

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

March 4-8, 2009

1,000 2008 Voters (1000 Unweighted)

830 Likely 2010 Voters (863 Unweighted)

Q.3 (LANDLINE SAMPLE) First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?
(CELL SAMPLE) First of all, are you registered to vote?¹

	Total	Likely Voters
Yes	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?

	Total	Likely Voters
Voted	99	99
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	1	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?

	Total	Likely Voters
Voted	82	95
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young	5	5
Did not vote	10	-
(Can't remember/Don't know)	3	-
(Refused)	0	-
(ref:VOTE062)		

¹ 2008 voter sample of 830 landline and 170 cell phone only respondents (880 landline and 120 cell phone unweighted)

Q.9 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	Likely Voters
Almost certain	77	87
Probably	15	13
50-50	5	-
Will not vote	2	-
(Don't know).....	1	-
(Refused).....	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?

	Total	Likely Voters
Right direction.....	33	32
Wrong track	55	56
(Don't know/refused).....	12	12
Right - Wrong	-22	-24
(ref:DIRECT)		

Q.11 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
11 The Republican Party	44.4	31	44	11	26	97	-13
Likely Voters	45.1	34	43	11	26	97	-10
12 The Democratic Party	52.3	46	36	25	26	97	9
Likely Voters	51.2	45	39	26	28	98	6
[500 Respondents]							
13 (SPLIT A) Democrats in Congress.....	49.9	41	36	22	28	96	5
Likely Voters	48.8	41	39	23	30	97	1
[500 Respondents]							
14 (SPLIT B) The Democratic Congress	49.3	42	37	20	26	95	5
Likely Voters	48.8	42	39	21	27	96	3
15 Barack Obama	63.4	59	27	47	20	99	32
Likely Voters	62.2	58	29	46	22	99	29
[438 Respondents]							
16 (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE INCUMBENT) ²	58.1	46	22	24	14	81	24
Likely Voters	58.3	48	23	26	15	85	25
[387 Respondents]							
17 (REPUBLICAN HOUSE INCUMBENT) ³	59.4	44	19	21	10	76	25
Likely Voters	60.0	47	19	22	10	80	28
18 Republicans in Congress	44.9	30	41	10	24	96	-11
Likely Voters	45.2	33	41	10	24	97	-9
19 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	57.9	46	26	30	19	91	20
Likely Voters	58.1	48	26	32	19	92	21
20 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	52.1	42	36	29	28	94	5
Likely Voters	51.7	41	36	29	28	94	4

^{2,3} The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
21 NAFTA & international trade agreements	44.3	25	35	8	23	86	-10
Likely Voters	44.1	26	37	8	25	88	-11
22 Gay marriage	36.6	27	51	19	46	92	-23
Likely Voters	36.8	27	50	18	46	93	-23
23 The state of the economy	25.0	8	78	3	61	98	-69
Likely Voters	24.8	9	79	3	62	98	-70
24 Rush Limbaugh.....	35.2	26	53	13	45	91	-27
Likely Voters	35.2	27	55	14	46	94	-28
25 Keith Olbermann	44.5	15	20	8	15	48	-5
Likely Voters	45.0	17	22	9	16	50	-5

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.26 Now let me ask you something different. I'm going to read you a list of leaders in the Republican Party. Please tell me which TWO of these leaders have the most influence over the Republican Party's ideas and direction.

	Total	Likely Voters
Arizona Senator John McCain.....	38	37
Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich.....	25	26
Radio host Rush Limbaugh	24	24
Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney	23	24
Alaska Governor Sarah Palin	16	16
House Republican Leader John Boehner	13	14
Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal.....	12	13
Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell.....	7	8
Republican Party Chairman Michael Steele	7	7
(All)	0	0
(Other)	1	1
(Don't Know/Refused).....	13	10

(ref:GOPLEADR)

Q.27 Now I'm going to read you a list of people. This time, for each person I want you to tell me whether you think that person has too much influence over the Republican Party's ideas and directions, not enough influence or about the right amount of influence over the Republican Party's ideas and direction.

	Too much	Not enough	About right	DK/ Ref
[500 Respondents]				
27 (SPLIT A) Rush Limbaugh	49	15	26	10
Likely Voters	48	16	27	9
[500 Respondents]				
28 (SPLIT B) Newt Gingrich.....	25	17	45	13
Likely Voters	26	18	45	11
[500 Respondents]				
29 (SPLIT A) John McCain	10	31	53	6
Likely Voters	11	32	51	6
[500 Respondents]				
30 (SPLIT B) The average voter	2	68	23	7
Likely Voters	3	69	22	6
(ref:GOPINFL)				

Q.31 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 Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
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[500 Respondents]

31 (SPLIT B) Most
Republicans agree with
Rush Limbaugh and want
President Obama's
economic policies to fail.

OR

Most Republicans want
President Obama to
succeed, they just
disagree with his

economic approach.....	26	6	20	41	0	1	6	32	61	-30
Likely Voters.....	27	6	21	40	0	1	5	33	61	-28

[500 Respondents]

32 (SPLIT A) The
Republican Party is mostly
embracing the same old
ideas and leaders it has
relied on for the past 20
years.

OR

The Republican Party is
mostly seeking out new
leaders with fresh ideas.

46	16	13	19	0	2	3	62	32	30	
Likely Voters.....	47	14	13	19	0	2	4	61	33	29

[500 Respondents]

33 (SPLIT A) Rush
Limbaugh shares my
values.

OR

Rush Limbaugh does not
share my values.....

21	12	10	48	0	2	8	32	57	-25
Likely Voters.....	23	13	8	47	-	3	36	55	-19

	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
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[500 Respondents]

34 (SPLIT B) Republican
leaders should denounce
Rush Limbaugh's
destructive attacks on
President Obama.

OR

Republican leaders should
defend Rush Limbaugh's
right to criticize policies he
disagrees with.

disagrees with.....	41	11	8	30	0	2	7	52	38	14
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Likely Voters.....	41	11	8	31	0	2	6	53	39	14
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(ref:RUSHPAIR)

[500 Respondents]

Q.35 (SPLIT A) As you may know, in recent weeks two Republicans, Utah Governor John Huntsman and radio host Rush Limbaugh, have suggested two different paths that the Republican Party could take to reverse its losing streak and start winning elections again. I am going to read you a pair of statements that summarize these two views. After I read these statements, please tell me which one you agree with more.

John Huntsman says that the Republican Party has been losing elections because it became narrowly focused on very conservative issues that do not appeal to most Americans. It can only return to relevance by moving to the middle on issues such as the environment and immigration and offering pragmatic solutions that appeal to groups like the youth and minorities that have tuned the party out.

OR

Rush Limbaugh says that the Republican Party has been losing elections because moderate factions within the party have driven it away from its core conservative principles. If it does not stamp out these factions it will be guaranteed to continue losing elections. Americans are conservatives at heart and the blueprint for Republican victory is to embrace the Reagan revolution and return to conservative values.

Which statement do you agree with more?

	Total	Likely Voters
Huntsman statement strongly	32	32
Huntsman statement somewhat	25	24
Limbaugh statement somewhat.....	16	16
Limbaugh statement strongly.....	21	22
(Neither).....	1	1
(Both).....	0	0
(DK/Refused).....	5	5
Total Huntsman stmt.....	57	55
Total Limbaugh stmt	37	38
Huntsman stmt - Limbaugh stmt..... (ref:RUSHHUNT)	20	17

Q.36 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	Likely Voters
1 - 11th grade	4	3
High School graduate	22	21
Non-college post H.S.....	1	1
Some college	29	30
College graduate	28	28
Post-graduate school.....	16	17
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1
(ref:EDUC)		

Q.37 Are you currently employed, or are you temporarily out of work, or are you not in the market for work at all?

	Total	Likely Voters
Employed full time	48	48
Employed part time.....	11	10
Unemployed/Temporarily out of work.....	8	8
Not in the market for work.....	5	5
Retired	19	21
Homemaker	4	4
Student	1	1
(Other)	3	2
(Don't Know/Refused).....	1	1
Total employed	59	59
Total unemployed.....	8	8
Total not in market.....	30	31
(ref:EMPLOY)		

Q.38 How concerned are you that in the next 12 months you or someone else in your household might be out of work and looking for a job - very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not concerned at all?

	Total	Likely Voters
Very concerned	35	36
Somewhat concerned.....	26	26
Not concerned at all.....	38	37
(Don't Know/Refused).....	1	1
(ref:LOSEJOB)		

Q.39 Are you a member of a labor union?

	Total	Likely Voters
Yes: Respondent belongs	12	12
Household member	8	9
No member belongs	79	78
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
(ref:UNION)		

Q.40 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Likely Voters
Married	60	63
Single.....	22	18
Separated/Divorced	11	11
Widowed.....	6	7
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1
Sep/Div/Wid	17	18
(ref:MARITAL)		

Q.41 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Likely Voters
Strong Democrat	26	26
Weak Democrat.....	14	13
Independent-lean Democrat	10	9
Independent.....	7	6
Independent-lean Republican.....	11	11
Weak Republican	12	12
Strong Republican	20	22
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1
(ref:PTYID1)		

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

	Total	Likely Voters
Liberal.....	17	16
Moderate	38	39
Conservative.....	41	42
(Don't know/refused).....	4	3
(ref:IDEO1)		

[168 Respondents]

Q.43 (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
Yes	29	32
No	71	68
(DK/Refused)	-	-
(ref:LANDLINE)		

[832 Respondents]

Q.44 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total	Likely Voters
Yes	83	84
No	16	15
(DK/Refused)	1	1
(ref:CELLLINE)		

[740 Respondents]

Q.45 Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get..

	Total	Likely Voters
All or almost all calls on a cell phone.....	18	18
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone.....	42	42
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	39	40
(DK/Refused)	1	1
(ref:DUALUSE)		

Phone Use Table

	Total	Likely Voters
Cell Only	12	10
Cell Mostly	14	14
Dual User.....	31	32
Landline Mostly.....	29	31
Landline Only.....	13	13
Landline Unknown	2	2

Q.46 What is your religion?

	Total	Likely Voters
Protestant	53	53
Catholic.....	22	22
Jewish.....	2	2
Muslim	0	1
(Don't know/refused).....	23	22
(ref:RELIG1)		

[528 Respondents]

Q.47 (ASK IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total	Likely Voters
Fundamentalist	11	11
Evangelical	26	27
Charismatic/Pentecostal	8	7
Moderate to liberal	39	39
(Something else).....	4	4
(Don't know/Refused)	13	12
(ref:RELIG3)		

Q.48 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
More than once a week	13	14
Once a week.....	29	31
Once or twice a month.....	13	13
Several times a year	14	14
Hardly ever	23	21
(Never).....	5	4
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3
More than/once a week	42	44
(ref:RELIG2)		

[990 Respondents]

Q.49 (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
Democrat Barack Obama	49	47
Republican John McCain.....	42	44
(Ralph Nader)	1	0
(Bob Barr)	-	-
(Other)	2	2
(DK/Refused)	7	7
(ref:VOTE2008)		

[990 Respondents]

Q.50 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)?⁴

	Total	Likely Voters
House Democrat.....	46	46
House Republican	38	40
(Other candidate).....	3	4
(Did Not Vote for Congress)	3	2
(DK/Refused)	9	9
(ref:VTCG2008)		

Q.51 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Likely Voters
White	74	76
African-American or Black	13	11
Hispanic or Latino	8	7
Native American	2	2
Asian.....	1	1
(Other)	2	1
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2
(ref:RACETHN)		

⁴ Actual candidate names were inserted preceded by party identifications for all districts. In unopposed districts, a generic candidate was used as the opposition.

[75 Respondents]

Q.52 (ASK IF HISPANIC OR LATINO) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Salvadoran or are you and your ancestors from another country? (IF FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY) Are you and your ancestors from Central America, South America or somewhere else?

	Total	Likely Voters
Mexican	54	52
Puerto Rican	9	12
Cuban	2	2
Dominican.....	5	7
Salvadoran	-	-
Other: Central America	4	5
Other: South America	7	6
Other.....	19	17
(Don't know/Refused)	-	-
(ref:ORIGIN08)		

Q.2 Respondent's gender

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

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total	Likely Voters
18 - 24	8	6
25 - 29	9	7
30 - 34	7	6
35 - 39	9	10
40 - 44	9	10
45 - 49	12	13
50 - 54	9	9
55 - 59	9	10
60 - 64	8	9
Over 64.....	19	20
(No answer)	1	1
(ref:AGE)		