Refused).....	8
Total favor	36
Total oppose	56
(ref:RYAN2)	

Q.47 Now I am going to read you some of the things Republicans are saying about their plan to cut 6.2 trillion dollars over 10 years . After I read each statement, please tell me how convincing a reason it is to support the Republican plan -- is it a very convincing reason, a somewhat convincing reason, a little convincing, or not at all a convincing reason to support the budget plan?

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
47 (FOREIGN DEBT) Both Democrats and Republicans have run up deficits, but now they are out of control under President Obama and threatening our economy. This plan changes the reckless path of over-spending and borrowing that leaves America at the mercy of China that lends us trillions of dollars and leaves our children burdened by debt.....	31	26	9	31	3	57	39

48 (BOLD) Republicans are making the bold and necessary choices to reverse this cycle of spending and debt. President Obama and the Democrats have tried to spend our way out of the recession, a failed strategy that has just made our problems worse. This Congress will not put off making the hard decisions for the country.....	25	26	9	37	3	51	46
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[500 Respondents]

49 (SPLIT A) (DEREGULATION) Over-regulation and high taxes punish companies for success. We need to help businesses create jobs. This plan cuts taxes for small businesses and uses incentives to help entrepreneurs start businesses. It relieves the burden of regulation put on businesses and will help to create nearly 1 million new private-sector jobs next year and 2.5 million additional private-sector jobs by 2020.	30	33	13	22	3	63	34
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[500 Respondents]

50 (SPLIT B) (CORPORATE) The United States has the highest corporate tax rates in the industrialized world, making it harder for companies to grow and create jobs here. They punish successful businesses and discourage entrepreneurs who create jobs. This plan helps American businesses that are currently struggling to compete in the international marketplace and encourages companies to reinvest their profits and capital in the United States.....	27	30	8	30	5	57	38
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	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
51 (WASTE) This budget forces government to cut out waste and duplication. By cutting domestic spending and freezing it for five years, it forces hard choices. By turning Medicaid over to the states, it saves money while allowing them to spend it according to their own needs. We have to preserve the safety net, but we can't allow it to be a hammock that fosters irresponsibility.....	21	31	12	33	4	51	45
(ref:REPRYAN)							

Q.52 Now I am going to read you some of the things Democrats are saying about the Republican budget plan for the next 10 years. After I read each one, please tell me whether this raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubts in your own mind about the Republicans' budget plan.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[500 Respondents]							
52 (SPLIT A) (HEALTH CARE) This plan will eliminate guaranteed Medicare and Medicaid coverage for 32 million people by 2014, including coverage for seniors, the disabled, and the poor, putting them at the mercy of private insurance companies.	29	32	20	16	3	61	36

[500 Respondents]							
53 (SPLIT B) (VOUCHER WITH CUTS) This plan would cut Medicare spending and replace Medicare with a voucher system, which will force seniors to negotiate with private insurance companies, which are free to raise rates and deny coverage. Medicare's guaranteed coverage of care would end, and seniors would have to pay more and more out of pocket.	40	26	16	15	3	66	31

[500 Respondents]							
54 (SPLIT B) (SENIORS) This plan reduces benefits and raises health care costs for seniors. Under this plan, the average 65-year-old beneficiary will be expected to pay 43 percent more than in the current Medicare system, as much as twenty thousand dollars out of pocket annually for premiums to health insurance companies.	37	27	17	15	3	65	32

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[500 Respondents]							
55 (SPLIT A) (RATIONS) This plan would cut 30 billion dollars in Medicare spending and create a rationing system for seniors' health care. Seniors would get a limited voucher for health care that wouldn't keep up with soaring health care costs. Middle and low income seniors would be unable to afford current care. Seriously ill seniors could be denied coverage or face unaffordable insurance company charges.	32	33	18	13	4	65	31
[500 Respondents]							
56 (SPLIT A) (DEFICITS) This plan does very little to reduce deficits. It cuts taxes for corporations and the richest Americans, and pays for that by ending Medicare and Medicaid, and cutting spending on health care.	29	32	18	18	3	61	36
[500 Respondents]							
57 (SPLIT B) (MIDDLE CLASS TAX) This plan would actually decrease taxes for CEOs and big corporations, giving millionaires another huge tax break on top of the Bush tax cuts, while raising taxes on the middle class to pay for it.	37	24	17	19	5	60	35
[500 Respondents]							
58 (SPLIT A) (LOW-INCOME) Approximately two-thirds of the cuts come from programs for lower-income Americans who are struggling most during the recession, including food stamps, aid for college education, federal housing aid and health care. The plan leaves our most vulnerable citizens out in the cold during hard times.	25	33	21	17	3	58	38
[500 Respondents]							
59 (SPLIT B) (VETERANS) This plan cuts veterans' health care benefits by almost 19 billion dollars over ten years, leaving our Iraq and Afghanistan veterans without the health care that they need and deserve for their brave service.	36	29	15	17	4	65	31

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[500 Respondents]							
60 (SPLIT A) (EDUCATION) This plan makes the biggest-ever cuts to Pell Grants, which will make it harder for moderate and low-income students to go to college, get ahead, and compete for good jobs.	24	30	27	16	3	54	43

[500 Respondents]							
61 (SPLIT A) (WALL STREET) This plan allows big Wall Street banks to police themselves and continue the abuses that led to the economic crash three years ago. It would allow them to charge excessive fees and create the complicated types of loans that led to millions of foreclosures.....	27	36	17	14	6	63	30

[500 Respondents]							
62 (SPLIT B) (JOBS) According to the Economic Policy Institute, this plan will cost 2 million jobs over the next 5 years. At a time when unemployment is sitting near 9 percent, the last thing we want to do is put more people out of work.....	31	29	17	19	4	60	36

[500 Respondents]							
63 (SPLIT B) (OIL COMPANIES) This budget protects the 50 billion dollars of taxpayer subsidies received by the big oil companies and it cuts research into clean, alternative energy by nearly 90 percent. (ref:RYANCUTS)	23	30	21	20	6	53	41

Q.64 Now I am going to read you some more things Democrats are saying about the Republican budget plan for the next 10 years. After I read each one, please tell me whether this raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubts in your own mind about the Republicans' budget plan.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[500 Respondents]							
64 (SPLIT A) (ECONOMY AND JOBS) A plan to reduce the deficit will not work if it undermines economic growth. With this economy struggling to rebound, this plan cuts jobs in the short term and cuts programs critical to our economic future, such as education and training, infrastructure projects, new technologies, and clean energy.	24	27	25	20	3	51	46

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[500 Respondents]							
65 (SPLIT B) (BROKEN CONTRACT) This budget shreds the contract that this country has with seniors after a life time of work. We promised seniors that the cost of health care and long-term care would not bankrupt them and their families in their retirement. By ending Medicare, this plan will force seniors to pay more out of pocket and negotiate with private drug and insurance companies. By slashing Medicaid it takes away the last protection for seniors late in life.	40	26	17	14	2	66	32
[500 Respondents]							
66 (SPLIT A) (FOR THE TOP) This plan has the wrong priorities. It is focused on helping corporate special interests and Wall Street, not reducing the deficit or helping the country. It actually raises taxes for the middle class, while cutting them for the wealthiest. It repeals the Wall Street reforms for the big banks. And it abolishes Medicare, cuts funding for education, health care, alternative energy, and job training programs and uses the money not for reducing the deficit, but to help the most privileged	34	27	17	18	4	61	35
[500 Respondents]							
67 (SPLIT B) (MIDDLE CLASS) The middle class and working people are under siege, with rising prices and jobs paying less. This budget slashes programs critical to the middle class, such as retirement security and health care, education and investments in good paying jobs, while cutting taxes for the rich by nearly one third..... (ref:RYANBAD)	37	25	16	18	4	62	34

Q.68 Now let me ask again. This week, Republicans in the House of Representatives proposed its budget for the next 10 years that will cut 6.2 trillion dollars from the federal budget. From what you now know, do you favor or oppose this plan?

	Total
Strongly favor	25
Somewhat favor	19
Somewhat oppose.....	15
Strongly oppose	36
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
Total favor	44
Total oppose	51
(ref:RERYAN)	

Q.69 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 Bttr	Dem Smwt Bttr	Rep Smwt Bttr	Rep Much Bttr	Both	Nthr	DK/ Ref	Total Dem Bttr	Total Rep Bttr	Dem - Rep
69 The economy	24	17	17	29	0	4	9	41	46	-5
[500 Respondents]										
70 (SPLIT A) Medicare	27	23	21	17	0	3	8	50	39	11
[500 Respondents]										
71 (SPLIT B) Retirement and Social Security	31	17	17	21	-	7	8	47	38	9
[500 Respondents]										
72 (SPLIT A) Has the right approach to the economy and jobs	21	21	21	25	0	4	6	43	46	-4
[500 Respondents]										
73 (SPLIT B) Has the right approach to spending and deficits.....	19	20	18	28	0	8	7	39	46	-7

(ref:PRBPAIR1)

Q.97 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	3
High School graduate.....	19
Non-college post H.S.	2
Some college.....	26
College graduate.....	28
Post-graduate school	20
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.98 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	13
Household member	6
No member belongs	78
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
Union Household.....	19
(ref:UNION)	

Q.99 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
Yes: Respondent.....	15
Yes: Family Member	26
No.....	57
(Dk/Ref)	3
Total Yes	41
(ref:EMPLOY2)	

Q.100 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	59
Single	17
Separated/Divorced.....	9
Widowed.....	7
Living with partner	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
Sep/Div/Wid.....	16
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.101 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	24
Weak Democrat.....	14
Independent-lean Democrat.....	7
Independent	5
Independent-lean Republican	11
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican.....	23
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.104 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	18
Moderate	34
Conservative	43
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
(ref:IDEO1)	

[955 Respondents]

Q.105 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

	Total
Strong supporter.....	21
Not so strong supporter.....	12
Not a supporter.....	57
(Don't know/Refused).....	10
(ref:TEASUPP)	

[159 Respondents]

Q.106 (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
Yes	28
No.....	72
(DK/Refused).....	-
(ref:LANDLINE)	

[841 Respondents]

Q.107 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total
Yes	86
No.....	12
(DK/Refused).....	1
(ref:CELLLINE)	

[770 Respondents]

Q.108 (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
All or almost all calls on a cell phone	26
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	37
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone.....	36
(DK/Refused).....	1
(ref:DUALUSE)	

Phone Use Table

	Total
Cell Only	12
Cell Mostly	20
Dual User	28
Landline Mostly	28
Landline Only	10
Landline Unknown.....	2
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample).....	4
Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample)	16

Q.109 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	52
Catholic	21
Jewish	2
Muslim	0
(Don't know/Refused).....	25
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.110 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
More than once a week	13
Once a week	30
Once or twice a month	14
Several times a year.....	10
Hardly ever	20
(Never)	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	7
(ref:RELIG2)	

[857 Respondents]

Q.111 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE10) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2010 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2010 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)³?

	Total
(2010 HOUSE DEMOCRAT).....	41
(2010 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)	46
(Other candidate)	2
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	4
(Don't Know/Refused)	8
(ref:VTCG2010)	

[972 Respondents]

Q.112 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	47
Republican John McCain	43
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Bob Barr).....	0
(Other).....	2
(Don't Know/Refused)	7
(ref:VOTE2008)	

Q.113 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	74
African-American or Black.....	12
Hispanic or Latino.....	9
Native American	1
Asian	1
(Other).....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	Total
Male.....	47
Female	53
(ref:GENDER)	

³ 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.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	8
25 - 29	6
30 - 34	7
35 - 39	9
40 - 44	7
45 - 49	10
50 - 54	11
55 - 59	11
60 - 64	10
65 and over	20
(No answer)	2
(ref:AGE)	