

Democracy Corps/ Women's Voices. Women Vote Action Fund Frequency Questionnaire

May 21-25, 2011
1000 Likely Voters
200 Youth Oversample
200 Unmarried Women Oversample
80 Non-white Oversample

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	82
Not registered/ineligible/too young	1
Did not vote	16
(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.....	91
Probably	9
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	33
Wrong track	58
(Don't know/Refused).....	9
Right - Wrong.....	-25
(ref:DIRECT)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve	29
Somewhat approve	20
Somewhat disapprove.....	9
Strongly disapprove.....	36
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
Total approve.....	49
Total disapprove.....	45
(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	11
Somewhat approve	23
Somewhat disapprove.....	23
Strongly disapprove.....	36
(Don't know/Refused).....	8
Total approve.....	33
Total disapprove.....	59
(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	46.0	35	42	12	26	97	-7
14 The Democratic Party	46.9	39	44	18	29	97	-5
15 The Republican Congress	45.1	34	43	11	27	96	-9
16 Democrats in Congress	45.2	35	44	14	28	96	-9
17 Barack Obama	53.5	50	39	34	30	99	12
[301 Respondents]							
18 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE)	55.5	44	28	27	21	81	16
[490 Respondents]							
18 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE)	54.6	37	22	17	14	74	15
19 John Boehner - the Republican leader of the House.....	46.4	30	34	12	22	81	-4
20 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	55.0	46	31	29	22	93	15
21 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	47.5	35	40	25	32	94	-4
22 Labor unions	45.7	34	42	17	29	93	-7
23 Gay marriage	40.6	31	47	23	43	93	-16
26 The state of the economy	34.0	19	66	4	41	99	-47
27 The state of your personal finances.....	55.8	47	24	21	15	94	23
28 The Tea Party movement	41.7	30	44	16	36	89	-14
29 The new health care reform law.....	39.1	32	48	16	41	90	-16

¹ The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
[500 Respondents]							
30 (SPLIT A) A plan to dramatically reduce the deficit over the next five years	63.8	52	20	36	12	87	32

[500 Respondents]							
31 (SPLIT B) A plan to invest in new industries and rebuild the country over the next five years.....	66.3	60	16	35	11	88	44
(ref:THERM04/THERM204/THERM205)							

Q.32 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.....	45
Lean Democrat Barack Obama.....	3
Republican Mitt Romney	42
Lean Republican Mitt Romney	2
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	4
(Refused).....	1
(Will not vote in 2012).....	1
Total Democrat Barack Obama.....	48
Total Republican Mitt Romney.....	44
Total (Other candidate).....	3
(ref:PREZ12A)	

Q.34 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.....	43
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3
Republican candidate.....	43
Lean Republican candidate.....	3
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	6
(Refused).....	1
(Will not vote in 2012).....	0
Total Democratic candidate	46
Total Republican candidate.....	45
Total (Other candidate).....	2

(ref:CONG10)

Q.36 Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Barack Obama is handling the economy?

	Total
Strongly approve	19
Somewhat approve	25
Somewhat disapprove.....	13
Strongly disapprove.....	38
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
Total approve.....	44
Total disapprove.....	52

(ref:BOECNAPP)

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.

Q.37 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
37 The economy	23	17	19	23	1	6	11	40	42	-2
[500 Respondents]										
38 (SPLIT A) Medicare	27	18	21	16	1	6	12	45	37	9
[500 Respondents]										
39 (SPLIT B) Retirement and Social Security	27	15	22	16	1	8	12	41	38	3
40 Gas prices	16	16	15	17	1	14	19	33	32	0
41 Has the right approach to the economy and jobs	21	22	20	20	1	6	10	42	41	2
42 Has the right approach to spending and deficits	17	18	18	25	1	7	12	35	44	-9
(ref:BETJOB)										

Q.43 Now, thinking about the nation's economy, do you believe the economy...

	Total
Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve	42
Is at the bottom but is not yet getting any better	23
Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse	31
(DK/Refused).....	4
Improving - Will get worse.....	11
(ref:BTMOUT)	

Q.44 Which ONE of the following problems do you think is the most important to be addressed when it comes to the economy?

	Total
The middle class and working people facing rising costs and declining income.....	22
High government spending, the budget deficit and taxes. ..	21
Outsourcing of American jobs and China creating rules that block American exports.....	17
The government dominated by special interest waste and not accountable to people	13
America falling behind China and India on education, innovation and building a modern economy.....	9
Taxes and red tape on businesses that keep them from hiring people and growing	7
(None)	1
(All)	4
(Don't know/refused)	5
(ref:MAINPROB)	

[961 Respondents]

Q.45 (DO NOT ASK RESPONDENTS WHO ARE NOT SURE IN MAINPROB) Which ONE of the following problems do you think is the SECOND most important to be addressed when it comes to the economy?

	Total
High government spending, the budget deficit and taxes. ..	17
The middle class and working people facing rising costs and declining income.....	15
Outsourcing of American jobs and China creating rules that block American exports.....	14
America falling behind China and India on education, innovation and building a modern economy.....	13
The government dominated by special interest waste and not accountable to people	13
Taxes and red tape on businesses that keep them from hiring people and growing	12
(None)	3
(All)	4
(Don't know/refused)	6
(ref:PROB2)	

Combined Problems

	Total
High government spending, the budget deficit and taxes. ..	37
The middle class and working people facing rising costs and declining income.....	37
Outsourcing of American jobs and China creating rules that block American exports	32
The government dominated by special interest waste and not accountable to people	26
America falling behind China and India on education, innovation and building a modern economy.....	22
Taxes and red tape on businesses that keep them from hiring people and growing	19
(None)	3
(All)	5
(Don't know/refused)	7

Q.46 I'm going to read you a list of economic experiences some people have recently had. For each one, please tell me if you have directly experienced this in the last year, if your family has directly experienced this in the last year, or if someone you know well, like a friend, neighbor or co-worker, has experienced this or if no one you know well has experienced it.

	Impct You	Impct Fam	Some one Know	Has Not Impct	(DK/ Ref)	Total Impct
46 Loss of a job.....	13	22	31	31	2	67
[500 Respondents]						
47 (SPLIT A) Lost health insurance coverage	13	14	21	49	2	49
48 Fallen behind on mortgage payments or home was foreclosed on.....	6	14	29	50	2	48
[500 Respondents]						
49 (SPLIT B) Delayed or cancelled doctor visit, filling a prescription or a medical procedure due to cost	21	13	14	50	3	47
50 Got a new job.....	12	21	24	40	2	58
51 Rejoined the job market and began to look for work again.....	17	22	28	32	2	67
52 Reduced wages, hours or benefits at work.....	21	22	24	31	2	67
53 Taking fewer or shorter trips in your car because of the price of gasoline..... (ref:ECONIMPC)	58	12	10	18	2	80

Q.54 Please imagine that Barack Obama or a Democratic member of Congress made this statement describing what is happening with the economy. After hearing this, are you much more likely to support this Democrat, somewhat more likely, just a little more likely, no more likely or less likely to support them?

	Much More Likely	Smwt More Likely	Ltle More Likely	No More Likely	Less Likely	DK/ Ref	Much/Smwt/ More/ Ltle Less	No More/ Less
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[500 Respondents]

54 (PRIORITIES) (SPLIT A) It is critical to reduce the deficit and you have to do it right. The Republicans have started by cutting middle class programs, like education and Medicare while protecting tax breaks for the richest Our approach is different. We get rid of special interest subsidies for oil companies and tax breaks for companies exporting jobs and eliminate government programs that don't work. We must cut the deficit the right way.

30	20	9	19	18	3	51	60	37
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[500 Respondents]

55 (INEQUALITY) (SPLIT B) Today, the richest 400 people have more wealth than the bottom 155 million people combined. Most of the 400 use loopholes to pay a lower tax rate than the middle. That's not right. We should scrap nearly all the tax loopholes for the rich, push up tax rates for those over \$250,000 back to the levels under Bill Clinton and add a millionaire's surcharge. The hard work of the middle class should be rewarded.

35	16	9	12	24	4	51	60	36
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	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Ltle More Likly	No More Likly	Less Likly	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt	No Ltle More/ Less
[500 Respondents] 56 (OLD POLITICS) (SPLIT C) Half the country blames George Bush for the state of the economy and the other half blames Barack Obama. But that blame game will not help create new jobs. We face immense economic problems that will take years to solve. We need to start working together to reduce spending and the deficit and ask the richest to pay their fair share of taxes. We need to support education, innovation and new American industries.	38	22	8	15	14	3	60	68 29

[500 Respondents] 57 (PAST) (SPLIT B) In January 2008, America was losing 750,000 jobs a month, the deficit was surging, banks were making irresponsible loans and the economy was on the brink of collapse. It will take years to get America back, but at least we are struggling to get America back on the right path with reduced deficits, the wealthiest paying their fair share of taxes, investing in education, innovation, and building to create jobs.	24	20	10	21	21	4	44	54 42
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[500 Respondents] 58 (HELP) (SPLIT A) People are still hurting and need help. This is not the time to allow people to lose their homes and savings. We have helped the big banks but we need to help Main Street too. Let's help people get back on their feet with job training and education for people displaced by the current economy and extending, not cutting health clinics and health care for working families.	32	20	11	21	15	2	52	63 36
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	Much More Likely	Smwt More Likely	Lttle More Likely	No More Likely	Less Likely	DK/ Ref	Much Smwt	No Lttle	No More/ Less
[500 Respondents] 59 (REFORM) (SPLIT D) Washington is dominated by big banks, big donors and corporate lobbyists. So politicians rush to bailout Wall Street. Big oil keeps its tax breaks and companies still get breaks for exporting jobs. The middle class won't catch a break until we confront the power of money and the lobbyists. Expose their meetings, clean out tax loopholes, and limit donations. Getting the economy back for the middle class starts with changing politics.	33	21	10	17	16	3	54	64	33

[500 Respondents] 60 (NATIONALISM) (SPLIT B) America needs to get back to creating American jobs and growing the middle class. China will soon be the largest economy, owning trillions of our debt. Our leading export is jobs, even as we reward companies that outsource jobs. We have to get American companies to expand in America. We have to invest in American education, innovation and new industries that grow American jobs.	36	25	11	15	11	3	61	71	26
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	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Ltle More Likly	No More Likly	Less Likly	DK/ Ref	Much Smwt Likly	No More/ Ltle	Less
[500 Respondents]									
61 (MIDDLE CLASS) (SPLIT A)									
The biggest problem we face is the decline of the middle class. The middle class has been smashed and struggles to keep up with the rising costs of gasoline, college education and health care. We need to help small businesses, help people who work hard with education and training and protect middle class programs like Medicare, and invest in innovation and new energy to create the middle class jobs of the future.	33	24	11	18	13	2	56	67	31
(ref:DEMECON)									

Q.62 The following are some statements that a Republican member of Congress may make about the economy. After hearing each statement, are you much more likely to support this Republican, somewhat more likely, just a little more likely, no more likely or less likely to support them?

	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Ltle More Likly	No More Likly	Less Likly	DK/ Ref	Much Smwt Likly	No More/ Ltle	Less
62 (DIDN'T WORK) Increased spending is not the answer to the economy. The President and his party's leaders embarked on a stimulus spending spree that added hundreds of billions of dollars to the debt, yet failed to deliver on its promises to create jobs. Now they want to increase taxes on small businesses. We cannot continue this endless taxing and spending that will burden middle class families with more debt and cost our children their economic future.	28	19	9	19	21	4	47	56	40

	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Lttle More Likly	No More Likly	Less Likly	DK/ Ref	Much Smwt	No Lttle	No More/ Less
63 (ACT NOW) The government borrows 4 billion dollars every day to pay for a spending binge it cannot afford. The time to act is now. By the year 2030, the debt as a share of the economy will be an explosive 146 percent. Spending on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and interest on the national debt will eclipse all anticipated revenue by 2025. We need to grow small businesses and middle class jobs, not the government, and reduce the debt for our children. That is the only way to truly improve our economy.	30	23	11	16	17	3	53	64	33
64 (HEALTH CARE) President Obama and the Democrats promised lower health care costs, but did not deliver. Their plan will explode our deficit by one trillion dollars, raises taxes when people and businesses are struggling, and takes away the health care choices that should be made by individuals, not Washington bureaucrats. Businesses are not hiring people because they cannot afford the health care. We need to focus on reining in health care costs, which are driving the deficit and killing jobs.	28	18	10	17	24	3	46	56	41

	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Ltle More Likly	No More Likly	Less Likly	DK/ Ref	Much/Smwt/ Ltle	No More/ Less	
65 (LIVE WITHIN MEANS) The government should live within its means, just as all Americans do every day. Raising taxes hurts families and small businesses that are already paying too much. Ease regulations and red tape on businesses, cut business taxes to help them grow, hire people and expand their businesses - that is the way to improve the economy and create middle class jobs in this country.	33	22	12	14	15	3	56	68	29
(ref:REPECON)									

Q.66 Sometimes people change their mind after learning more information. I am going to RE-READ a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think the Democrats or the Republicans would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	Dem Much Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nthr	DK/ Ref	Total Dem Btrr	Total Rep Btrr	Dem - Rep
66 The economy	23	18	18	25	1	4	11	41	43	-1
67 Has the right approach to the economy and jobs.....	23	19	20	22	1	5	10	42	42	0
68 Has the right approach to spending and deficits	18	18	24	22	1	6	12	35	46	-11
(ref:RBETJOB3)										

Q.79 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.....	19
Non-college post H.S.	2
Some college.....	27
College graduate	29
Post-graduate school	17
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.80 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	12
Household member	8
No member belongs.....	77
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
Union Household.....	20
(ref:UNION)	

Q.81 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.....	18
Yes: Family Member	26
No.....	53
(Dk/Ref)	3
Total Yes	44
(ref:EMPLOY2)	

Q.82 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	57
Single	21
Separated/Divorced.....	7
Widowed.....	7
Living with a partner	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
Sep/Div/Wid.....	14
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.83 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	23
Weak Democrat.....	15
Independent-lean Democrat.....	8
Independent	7
Independent-lean Republican	13
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican.....	19
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.86 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	21
Moderate	31
Conservative	41
(Don't know/Refused)	7
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.87 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

	Total
Strong supporter.....	15
Not so strong supporter.....	13
Not a supporter.....	61
(Don't know/Refused)	11
Total Supporter.....	28
(ref:TEASUPP)	

[208 Respondents]

Q.88 (ASK IN CELL SAMPLE ONLY) Now, thinking about your telephone use, is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?

	Total
Yes	28
No.....	72
(Don't Know/Refused)	-
(ref:LANDLINE)	

[792 Respondents]

Q.89 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total
Yes	85
No.....	14
(Don't Know/Refused)	1
(ref:CELLLINE)	

[732 Respondents]

Q.90 (DO NOT ASK IF NO IN LANDLINE) (DO NOT ASK IF NO OR DK/REF IN CELLLINE) Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get..

	Total
All or almost all calls on a cell phone	23
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	41
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone.....	36
(Don't Know/Refused)	0
(ref:DUALUSE)	

Phone Use Table

	Total
Cell Only	15
Cell Mostly	17
Dual User	30
Landline Mostly	26
Landline Only	11
Landline Unknown.....	1
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample).....	3
Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample)	10

Q.91 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	53
Catholic	20
Jewish	1
Muslim	0
(Don't know/Refused)	26
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.92 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	15
Once a week	26
Once or twice a month	13
Several times a year.....	11
Hardly ever	22
(Never)	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
Once a week or more	41
(ref:RELIG2)	

[816 Respondents]

Q.93 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE10) Now let me ask you about the election for Congress last November. Did you vote for -- (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)³?

	Total
(2010 HOUSE DEMOCRAT).....	42
(2010 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)	44
(Other candidate)	2
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	3
(Don't Know/Refused)	9
(ref:VTCG2010)	

[975 Respondents]

Q.94 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	47
Republican John McCain	43
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Bob Barr).....	0
(Other).....	2
(Don't Know/Refused)	9
(ref:VOTE2008)	

Q.95 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	74
African-American or Black.....	12
Hispanic or Latino.....	10
Native American	1
Asian	2
(Other).....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(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	9
25 - 29	8
30 - 34	7
35 - 39	9
40 - 44	10
45 - 49	9
50 - 54	8
55 - 59	10
60 - 64	10
65 and over	18
(No answer)	2
(ref:AGE)	