

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

February 9-10, 2009
1000 Likely Voters

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

	Total
Yes	100
No.....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

Q.4 Many people weren't able to vote in the 2008 election for president between Barack Obama and John McCain. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted.....	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?

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

Q.7 I know it is far off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for Congress in 2010: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total
Almost certain.....	86
Probably	14
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:CP10)	

Q.8 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total
Right direction.....	28
Wrong track	61
(Don't know/refused).....	10
Right - Wrong.....	-33
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.9 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	42
Somewhat approve.....	16
Somewhat disapprove	6
Strongly disapprove.....	21
(Don't know/refused).....	16
Total approve	58
Total disapprove.....	27
(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	% Over 75	% Under 26	% ID	Warm - Cool
10 The Republican Party	43.8	30	45	10	28	98	-15
11 The Democratic Party	52.3	46	36	26	26	98	10
12 The Democratic Congress	49.4	41	38	24	29	97	3
13 Barack Obama.....	65.4	60	23	47	18	98	37
[494 Respondents]							
14 (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹ ...	58.8	44	21	23	14	80	23
[503 Respondents]							
14 (REPUBLICAN HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹	59.6	43	17	25	11	81	26
15 Republicans in Congress.....	42.8	27	45	8	27	95	-18
16 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association....	56.4	49	29	30	23	95	20
17 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	50.0	38	38	27	30	95	-
18 NAFTA and international trade agreements	42.6	24	39	8	26	88	-15
19 Labor unions.....	46.5	32	39	17	28	96	-7
20 Gay marriage.....	35.8	25	53	18	48	94	-28
21 The state of the economy	26.0	9	79	4	61	99	-70

(ref:THERM204)

¹ Names of actual incumbents inserted without party identification. This question was not of respondents in open-seat districts (California 32, Illinois 05 and New York 20)

Q.22 From what you have seen and heard so far about Barack Obama's policies and goals for the country, would you say that you support or oppose his policies and goals?

	Total
Strongly support	45
Somewhat support.....	21
Somewhat oppose.....	8
Strongly oppose.....	19
(Don't know/refused).....	6
Total support.....	66
Total oppose	28
Support - Oppose	39
(ref:BOPOLIC)	

Q.23 As you may have heard, President Obama is attempting to get the Congress to pass his economic recovery plan. From what you have heard about Obama's plan, do you favor or oppose his proposal?

	Total
Strongly favor	35
Somewhat favor.....	25
Somewhat oppose.....	8
Strongly oppose.....	25
(Don't know/refused).....	7
Total favor	60
Total oppose	33
Favor - Oppose	27
(ref:STMPROP2)	

Q.24 If your Representative in Congress voted in favor of President Obama's economic recovery plan, would it make you more or less likely to support your Representative for reelection it two years, or does it make no difference?

	Total
Much more likely.....	23
Somewhat more likely.....	14
Makes no difference	34
Somewhat less likely	5
Much less likely	20
(Don't know/refused).....	4
Total more likely	36
Total less likely	26
More - Less.....	11
(ref:STMVOTE)	

Q.25 Now I am going to read you a list of proposals that Congress might include in the economic recovery package. Please tell me which TWO proposals you think are most important to include in the plan.

	Total
Cutting taxes for the middle class and lower paid workers.....	33
Extending unemployment benefits and health care for those losing jobs.....	26
Investing in energy efficiency, a smart electricity grid and renewables like wind, solar and biofuels	24
Increasing college aid and scholarships so people can stay in school.....	23
Funding ready-to-go construction projects, like roads, transportation and expanded Internet	20
Cutting taxes for businesses.....	17
Funding the repair, renovation and construction of public schools.....	14
Giving aid to state governments to avoid cutting public services and jobs.....	11
Giving a tax credit to people who buy homes and cars	9
Computerizing all medical records to reduce costs	4
(All).....	4
(None)	1
(Other)	2
(Don't Know/Refused).....	2
(ref:STMCOMPS)	

Q.26 Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. After I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
26 (SPLIT A) Congress should support Barack Obama's agenda as much as possible and help the Obama administration get its programs passed so the new president has a chance to make the kinds of changes he thinks the country needs.										
OR										
While Congress should consider what Barack Obama wants, it should have an independent agenda and pass its own alternatives for dealing with the country's problems, even if they are in conflict with Obama's agenda.	41	12	15	30	0	1	1	52	45	7

[500 Respondents]										
27 (SPLIT B) We must pass an economic recovery package now because there is no choice, then we can focus on reigning in spending and balancing the budget once our economy is on the road to recovery.										
OR										
With a deficit of over a trillion dollars, we can't afford to spend another trillion dollars on a costly economic stimulus package.....	44	12	7	34	0	0	3	56	41	15

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
28 (SPLIT A) Though it's not perfect, the economic recovery plan supported by Obama and the Democrats mostly includes tax cuts and programs designed to help the economy and create or save jobs.										
OR										
The economic recovery plan supported by Obama and the Democrats in Congress mostly includes pork spending and political priorities that won't do enough to help the economy or create jobs.	44	16	11	26	1	0	2	60	37	23

[500 Respondents]										
29 (SPLIT A) Republicans in Congress are obstructing President Obama's economic plan because they are playing politics and want to deny him a political victory.										
OR										
Republicans in Congress are opposing President Obama's economic plan because they genuinely believe it is a bad idea for the country.....	34	9	11	42	1	2	1	43	53	-10

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
30 (SPLIT B) President Obama and the Democrats have tried to work together with Republicans to craft a bipartisan economic recovery plan.										
OR										
President Obama and the Democrats have used their Congressional majorities to ram through a partisan economic plan without Republican support.....	44	14	8	31	-	0	3	58	39	19

[500 Respondents]										
31 (SPLIT B) I am more worried that Republicans in Congress will prevent President Obama from passing the kind of economic recovery plan we need to start fixing the economy.										
OR										
I am more worried that President Obama and the Democrats will push through a stimulus bill that wastes taxpayers' money and increases the deficit.	37	10	8	42	0	1	2	47	50	-3
(ref:PAIRS08)										

Q.32 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	4
High School graduate	22
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college.....	26
College graduate	30
Post-graduate school.....	15
(Don't know/refused).....	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.33 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	9
No member belongs	78
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:UNION)	

Q.34 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	64
Single	17
Separated/Divorced.....	10
Widowed.....	8
(Don't know/refused).....	1
Sep/Div/Wid.....	17
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.35 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	29
Weak Democrat.....	12
Independent-lean Democrat	9
Independent	6
Independent-lean Republican	9
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican	19
(Don't know/refused).....	2
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.36 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	19
Moderate	34
Conservative.....	43
(Don't know/refused).....	4
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.37 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant.....	55
Catholic	22
Jewish	1
Muslim	0
(Don't know/refused).....	22
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.38 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	14
Once a week.....	31
Once or twice a month.....	15
Several times a year	12
Hardly ever	21
(Never)	4
(Don't know/Refused)	3
Weekly or more.....	45
(ref:RELIG2)	

[995 Respondents]

Q.39 (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	49
Republican John McCain	40
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Bob Barr).....	0
(Other).....	2
(DK/Refused).....	8
(ref:VOTE2008)	

[995 Respondents]

Q.40 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)²?

	Total
House Democrat.....	45
House Republican	41
(Other candidate).....	3
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	2
(DK/Refused).....	8
(ref:VTCG2008)	

Q.41 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	76
African-American or Black	10
Hispanic or Latino.....	8
Native American	2
Asian	1
(Other).....	0
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male	48
Female	52
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	6
25 - 29	7
30 - 34	7
35 - 39	7
40 - 44	8
45 - 49	10
50 - 54	11
55 - 59	11
60 - 64	10
Over 64.....	22
(No answer)	1
(ref:AGE)	

² Actual candidate names were inserted preceded by party. In unopposed districts, a generic (“the Democratic candidate” or “the Republican candidate”) was inserted as the challenger.