

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

October 15-18, 2011
1000 Likely Voters

Q.5 First of all, are you registered to vote?

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

Q.6 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	96
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	4
Did not vote.....	-
(Can't remember/Don't know)	-
(Refused)	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.7 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	80
Did not vote.....	17
Not registered/ineligible/too young.....	1
(Can't remember/Don't know)	2
(Refused)	-
(ref:VOTE10)	

Q.11 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)	-
(Refused)	-
(ref:CP10)	

Q.12 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	15
Wrong track.....	76
(Don't know/Refused)	9
Right - Wrong.....	-61
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.13 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	21
Somewhat approve.....	19
Somewhat disapprove	11
Strongly disapprove	42
(Don't know/Refused)	7
Total approve.....	40
Total disapprove.....	53
(ref:BOAPP)	

Q.14 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	9
Somewhat approve.....	18
Somewhat disapprove	17
Strongly disapprove	48
(Don't know/Refused)	8
Total approve.....	27
Total disapprove.....	65
(ref:REPAPP)	

Q.15 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
15 The Republican Party	41.8	30	49	12	33	97	-19
16 The Democratic Party.....	43.1	34	49	15	33	97	-15
17 The Republican Congress	39.1	27	51	9	36	97	-24
18 Democrats in Congress	41.3	31	50	11	35	97	-19
19 Barack Obama.....	47.8	45	45	30	38	98	-1
[279 Respondents]							
20 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE).....	57.4	40	20	24	14	74	21
[540 Respondents]							
20 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE).....	49.0	30	29	15	19	73	1
21 Mitt Romney.....	43.1	25	40	9	25	85	-16
[500 Respondents]							
22 (SPLIT A) Herman Cain.....	45.9	28	32	14	22	71	-5
23 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	54.4	44	31	27	24	92	14
24 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	47.7	35	40	23	32	95	-5
[500 Respondents]							
25 (SPLIT B) Labor unions	44.7	33	42	15	30	94	-9
26 Gay marriage	43.5	34	43	25	39	94	-10
29 The state of the economy	26.2	9	79	2	55	99	-71
							Warm - Cool
		% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	
30 Wall Street	33.6	18	58	5	43	94	-40

¹ The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

31 The Tea Party movement	40.1	30	49	16	39	92	-19
32 The new health care reform law	35.8	28	49	11	42	88	-21
[500 Respondents]							
33 (SPLIT A) A plan to dramatically reduce the deficit over the next five years	60.2	49	25	34	17	92	24
[500 Respondents]							
34 (SPLIT B) A plan to invest in new industries and rebuild the country over the next five years	63.8	57	19	35	11	92	38
35 The future of the middle class	41.2	23	50	9	30	94	-27
36 The Occupy Wall Street movement	43.3	30	39	18	32	83	-9
37 Banks and financial institutions in the United States	35.4	19	59	6	40	97	-40
(ref:THERM04/204/205)							

Q.38 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.....	42
Lean Democrat Barack Obama	3
Republican Mitt Romney	43
Lean Republican Mitt Romney.....	2
(Other candidate).....	4
Lean (Other candidate)	1
(Undecided).....	4
(Refused)	1
(Will not vote in 2012)	1
Total Democrat Barack Obama.....	45
Total Republican Mitt Romney	45
Total (Other candidate).....	5
(ref:PREZ12A)	

Q.40 Even though you are not supporting Democrat Barack Obama now, what are the chances that you might support Democrat Barack Obama in the election for President in 2012 -- is there a fair chance that you might support Democrat Barack Obama, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support Democrat Barack Obama?

	Total
Fair chance	4
A small chance	5
Just a very slight chance.....	7
No chance at all.....	39
(Don't know/Refused)	1
 Obama Supporter	 45
(ref:PREZVCS1)	

Q.41 Even though you are not supporting Republican Mitt Romney now, what are the chances that you might support Republican Mitt Romney in the election for President in 2012 -- is there a fair chance that you might support Republican Mitt Romney, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support Republican Mitt Romney?

	Total
Fair chance	8
A small chance	9
Just a very slight chance.....	10
No chance at all.....	27
(Don't know/Refused)	1
 Romney Supporter	 45
(ref:PREZVCS2)	

Q.42 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	42
Lean Republican candidate	3
(Other candidate).....	1
Lean (Other candidate)	1
(Undecided).....	6
(Refused)	1
(Will not vote in 2012)	0
Total Democratic candidate.....	46
Total Republican candidate.....	46
Total (Other candidate).....	2

(ref:CONG10)

Q.44 How interested would you say you are in national issues, like elections and legislative debates in Washington or in your state capitol -- extremely interested, very interested, somewhat interested, or not very interested?

	Total
Extremely interested	23
Very interested	39
Somewhat interested	30
Not very interested.....	8
(Don't know/Refused)	0
Extremely/Very	62
Somewhat/Not	37

(ref:INTERE)

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.45 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 Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nthr	DK/ Ref	Total Dem Btrr	Total Rep Btrr	Dem - Rep
45 The economy	21	17	19	25	1	7	11	37	44	-7
46 Has the right approach to jobs	21	20	19	21	0	9	10	41	40	0
47 Has the right approach to spending and deficits.....	16	17	22	25	1	9	10	33	47	-14
48 Standing up for the middle class.....	32	17	18	18	1	8	6	49	36	12
[500 Respondents]										
49 (SPLIT A) Has the right approach to business and big businesses	18	16	21	26	1	6	12	33	47	-14
[500 Respondents]										
50 (SPLIT B) Has the right approach to banks and financial institutions..... (ref:BETJOB)	17	22	23	15	1	11	11	39	38	1
[500 Respondents]										
51 (SPLIT C) Obama and the Democrats are more concerned with creating jobs for ordinary Americans. OR Obama and the Democrats are more concerned with bailing out Wall Street.	29	14	14	28	0	7	7	43	42	0

Q.53 Now I am going to read you a few facts about the American economy. After I read each one, please tell me whether you believe it is a very serious problem, a serious problem, not a very serious problem, or not a problem at all.

	Very Ser Prob	Ser Prob	Not too Ser	Not at all	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[500 Respondents]							
54 (SPLIT C) One in four homeowners are underwater, owing more on their mortgage than their house is even worth.	54	40	4	1	1	94	5
[500 Respondents]							
55 (SPLIT D) College tuition and fees increased almost 300 percent over the last twenty years, and graduates now leave school with an average debt of twenty-four thousand dollars.	49	36	11	4	1	84	15
[500 Respondents]							
56 (SPLIT C) The richest 400 people in the United States have more wealth than the bottom 155 million people combined.	34	31	17	16	3	65	33
[500 Respondents]							
57 (SPLIT D) Tax rates for the richest 400 Americans were sliced in half as their income quadrupled - now they're paying just 17 percent.	41	35	14	6	4	76	20

	Very Ser Prob	Ser Prob	Not too Ser	Not at all	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[500 Respondents] 58 (SPLIT C) In 2008, American taxpayers spent 700 billion dollars bailing out Wall Street banks. That same year, Wall Street bankers received over 18 billion dollars in bonuses.	62	30	3	2	2	93	6
[500 Respondents] 59 (SPLIT D) In the first year of the economic crisis, average workers lost 25 percent of their retirement savings in IRA accounts, while the wealthiest 400 families increased their wealth by 300 billion dollars.....	54	31	8	4	4	85	11
[500 Respondents] 60 (SPLIT D) As a result of the housing bust, one out of every four homeowners is underwater, owing more on their mortgages than their homes are even worth. Many responsible homeowners are now struggling with high debt and cannot sell or move.	62	31	5	2	1	93	6
[500 Respondents] 61 (SPLIT C) With a top rate of 35 percent, the United States has the second highest corporate tax rate in the world, second only to Japan.	28	40	17	11	5	68	27
[500 Respondents] 62 (SPLIT D) In 2010, government regulation was the second highest concern for American small businesses, who said that regulations were preventing them from growing and hiring new workers.	37	40	16	4	4	77	20
[500 Respondents] 63 (SPLIT C) The national debt has more than doubled in the last 10 years and has increased 38 percent since President Obama took office.	54	33	9	2	2	87	11

	Very Ser Prob	Ser Prob	Not too Ser	Not at all	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[500 Respondents]							
64 (SPLIT D) Almost half of families pay no income tax at all. In fact, the bottom 40 percent of families actually make a profit from federal income tax, getting more money back in credits than they owed in taxes.	27	36	20	12	5	63	32
(ref:FACTS)							

Q.65 Now I am going to read you a few statements about the American economy and government. After I read each one, please tell me whether you agree or disagree.

	Strng Agree	Smwt Agree	Smwt Dis	Strng Dis	DK/ Ref	Total Agree	Total Dis	Agree -Dis
[500 Respondents]								
65 (SPLIT C) The big banks got bailed out but the middle class got left behind. Our economy works for Wall Street CEOs but not for the middle class. America isn't supposed to only work for the top one percent.	54	21	9	12	5	75	20	55

[500 Respondents]								
66 (SPLIT C) Young people are coming out of school saddled with student loan debt, most of which is financed by big banks who make billions in interest on this debt. This generation already faces high unemployment. They will never be able to get on track unless we reduce young people's debt burden.....	50	23	12	12	3	73	24	48

[500 Respondents]								
67 (SPLIT D) Our economy is upside down. The majority of America is in a recession, but Wall Street is doing better than ever. Regular people work harder and harder for less and less while Wall Street CEOs enjoy bigger bonuses than ever. If American's economy isn't working for the 99 percent, it's not working.....	57	24	8	6	4	81	15	66

	Strng Agree	Smwt Agree	Smwt Dis	Strng Dis	DK/ Ref	Total Agree	Total Dis	Agree - Dis
[500 Respondents]								
68 (SPLIT D) The only way to create prosperity in America is to give our economy back to the free market, not try to destroy it. The liberal elite who are now occupying Wall Street do not understand how capitalism and business work.	32	29	15	14	10	62	29	33
69 America has succeeded because of hard work and competition, not because we expect government to give us things for free. For too long, Americans have spent money they couldn't afford, driving up personal and government debt.....	60	25	6	5	4	85	11	75
[500 Respondents]								
70 (SPLIT D) The promise of the American Dream is that if you work hard and play by the rules you can make a good life for you and your family. But right now, 99 percent of Americans only see the rich getting richer and everyone else getting crushed. And they're right.....	49	23	13	12	3	72	25	47
[500 Respondents]								
71 (SPLIT C) The top 1 percent are the ones who create jobs in this country. They are already overburdened with job-killing regulations and high corporate taxes. We need to create a climate that encourages business, not one that gives in to protestors. (ref:OWSTHEME)	35	26	13	19	7	61	32	28

Q.94 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	28
College graduate	28
Post-graduate school	19
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.95 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	17
Yes: Family Member	26
No.....	54
(Dk/Ref)	2
Total Yes.....	44
(ref:EMPLOY2)	

Q.96 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	7
No member belongs	77
(Don't know/Refused)	3
Union Household	20
(ref:UNION)	

Q.97 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	64
Single.....	16
Separated/Divorced	9
Widowed	6
Living with a partner.....	4
(Don't know/Refused)	3
Sep/Div/Wid	14
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.98 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	23
Weak Democrat.....	12
Independent-lean Democrat	10
Independent	9
Independent-lean Republican.....	13
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican	18
(Don't know/Refused)	3
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.101 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal	19
Moderate.....	36
Conservative	38
(Don't know/Refused)	7
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.102 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not? (FOLLOW UP IF SUPPORTER) And would that be a strong or not so strong supporter?

	Total
Strong supporter.....	16
Not so strong supporter.....	16
Not a supporter.....	60
(Don't know/Refused)	8
Total Supporter.....	32
(ref:TEASUPP)	

[181 Respondents]

Q.103 (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	29
No.....	71
(Don't Know/Refused)	-
(ref:LANDLINE)	

[819 Respondents]

Q.104 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total
Yes	85
No.....	12
(Don't Know/Refused)	3
(ref:CELLLINE)	

[746 Respondents]

Q.105 (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	28
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone.....	39
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	32
(Don't Know/Refused)	1
(ref:DUALUSE)	

Phone use table

	Total
Cell Only	13
Cell Mostly	21
Dual User	29
Landline Mostly	24
Landline Only	10
Landline Unknown	3
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample)	5
Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample)	16

Q.106 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant.....	54
Catholic.....	18
Jewish.....	2
Muslim	0
(Don't know/Refused)	26
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.107 Generally speaking, would you say that you are wealthy, middle class, working class, poor, or something else? (IF MIDDLE CLASS) And would you say that you are upper middle class, middle class, or lower middle class?

	Total
Wealthy.....	2
Upper middle class	11
Middle class	39
Lower middle class	9
Working class.....	25
Poor.....	7
(Other)	3
(Don't know/Refused)	5
Total Middle class.....	58
(ref:CLASS)	

[803 Respondents]

Q.108 (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).....	41
(2010 HOUSE REPUBLICAN).....	43
(Other candidate).....	3
(Did Not Vote for Congress)	3
(Don't Know/Refused)	11
(ref:VTCG2010)	

[961 Respondents]

Q.109 (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.....	46
Republican John McCain	43
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Bob Barr)	0
(Other)	2
(Don't Know/Refused)	8
(ref:VOTE2008)	

Q.110 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	75
African-American or Black.....	12
Hispanic or Latino.....	9
Native American	1
Asian.....	1
(Other)	0
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:RACETHN)	

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.113 (SKIP IF NO OR DK/REFUSED IN CELLLINE) Thank you for completing our survey. We are also in the process of recruiting participants for a study that will ask people to answer occasional questions over text message. The study will last approximately 1 year and you will receive no more than five text messages per month. Your responses will remain anonymous, we will not try to sell you anything and we will not ask you for a donation. The messages would be subject to the standard text-message rates from your phone carrier, and you can unsubscribe from the study at any time. Would you be willing to help us by participating in this study?

	Total
Yes	16
No.....	78
(Don't know/refused).....	5
(ref:RECRUIT)	

Q.4 Respondent's gender

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

Q.8 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	7
25 - 29	8
30 - 34	9
35 - 39	8
40 - 44	8
45 - 49	11
50 - 54	8
55 - 59	9
60 - 64	12
65 and over	20
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	