

# Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

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1000 Likely Voters

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

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
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?

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

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

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	42
Somewhat approve .....	16
Somewhat disapprove.....	6
Strongly disapprove.....	21
(Don't know/refused) .....	16
<b>Total approve.....</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Total disapprove.....</b>	<b>27</b>
(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
<b>[494 Respondents]</b>							
14 (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>1</sup> .....	58.8	44	21	23	14	80	23
<b>[503 Respondents]</b>							
14 (REPUBLICAN HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>1</sup> .....	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

<sup>1</sup> Names of actual incumbents inserted without party identification. This question was not asked 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly support .....	45
Somewhat support .....	21
Somewhat oppose.....	8
Strongly oppose .....	19
(Don't know/refused) .....	6
<b>Total support .....</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Support - Oppose .....</b>	<b>39</b>
(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?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly favor .....	35
Somewhat favor .....	25
Somewhat oppose.....	8
Strongly oppose .....	25
(Don't know/refused) .....	7
<b>Total favor .....</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose .....</b>	<b>27</b>
(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?

	<b>Total</b>
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
<b>Total more likely .....</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Total less likely .....</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>More - Less .....</b>	<b>11</b>
(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.

	<b>Total</b>
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
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
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

<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
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
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
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

<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
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
<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
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

<b>[500 Respondents]</b>										
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?

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
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?

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

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

	<b>Total</b>
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?

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

Q.37 What is your religion?

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
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
<b>Weekly or more.....</b>	<b>45</b>
(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?

	<b>Total</b>
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)<sup>2</sup>?

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
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

	<b>Total</b>
Male.....	48
Female .....	52
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
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)	

<sup>2</sup> 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.