

# Democracy Corps--Youth Frequency Questionnaire

February 25-March 11, 2009

**606 Respondents 18-29**

**109 RDD** (120 Unweighted)

**255 Cell** (180 Unweighted)

**242 Web** (306 Unweighted)

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Q.4 First of all, are you registered to vote?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	77
No.....	22
(Refused).....	0
(ref:SCREEN2)	

Q.5 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 .....	65
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young .....	17
Did not vote .....	18
(Can't remember/Don't know) .....	0
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.6 Many voters make it a habit to vote in elections for President, but do not always get a chance to vote in years when there is no campaign for President and only offices like Congress, U.S. Senate and Governor are on the ballot. I know it is a long way off, but what are the chances that you will vote in the elections in 2010 for Congress and other offices, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 means you are absolutely certain to vote and 1 means you are certain not to vote?

	<b>Total</b>
10 .....	34
9 .....	8
8 .....	11
7 .....	9
6 .....	4
5 .....	14
4 .....	2
3 .....	3
2 .....	2
1 .....	11
Don't know .....	1
Mean .....	7.0
<b>10 .....</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>8-10 .....</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>6-10 .....</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>1-5 .....</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Don't know .....</b>	<b>1</b>
(ref:DROPOFF)	

Q.7 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	40
Somewhat approve.....	34
Somewhat disapprove .....	7
Strongly disapprove.....	10
(Don't know/refused).....	9
<b>Total approve .....</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Total disapprove.....</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove .....</b>	<b>57</b>
(ref:BOAPP)	

Q.8 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	% ID
8 The Republican Party .....	41.6	29	45	93
9 The Democratic Party .....	56.6	48	28	95
10 George W. Bush .....	28.8	21	67	98
11 The Republican Congress .....	41.6	28	43	91
12 Barack Obama.....	67.6	65	21	97
13 John McCain.....	40.4	32	51	96
14 The Democratic Congress .....	55.4	45	26	91
15 Sarah Palin.....	34.0	26	56	93
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>				
16 (SPLIT A) The Iraq war.....	30.5	19	64	96
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>				
17 (SPLIT A) Big banks .....	33.6	14	47	78
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>				
18 (SPLIT B) Wall Street .....	37.3	19	46	85
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>				
19 (SPLIT B) War in Afghanistan.....	33.9	24	55	94
(ref: THERM04/THERM204)				

Q.20 I know it is 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 The Democratic Candidate or The Republican Candidate?

	<b>Total</b>
The Democratic Candidate .....	50
Lean The Democratic Candidate .....	3
The Republican Candidate .....	27
Lean the Republican Candidate.....	3
(Other candidate).....	5
Lean (Other candidate).....	0
(Undecided).....	2
(Refused).....	1
(Won't vote) .....	8
<b>Total Democratic Candidate .....</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Total Republican Candidate.....</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total (Other Candidate).....</b>	<b>5</b>
(ref:CONG06)	

Q.22 How closely are you following events in Washington and in the Obama administration: very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, not at all closely?

	<b>Total</b>
Very closely .....	21
Somewhat closely.....	54
Not very closely .....	20
Not at all closely .....	5
(Don't know/refused).....	0
<b>Very/Smwt closely .....</b>	<b>75</b>
(ref:CLOSE)	

Q.23 Did you watch President Obama's prime-time television address (Tuesday night/last week/last month)?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes.....	45
No.....	54
(Don't know/refused).....	1
<b>Yes - No .....</b>	<b>-9</b>
(ref:SOTU)	

**[139 Respondents]**

Q.24 (HALF SAMPLE)(IF YES IN SOTU) What one part of the speech seemed to speak most to the things going on in your life?

	<b>Total</b>
Economy .....	28
Education/College .....	16
Jobs/Unemployment .....	13
Healthcare reform .....	10
Stimulus Plan.....	9
Taxes .....	5
Housing .....	4
Iraq .....	3
Renewable energy.....	2
Non-specific positive.....	5
Non-specific negative .....	6
All of it/Everything.....	8
None.....	6
Other .....	6
Don't know.....	6
(ref:SOTUOE)	

Q.25 Do you believe the Democratic party is speaking directly to you and the issues you care about?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes - strongly.....	24
Yes - somewhat.....	39
No - somewhat .....	20
No - strongly .....	12
(Don't know/Refused) .....	5
<b>Total Yes .....</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Total No .....</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Yes - No .....</b>	<b>31</b>
(ref:DEMSPEAK)	

Q.26 Do you believe the Republican party is speaking directly to you and the issues you care about?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes - strongly.....	10
Yes - somewhat.....	32
No - somewhat .....	29
No - strongly .....	25
(Don't know/Refused) .....	5
<b>Total Yes .....</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Total No .....</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Yes - No .....</b>	<b>-12</b>
(ref:REPSPEAK)	

Q.27 Now, 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 Bttr	Dem Smwt Bttr	Rep Smwt Bttr	Rep Much Bttr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
27 The economy and jobs ....	31	24	10	12	4	8	10	55	23	32
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>										
28 (SPLIT B)Taxes .....	23	20	15	15	6	8	12	43	31	13
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>										
29 (SPLIT A)Health care.....	33	23	10	10	4	9	11	56	20	35
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>										
30 (SPLIT B)The federal budget .....	17	24	17	11	4	13	14	41	28	12
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>										
31 (SPLIT A)The war on terrorism .....	22	20	17	18	5	7	11	42	35	7
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>										
32 (SPLIT B)Paying attention to issues that affect younger people .....	34	24	9	4	5	11	12	59	14	45
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>										
33 (SPLIT A)Becoming energy independent.....	36	24	11	7	5	7	10	60	18	42
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>										
34 (SPLIT A)Sharing your values.....	30	18	12	17	7	7	10	48	29	18
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>										
35 (SPLIT B)Improving education.....	30	21	10	10	6	10	13	50	21	30
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>										
36 (SPLIT A)Making college more affordable .....	36	23	8	7	5	6	15	59	14	45
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>										
37 (SPLIT B)Making government work for regular people .....	31	22	10	10	4	12	11	53	20	33
(ref:BETJOB)										

Q.38 Thinking about the policy goals of the Obama administration, which one or two of the following do you believe are the most important?

	<b>Total</b>
Creating jobs and putting the country on a sound economic footing .....	42
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>	
(SPLIT D) Providing every American with health insurance.....	24
Improving education and making college more affordable ..	24
Investing in alternative energy and ending our dependence on oil .....	19
<b>[303 Respondents]</b>	
(SPLIT C) Reducing the cost of health care .....	14
Restoring America's middle class .....	13
Giving everyone a fair opportunity to succeed, not just the rich.....	12
Saving Social Security and Medicare.....	11
Strengthen America's security with a new approach to the war on terrorism.....	8
Reducing the influence of special interests in Washington...	6
(None) .....	2
(All).....	11
(Don't know/refused).....	1
(ref:MISSION1)	

Q.39 Thinking about other goals of the Obama administration, which one or two of the following do you believe are the most important?

	<b>Total</b>
Demanding personal responsibility and accountability from all, including CEO's and those working in the government .....	36
Restoring America's respect around the world.....	27
Fostering a sense of volunteerism and getting people more involved in their community and country .....	20
Restoring the belief that average people can change things in this country.....	19
Bringing together people of different races and backgrounds.....	18
Reducing partisan bickering in Washington .....	12
(All).....	10
(None) .....	5
(Don't know/refused).....	4
(ref:MISSION2)	

Q.40 Some of these questions are for classification purposes only. What type of telephone services do you have?

	<b>Total</b>
Land line.....	47
Cell phone .....	92
VOIP or voice over internet phone.....	10
(None of the above) (EXCLUSIVE PUNCH) .....	1
(Don't know/refused) (EXCLUSIVE PUNCH) .....	0
(ref:LANDLINE)	

**[600 Respondents]**

Q.41 (SKIP IF NONE OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED ON LANDLINE) And which of these is the main service you use for incoming and outgoing calls?

	<b>Total</b>
Land line.....	21
Cell phone .....	76
VOIP or voice over internet phone.....	2
None of the above .....	-
(Don't know/refused).....	1
<b>Cell only .....</b>	<b>44</b>
(ref:MAINLINE)	

Q.42 As you may have heard, Congress recently passed President Obama's economic recovery plan. From what you have heard about Obama's plan, do you favor or oppose his proposal?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly favor .....	29
Somewhat favor.....	39
Somewhat oppose.....	9
Strongly oppose.....	11
(Don't know/refused).....	12
<b>Total favor .....</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose .....</b>	<b>48</b>
(ref:STMPROP3)	



**[303 Respondents]**

Q.43 (SPLIT C) How much confidence do you have that this economic recovery plan will improve the economy--are you very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident or not at all confident?

	<b>Total</b>
Very confident.....	17
Somewhat confident .....	55
Not very confident.....	16
Not at all confident.....	11
(Don't know/refused).....	2
<b>Very/Smwt confident .....</b>	<b>71</b>
(ref:STMCONF)	

**[303 Respondents]**

Q.44 (SPLIT D) How much confidence do you have that this economic recovery plan will improve your own personal economic situation--are you very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident or not at all confident?

	<b>Total</b>
Very confident.....	19
Somewhat confident .....	48
Not very confident.....	20
Not at all confident.....	11
(Don't know/refused).....	1
<b>Very/Smwt confident .....</b>	<b>68</b>
(ref:STMIMPAT)	

Q.45 I am going to read you several aspects of the economic recovery plan. Thinking again about your own economic situation, please tell me which one or two of the following would have the most impact on your life?

	<b>Total</b>
Making college more affordable by increasing funding in Pell grants and providing new higher education tax cuts.....	42
A \$400 tax break for individuals and \$800 for couples .....	31
Investing in renewable energy and doubling domestic renewable energy capacity .....	21
Extending unemployment, food stamps and health care benefits for those who lost their jobs.....	19
Providing aid to state governments to reduce layoffs of teachers, firefighters and police. ....	15
Investing in roads, bridges and mass transit. ....	11
Computerizing health records to reduce error and reduce cost.....	6
(None) .....	5
(All).....	6
(Don't know/refused).....	2
(ref:STIMLIST)	

Q.46 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.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Strng	1 <sup>st</sup> Weak	2 <sup>nd</sup> Weak	2 <sup>nd</sup> Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1 <sup>st</sup> Stmt	Total 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stmt	1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
46 I am one paycheck away from having to borrow money from my parents or credit cards. OR I have enough savings to fall back on if something minor goes wrong with my finances.....	38	15	15	23	1	9	1	52	38	15

47 The economic recovery plan will improve the economy in the long run by making badly needed investments in education and helping end our dependence on foreign oil. OR The economic recovery plan will hurt the economy in the long run by running up nearly a trillion dollars in debt. ....	33	22	13	19	3	7	3	55	32	23
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(ref:VALUES07)

Q.48 Thinking about the actions of Republicans in Congress, would you say they have mostly worked to oppose and obstruct the Obama administration OR worked with the Obama administration where possible while providing different policy choices.

	<b>Total</b>
Oppose and obstruct, strongly .....	24
Oppose and obstruct, not strongly .....	16
Work with and provide alternatives, not strongly .....	22
Work with and provide alterantives, strongly .....	19
(Both) .....	3
(Neither) .....	9
(Don't know/refused).....	6
<b>Total Oppose.....</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Work with.....</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Oppose - Work with .....</b>	<b>-1</b>

(ref:REPCONG)

**[242 Respondents]**

Q.49 (WEB ONLY) Now, please rate how accurately the following words or phrases describe the Republican party.

	Very Well	Smwt Well	Not Very Well	Not Well At All	DK/ Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
49 Tolerant .....	6	25	28	28	13	31	56	-26
50 Patriotic .....	26	37	13	14	10	63	27	36
51 Forward looking .....	8	29	27	25	12	37	52	-15
52 Hopeful.....	10	30	27	20	13	40	46	-6
53 Extreme .....	19	26	20	21	13	46	41	5
54 Incompetent.....	18	27	21	22	12	45	43	2
55 Too interested in telling other people how to run their lives .....	23	29	16	19	12	52	36	17
56 On your side .....	11	19	24	36	10	30	60	-30
57 Represents change.....	8	17	27	36	11	25	64	-38
58 No real plans for the country..... (ref:REPGEN)	14	26	25	24	11	40	49	-9

**[242 Respondents]**

Q.59 (WEB ONLY) Now, please rate how accurately the following words or phrases describe the Democratic party.

	Very Well	Smwt Well	Not Very Well	Not Well At All	DK/ Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
59 Tolerant .....	25	37	15	10	13	62	25	37
60 Patriotic .....	32	35	16	6	11	67	22	44
61 Forward looking .....	36	40	8	7	9	76	16	60
62 Hopeful.....	38	39	9	5	9	77	14	62
63 Lacking good values .....	14	18	22	36	11	32	57	-25
64 On your side .....	28	37	16	12	7	65	29	36
65 Represents change.....	38	35	13	4	10	73	18	55
66 Too liberal.....	15	26	25	21	12	42	46	-5
67 Overspending .....	24	29	20	16	12	53	36	17
(ref:DEMGEN)								

Q.68 I'd like to ask you some questions about how you are doing now. First, how would you rate your own personal economic situation today? Is it excellent, good, only fair or poor?

	<b>Total</b>
Excellent.....	5
Good .....	33
Only fair .....	41
Poor.....	20
(Don't know/Refused) .....	1
<b>Total Excellent/good.....</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Total Fair/poor .....</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Excellent/good - Fair/poor.....</b>	<b>-23</b>
(ref:ECONPERS)	

Q.69 Finally, we have a few questions for classification purposes. What is your current job status?

	<b>Total</b>
Employed full time .....	39
Employed part time.....	20
Unemployed/Not employed/Looking for work.....	19
Retired.....	0
Student .....	23
Homemaker .....	8
Have a temporary job .....	2
Other (please specify):.....	2
(Don't know/refused).....	0
(ref:EMPLOY)	

**[466 Respondents]**

Q.85 (IF NOT STUDENT IN EMPLOY) What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	<b>Total</b>
1st - 11th grade/some high school .....	9
High school graduate.....	44
Trade school or technical school.....	9
Community college graduate .....	11
4-year college graduate .....	19
Post-graduate degree .....	6
(Don't know/refused).....	2
(ref:EDUC)	

**[140 Respondents]**

Q.86 (IF STUDENT IN EMPLOY) What type of school are you currently attending?

	<b>Total</b>
High School .....	10
Trade school or technical school.....	6
Community college .....	18
4-year college .....	57
Post-graduate program.....	8
(Don't know/refused).....	1
(ref:EDUC3)	

## Combined Education

	<b>Total</b>
HS or less .....	43
Some coll.....	34
Coll or more.....	21
(Don't know/refused).....	2
(ref:EDUC/EDUC3)	

Q.87 How many hours do you spend online in a typical week, including time spent writing emails, instant messaging, and so forth?

	<b>Total</b>
0 .....	8
1 - 5 .....	21
6 - 10 .....	19
11 - 15 .....	10
16 - 20 .....	14
21 - 30 .....	11
More than 30 .....	13
(Don't know/refused).....	3
Mean .....	17.3
(ref:ONLHOURS)	

Q.88 Thinking in political terms, would you say you are conservative, moderate or liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Very liberal .....	13
Liberal.....	20
Moderate .....	39
Conservative.....	15
Very conservative .....	10
(Don't know/refused).....	4
<b>Total Liberal .....</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Total Conservative.....</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Liberal - Conservative .....</b>	<b>8</b>
(ref:IDEO5)	

Q.89 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong Democrat .....	26
Weak Democrat.....	22
Independent-lean Democrat .....	9
Independent .....	11
Independent-lean Republican .....	7
Weak Republican .....	11
Strong Republican .....	11
(Don't know/refused).....	3
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.92 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	<b>Total</b>
White .....	59
Hispanic or Latino.....	16
African or African American .....	14
Asian .....	6
Pacific Islander (including Hawaiian) .....	2
Central Asian.....	0
Chinese .....	1
Middle Eastern/North African .....	1
Mixed racial heritage from the Caribbean Islands .....	1
Native American/Eskimo/Aleutian .....	3
Other (SPECIFY).....	1
(Don't know/refused).....	3
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.93 What is your marital status?

	<b>Total</b>
Married .....	29
Single .....	60
Separated.....	1
Divorced .....	2
Widowed.....	0
Domestic Partnership .....	6
(Don't know/refused).....	1
(ref:MARSTAT)	

Q.94 What is your religion, if any?

	<b>Total</b>
Protestant .....	19
Catholic .....	20
Jewish .....	1
Muslim .....	1
None.....	22
Other (please specify):.....	7
(Don't know/refused).....	6
(Other Christian).....	22
(Mormon/LDS).....	2
(ref:RELIGION)	

**[458 Respondents]**

Q.95 (SKIP IF JEWISH,MUSLIM OR NONE IN RELIGION) Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	36
No.....	59
(Don't know/refused).....	4
(ref:BORNAGAI)	

Q.96 How often do you attend religious services -- More than once a week, every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	<b>Total</b>
More than once a week .....	10
Every week.....	18
Once or twice a month.....	12
Several times a year .....	15
Hardly ever .....	27
Never.....	15
(Don't know/Refused) .....	3
(ref:RELIG4)	

**[396 Respondents]**

Q.97 (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 .....	59
Republican John McCain .....	28
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Bob Barr).....	1
(Other).....	4
(Don't know/Refused) .....	8
<b>Democrat Barack Obama .....</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Republican John McCain .....</b>	<b>33</b>
(ref:VOTE2008)	

Q.98 (IF OBAMBA IN VOTE2008) How likely are you to vote for a Republican candidate for president in the future: would you say you would never support a Republican candidate, there is a slight chance you would support a Republican candidate or is there a good chance you will vote for a Republican candidate for President?

	<b>Total</b>
Never support.....	12
Slight chance.....	20
Good chance.....	6
(Depends).....	0
(Don't know/refused).....	-
<b>Non-Obama supporter.....</b>	<b>62</b>
(ref:CHANCE2)	

Q.99 (IF MCCAN IN VOTE2008) How likely are you to vote for a Democratic candidate for president in the future: would you say you would never support a Democratic candidate, there is a slight chance you would support a Democratic candidate or is there a good chance you will vote for a Democratic candidate for President?

	<b>Total</b>
Never support.....	4
Slight chance.....	10
Good chance.....	3
(Depends).....	1
(Don't know/refused).....	0
<b>Non-McCain supporter.....</b>	<b>82</b>
(ref:CHANCE1)	

Q.3 Record respondent's gender

	<b>Total</b>
Male.....	50
Female.....	50
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.2 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
18.....	9
19.....	10
20.....	8
21.....	8
22.....	8
23.....	8
24.....	9
25.....	8
26.....	8
27.....	9
28.....	9
29.....	6
<b>18-23.....</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>24-29.....</b>	<b>49</b>
(ref:AGE)	