

Democracy Corps - Congressional Battleground Frequency Questionnaire

January 14-19, 2009

1200 Likely Voters in 40 Democratic-Held Districts (1200 Unweighted)

600 Tier 1 (620 Unweighted)

600 Tier 2 (580 Unweighted)

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

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Yes.....	100	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	Tier 1	Tier 2
Voted.....	100	99	100
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young.....	0	1	0
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	Tier 1	Tier 2
Voted.....	97	97	96
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young.....	3	3	4
Did not vote.....	-	-	-
(Can't remember/Don't know)	-	-	-
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:VOTE062)			

Q.7 I know it's a long way off, but what are the chances of you voting in the election for Congress and other offices 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	Tier 1	Tier 2
Almost certain	88	88	87
Probably	12	12	13
50-50	-	-	-
Will not vote	-	-	-
(Don't know)	-	-	-
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:CP3)			

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	Tier 1	Tier 2
Right direction	23	21	25
Wrong track.....	70	71	69
(Don't know/refused)	7	8	6
Right - Wrong	-47	-50	-44
(ref:DIRECT)			

Q.9 Do you approve or disapprove of the job being done by Barack Obama as president-elect?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Strongly approve	35	34	36
Somewhat approve	19	18	20
Somewhat disapprove	5	6	5
Strongly disapprove	12	13	12
(Don't know/refused)	29	29	29
Total approve	54	52	55
Total disapprove	18	19	16
(ref:BOAPP)			

Q.26 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	Tier 1	Tier 2
Strongly support.....	44	42	46
Somewhat support	26	25	27
Somewhat oppose	7	9	6
Strongly oppose	14	15	13
(Don't know/refused)	8	8	8
Total support	70	68	73
Total oppose.....	22	24	20
Support - Oppose.....	48	44	53
(ref:BOPOLIC)			

[912 Respondents]

Q.27 I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the election for Senate in 2010, if the election for U.S. Senate were held today, would you be voting for -- (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)?¹

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
(DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE).....	42	39	44
(REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE).....	37	38	36
(Undecided)	16	18	14
(Other candidate)	1	1	1
(Refused)	5	4	5
(ref:SEN10)			

[81 Respondents]

Q.28 I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the election for governor in November, if the election for governor were held today, would you be voting for -- (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)?²

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
(DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE).....	39	33	49
(REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE).....	40	42	35
(Undecided)	20	24	12
(Other candidate)	1	-	3
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:GOV09)			

¹ Asked of districts in states holding senatorial elections in 2010. For the New York districts, where both seats will be up due to special election, only the Class III seat held by Democrat Charles Schumer was asked. For Illinois districts, both candidates were generic as Roland Burris has not indicated intentions to run in the special election. Incumbent names were inserted except where retirement had been announced as of January 13, 2008, in which case both candidates were generic. In all cases, the generic "Republican Candidate" and "Democratic Candidate" was inserted for the opposition.

² Asked of New Jersey and Virginia districts where the next election is for governor in 2009. In New Jersey, incumbent governor Jon Corzine was inserted as the Democrat against a generic Republican challenger. In Virginia, both candidates were generic ("the Democratic candidate" and "the Republican candidate") as incumbent Democrat Tim Kaine is term-limited.

[170 Respondents]

Q.29 I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the election for governor in 2010, if the election for governor were held today, would you be voting for -- (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)?³

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
(DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE).....	40	33	47
(REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE).....	35	37	32
(Undecided)	19	23	16
(Other candidate)	2	1	3
(Refused)	4	6	2
(ref:GOV10)			

³ Asked of districts in Michigan, New Mexico and Texas where the next election is for governor in 2010 and no Senate seat is up for election. In Texas, incumbent governor Rick Perry was inserted as the Republican against a generic Democratic challenger. For Michigan and New Mexico, both candidates were generic (“the Democratic candidate” and “the Republican candidate”) as incumbent Democrats Jennifer Granholm and Bill Richardson are term-limited.

Q.30 I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the election for Congress in 2010, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for -- (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)?⁴

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
(DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE).....	46	43	49
Lean (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE).....	5	6	4
(REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE).....	35	35	34
Lean (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE).....	4	5	4
(Other candidate).....	1	1	1
Lean (Other candidate).....	0	-	0
(Undecided).....	6	7	5
(Refused).....	3	2	3
Total (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE).....	51	49	53
Total (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE).....	39	40	38
Total (Other candidate).....	1	1	2

(ref:CONG10)

Q.32 Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes (HOUSE INCUMBENT) very well, well, not too well or not well at all.⁵

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
32 Honest and trustworthy.....	22	35	16	8	20	56	24	32
Tier 1.....	22	36	16	9	18	57	24	33
Tier 2.....	22	34	16	8	21	56	24	32
33 Too liberal.....	18	20	27	15	20	39	42	-3
Tier 1.....	18	19	28	16	18	38	45	-7
Tier 2.....	19	22	25	13	21	40	39	2
34 Out of touch.....	13	17	28	22	20	30	50	-20
Tier 1.....	13	16	28	24	19	29	52	-23
Tier 2.....	13	19	27	20	21	31	48	-16
35 Will raise my taxes.....	20	24	22	13	22	43	35	9
Tier 1.....	18	25	21	14	23	43	35	8
Tier 2.....	21	23	23	12	21	44	35	9
36 Fights for people here.....	24	32	15	9	20	55	25	31
Tier 1.....	23	33	17	9	19	55	26	30
Tier 2.....	25	31	14	10	21	55	24	32
37 On your side.....	20	32	19	12	17	52	31	20
Tier 1.....	20	30	21	12	17	50	33	17
Tier 2.....	19	34	17	12	17	53	29	24

⁴ The 2008-elected incumbent was inserted as the Democratic Candidate for all districts with the generic "Republican Candidate" as the challenger.

⁵ The incumbent's name was inserted without party identification.

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[600 Respondents]								
38 (SPLIT A) Will get things done.....	19	32	20	10	18	52	30	21
Tier 1	19	31	22	11	16	51	33	17
Tier 2	20	33	18	10	20	52	28	25

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[600 Respondents]								
39 (SPLIT B) Will work with members from both parties to get things done	23	35	14	8	20	58	23	35
Tier 1	22	35	16	6	21	57	22	34
Tier 2	24	35	11	12	18	59	23	36
40 Shares your values	18	31	20	14	17	49	33	16
Tier 1	19	30	21	14	16	49	34	15
Tier 2	17	32	19	14	18	49	32	17

41 Partisan, follows the party line too much	19	27	23	9	22	45	33	13
Tier 1	17	26	23	11	23	43	34	10
Tier 2	20	28	24	8	21	48	32	16

(ref:ATRIB)

Q.42 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 Btr	Dem Smwt Btr	Rep Smwt Btr	Rep Much Btr	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
42 The economy	32	22	16	13	2	6	9	54	29	25
Tier 1	31	20	20	13	2	6	9	50	32	18
Tier 2	33	24	13	12	2	7	8	58	26	32
43 Taxes	20	22	17	24	1	5	10	43	42	1
Tier 1	19	19	19	26	1	5	11	39	45	-6
Tier 2	22	25	16	23	1	4	10	46	39	8
44 Health care.....	37	22	14	11	2	6	9	59	25	34
Tier 1	35	19	16	13	2	6	9	55	29	26
Tier 2	38	25	11	9	2	6	9	63	21	42
45 Standing up to the powerful special interests in Washington	23	24	12	11	2	16	13	46	23	23
Tier 1	21	22	14	13	1	16	13	42	27	16
Tier 2	24	26	10	10	2	16	12	50	20	30

	Dem Much Bttr	Dem Smwt Bttr	Rep Smwt Bttr	Rep Much Bttr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
46 National security	19	16	18	32	3	2	10	35	50	-15
Tier 1	18	15	17	34	4	2	11	33	51	-17
Tier 2	21	16	19	31	2	2	9	37	50	-12
47 Energy policy	33	25	14	14	1	5	8	58	28	29
Tier 1	30	24	17	15	2	4	8	54	32	22
Tier 2	35	26	11	14	1	5	8	61	25	36
[600 Respondents]										
48 (SPLIT A) Making government more accountable.....										
	28	24	16	15	1	9	7	52	31	21
Tier 1	24	23	19	17	1	9	8	47	36	11
Tier 2	31	25	14	13	2	8	7	56	27	29
49 Leaders open to working with others, regardless of party										
	28	23	14	13	3	8	11	51	27	24
Tier 1	27	21	15	14	3	9	12	47	29	18
Tier 2	30	25	13	12	2	7	11	55	25	30
[600 Respondents]										
50 (SPLIT B) Making sure that taxpayers get value for their tax dollars										
	23	22	17	13	1	12	11	46	30	16
Tier 1	20	20	17	15	2	14	12	40	32	8
Tier 2	27	25	16	11	1	10	10	52	27	25
51 Handling illegal immigration										
	17	21	20	18	1	9	14	38	39	-1
Tier 1	14	20	19	20	1	12	15	34	39	-5
Tier 2	20	22	21	17	2	6	12	42	38	4
52 Breaking the gridlock in Washington										
	22	25	13	8	1	14	17	47	21	27
Tier 1	20	24	14	8	1	15	18	44	21	23
Tier 2	24	27	12	8	1	12	16	51	20	31
53 The budget deficit										
	28	21	16	14	1	10	10	49	29	20
Tier 1	27	18	17	14	1	12	10	45	31	14
Tier 2	30	23	15	13	1	8	10	53	28	26

(ref:BETJOB)

Q.92 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	Tier 1	Tier 2
1 - 11th grade.....	3	3	4
High School graduate	22	20	25
Non-college post H.S.	1	1	1
Some college	27	28	25
College graduate.....	26	26	25
Post-graduate school	20	21	19
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.93 Are you a member of a labor union?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Yes: Respondent belongs	14	13	15
Household member.....	7	6	7
No member belongs.....	78	80	77
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	1	1
Union Household	20	19	22
Non College Non Union	41	42	41
(ref:UNION)			

Q.94 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Married.....	65	66	64
Single	14	13	14
Separated/Divorced	10	11	10
Widowed	10	9	11
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1
Sep/Div/Wid	20	19	21
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.95 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Strong Democrat.....	26	24	28
Weak Democrat	11	10	12
Independent-lean Democrat	10	10	10
Independent	7	8	6
Independent-lean Republican	13	13	12
Weak Republican.....	14	14	13
Strong Republican	19	20	18
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.98 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Liberal	14	12	17
Moderate	42	40	44
Conservative	40	44	36
(Don't know/refused)	4	4	4
(ref:IDEO1)			

Q.99 What is your religion?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Protestant.....	53	59	48
Catholic.....	24	20	29
Jewish.....	1	1	2
Muslim.....	1	0	1
(Don't know/refused)	20	20	21
(ref:RELIG1)			

[641 Respondents]

Q.100 (ASK IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Fundamentalist	12	15	8
Evangelical.....	22	19	26
Charismatic/Pentecostal	10	10	9
Moderate to liberal	40	41	40
(Something else).....	4	4	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	12	11	13
(ref:RELIG3)			

Q.101 How often do you attend religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Every week	43	45	41
Once or twice a month	14	13	15
Several times a year	12	12	12
Hardly ever.....	23	23	23
(Never).....	4	4	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	4
(ref:RELIG2)			

[1195 Respondents]

Q.102 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) or (2008 REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE)?⁶

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
2008 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE	53	52	54
2008 REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE	38	38	37
(Other candidate)	1	2	1
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	2	2	2
(DK/Refused)	6	7	6
(ref:VT CG2008)			

[1195 Respondents]

Q.103 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Democrat Barack Obama	47	44	49
Republican John McCain	43	45	41
(Ralph Nader)	0	0	0
(Bob Barr)	1	1	1
(Other).....	2	1	2
(DK/Refused)	8	9	7
(ref:VOTE2008)			

Q.104 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
White	79	80	79
African-American or Black	8	9	6
Hispanic or Latino	8	6	10
Native American.....	1	0	1
Asian	0	0	0
(Other).....	1	1	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	3	2
(ref:RACETHN)			

⁶ Actual candidate names were inserted preceded by party identifications for all districts.

[99 Respondents]

Q.106 (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	Tier 1	Tier 2
Mexican.....	52	44	56
Puerto Rican	9	12	6
Cuban	1	3	-
Dominican	-	-	-
Salvadoran.....	-	-	-
Other: Central America	-	-	-
Other: South America	4	-	6
Other	32	37	29
(Don't know/Refused).....	3	4	2

(ref:ORIGIN08)

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Male	48	48	48
Female	52	52	52

(ref:GENDER)

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
18 - 24.....	4	4	5
25 - 29.....	5	7	4
30 - 34.....	7	8	7
35 - 39.....	7	6	8
40 - 44.....	9	8	9
45 - 49.....	11	11	11
50 - 54.....	9	9	10
55 - 59.....	10	10	10
60 - 64.....	11	11	11
Over 64	25	25	24
(No answer)	1	2	1

(ref:AGE)