

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

March 15-18, 2010

1,016 2008 Voters
850 Likely Voters (871 unweighted)¹
166 Drop-Off Voters (145 unweighted)²

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

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Voted.....	98	98	95
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young.....	2	2	5
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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Voted.....	82	94	24
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young.....	6	6	8
Did not vote.....	8	-	51
(Can't remember/Don't know)	3	-	17
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:VOTE062)			

¹ Likely voters are defined as those 2008 voters who voted or were not eligible in 2006 AND are almost certain to vote, probable to vote, or don't know if they will vote in 2010.

² Drop-off voters are defined as those 2008 voters who are not likely voters.

Q.9 I know it is a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for Congress this November: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Almost certain	76	84	34
Probably	16	15	20
50-50	5	-	28
Will not vote	3	-	17
(Don't know)	0	0	0
(Refused)		-	0
(ref:CP10)			

Q.10 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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Right direction	28	28	30
Wrong track.....	61	62	58
(Don't know/refused)	10	10	12
Right - Wrong	-33	-34	-29
(ref:DIRECT)			

Q.11 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strongly approve	28	28	24
Somewhat approve	19	18	25
Somewhat disapprove	11	10	15
Strongly disapprove	36	39	25
(Don't know/refused)	6	5	11
Total Approve	46	46	48
Total Disapprove	48	49	41
(ref:BOAPP)			

Q.12 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	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
12 The Republican Party	41.4	29	47	11	34	97	-18
Likely Voters	41.6	31	48	12	35	98	-17
Drop-Off Voters	40.2	20	44	7	30	94	-25
13 The Democratic Party	44.7	35	44	18	34	98	-9
Likely Voters	43.7	35	46	18	36	98	-11
Drop-Off Voters	49.8	39	34	18	24	96	5
14 The Democratic Congress	40.9	32	48	13	38	97	-16
Likely Voters	40.1	32	50	14	39	97	-19
Drop-Off Voters	45.3	37	39	11	29	97	-3
15 Barack Obama	51.7	49	40	32	32	98	9
Likely Voters	51.1	49	41	33	34	98	8
Drop-Off Voters	55.2	51	34	27	23	98	17
[444 Respondents]							
16 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) ³ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE)	53.6	38	25	22	21	76	14
Likely Voters	53.6	41	26	23	22	79	15
Drop-Off Voters	53.2	21	13	12	13	47	9
[393 Respondents]							
16 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) ³ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE)	48.5	33	31	17	22	78	3
Likely Voters	49.7	35	32	19	22	79	3
Drop-Off Voters	41.8	25	27	7	23	72	-2
17 Republicans in Congress	40.8	28	48	11	33	96	-19
Likely Voters	40.9	30	48	11	34	96	-19
Drop-Off Voters	40.1	20	44	9	30	91	-24
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	55.7	45	30	30	23	90	15
Likely Voters	55.6	46	30	30	23	91	16
Drop-Off Voters	56.3	40	30	31	22	89	10
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	50.4	40	37	27	30	94	3
Likely Voters	49.9	40	38	27	30	95	2
Drop-Off Voters	53.2	41	33	30	26	93	8

³ The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
[508 Respondents]							
20 (SPLIT A) Big corporations	41.1	25	47	11	31	95	-22
Likely Voters	41.8	25	45	11	30	95	-20
Drop-Off Voters	37.6	25	58	11	36	94	-33
21 Gay marriage	36.9	29	52	22	49	94	-23
Likely Voters	37.5	30	51	22	48	94	-21
Drop-Off Voters	33.5	23	54	19	52	93	-32
[508 Respondents]							
22 (SPLIT B) Social Security	54.5	46	31	25	21	95	14
Likely Voters	55.0	46	31	26	22	95	16
Drop-Off Voters	52.2	41	36	19	18	95	5
[508 Respondents]							
23 (SPLIT B) Medicare	56.3	42	32	25	14	93	10
Likely Voters	56.7	43	31	26	14	94	13
Drop-Off Voters	54.2	34	37	21	14	91	-3
24 The state of the economy	31.0	13	70	2	46	99	-57
Likely Voters	31.2	13	70	2	46	99	-57
Drop-Off Voters	29.9	14	72	2	44	99	-58
[508 Respondents]							
25 (SPLIT A) Small businesses	72.9	71	13	51	7	96	58
Likely Voters	73.3	72	13	53	7	95	59
Drop-Off Voters	70.7	70	15	44	6	99	54
26 The state of your personal finances	53.5	46	29	20	19	94	17
Likely Voters	54.0	46	29	21	18	95	17
Drop-Off Voters	50.6	45	31	16	23	92	14
27 The federal budget deficit	22.6	9	71	3	60	95	-62
Likely Voters	22.9	10	70	3	60	95	-61
Drop-Off Voters	21.0	8	77	3	59	93	-69

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.28 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)⁴?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Democratic candidate	40	39	43
Lean Democratic candidate	5	4	5
Republican candidate	38	39	33
Lean Republican candidate	4	4	3
(Other candidate)	3	2	4
Lean (Other candidate)	1	1	1
(Undecided)	7	7	6
(Refused)	3	3	5
Total Democratic candidate	44	44	48
Total Republican candidate	42	43	37
Total (Other candidate).....	4	3	5

(ref:CONG10)

Q.30 As you may have heard, President Obama has proposed a plan to change the health care system that passed in the House of Representatives and the Senate. From what you have heard about this plan, do you favor or oppose Obama's health care proposal?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strongly favor	23	24	20
Somewhat favor	17	17	18
Somewhat oppose	9	8	15
Strongly oppose	43	45	33
(Don't know/refused)	8	7	15
Total favor.....	40	41	37
Total oppose.....	52	53	48

(ref:OBHCPROP)

⁴ 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.31 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.

	Dems Much Bttr	Dems Smwt Bttr	Reps Smwt Bttr	Reps Much Bttr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
31 The economy	21	17	21	21	2	7	11	38	43	-4
Likely Voters	21	16	21	23	1	6	10	38	44	-7
Drop-Off Voters	22	18	21	12	3	9	16	40	33	6
[508 Respondents]										
32 (SPLIT A) Taxes	15	20	20	23	1	7	13	35	43	-8
Likely Voters	14	19	22	26	0	7	12	34	47	-14
Drop-Off Voters	18	26	13	11	4	7	21	44	25	20
33 Being on your side	26	17	17	19	1	9	12	43	36	7
Likely Voters	26	15	18	20	1	9	11	42	38	3
Drop-Off Voters	22	26	12	10	3	10	16	49	22	27
[508 Respondents]										
34 (SPLIT B) Reducing the tax burden on middle class and working families	27	18	20	19	1	5	9	45	39	6
Likely Voters	27	19	20	20	1	5	8	45	40	5
Drop-Off Voters	30	16	20	15	-	5	14	46	35	11
[508 Respondents]										
35 (SPLIT A) Raising middle class living standards	25	17	22	17	1	6	12	42	40	2
Likely Voters	27	14	23	19	0	6	12	40	42	-1
Drop-Off Voters	15	35	21	9	2	6	11	50	31	19
[508 Respondents]										
36 (SPLIT A) Government spending	14	19	21	19	2	9	15	34	40	-6
Likely Voters	15	17	22	21	1	8	15	32	43	-11
Drop-Off Voters	11	29	15	9	6	14	17	40	24	16
[508 Respondents]										
37 (SPLIT B) Jobs and employment	25	17	21	20	1	5	10	42	41	2
Likely Voters	25	16	21	21	2	5	10	42	42	0
Drop-Off Voters	24	22	19	15	-	8	11	46	35	11
[508 Respondents]										
38 (SPLIT B) The federal budget deficit.....	18	14	22	21	1	9	14	32	43	-11
Likely Voters	18	13	23	21	2	9	14	31	44	-13
Drop-Off Voters	20	18	17	22	-	10	14	38	39	-1

	Dems Much Btrr	Dems Smwt Btrr	Reps Smwt Btrr	Reps Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
[508 Respondents]										
39 (SPLIT A) Helping										
small business	20	19	20	23	1	3	13	40	44	-4
Likely Voters.....	21	18	22	24	1	3	12	39	46	-7
Drop-Off Voters	19	24	14	18	3	4	19	42	32	10

[508 Respondents]										
40 (SPLIT B) Helping										
small business succeed	18	20	21	21	1	5	14	38	42	-4
Likely Voters.....	17	19	23	23	1	5	12	37	45	-9
Drop-Off Voters	22	21	13	14	-	6	23	43	27	16
(ref:BETJOBCEG)										

Q.44 How often does the subject of the federal deficit come up in conversations with friends or family -- a lot, some, hardly ever or never?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
A lot.....	38	41	20
Some.....	33	33	34
Hardly ever.....	19	18	27
Never	10	8	19
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	1	0
A lot/Some	71	74	53
(ref:TALKDEFT)			

[508 Respondents]

Q.45 (SPLIT A) Now please tell me in your own words what comes to mind when you hear the phrase "The federal budget deficit?"

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
NEGATIVITY NET	51	51	51
General bad (dislike it, think it is a problem, creates anxiety, overwhelming)	18	18	17
Too big.....	17	16	21
Mismanaged	12	14	5
Financial burden	6	7	4
Terrible.....	2	2	3
Ridiculous	2	2	3
Depressing.....	1	1	3
Confusing	1	1	4
DESCRIPTIVE NET	30	29	33
Government spending	16	18	7
The national debt.....	8	7	14
How much the government owes	3	2	6
Debt to foreign countries.....	3	2	6
Taxes.....	2	2	-
ACTIONS NET	16	16	13
'Fix it', general.....	6	6	4
Focus on fixing the economy	4	4	2
Can't be fixed	3	3	3
Working together to fix it.....	2	2	4
Stop spending so much	2	2	1
BLAME NET	14	15	10
George W. Bush and/or Republicans	7	7	9
Barack Obama and/or Democrats	4	4	2
Congress	3	3	-
Politicians.....	2	2	-
The government.....	1	1	-
OTHER RESPONSES	17	17	15
Don't know/Refused.....	6	5	10
It is getting better	1	0	1
Other.....	10	11	4

(ref: DEFICTOE)

[508 Respondents]

Q.46 (SPLIT A) From what you have heard or seen about the current federal budget deficit, would you say it is a crisis, a major problem but not a crisis, is a minor problem, or not that much of a problem?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Crisis	49	50	41
Major problem but not a crisis.....	45	43	53
Minor problem	4	4	6
Not that much of a problem.....	2	2	-
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	1	0
(ref:DEFCSIS)			

[508 Respondents]

Q.47 (SPLIT B) From what you have heard or seen about the current employment situation, would you say it is a crisis, is a major problem but not a crisis, is a minor problem, or not that much of a problem?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Crisis	46	46	43
Major problem but not a crisis.....	49	48	50
Minor problem	3	3	4
Not that much of a problem.....	2	1	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	0	1
(ref:JOBRSIS)			

Q.48 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	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[508 Respondents]										
48 (SPLIT A) President Obama's economic policies helped avert an even worse crisis, and are laying the foundation for our eventual economic recovery.										
OR										
President Obama's economic policies have run up a record federal deficit while failing to end the recession or slow the record pace of job losses.....										
	32	15	10	36	0	2	4	47	47	0
Likely Voters.....	33	12	9	39	1	2	4	45	48	-3
Drop-Off Voters.....	24	29	16	22	-	4	4	53	38	15

[508 Respondents]										
49 (SPLIT A) Former President Bush is more responsible for the current state of the economy.										
OR										
President Obama is more responsible for the current state of the economy.....										
	48	6	8	24	4	6	5	53	32	21
Likely Voters.....	45	5	9	25	4	6	5	51	34	17
Drop-Off Voters.....	59	7	5	18	2	7	3	66	22	43

[508 Respondents]										
50 (SPLIT B) Former President Bush is more responsible for the budget deficit.										
OR										
President Obama is more responsible for the budget deficit.....										
	48	7	6	31	4	3	3	55	36	18
Likely Voters.....	47	6	6	32	4	3	2	53	38	15
Drop-Off Voters.....	50	13	3	25	1	3	6	62	28	35

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[508 Respondents]										
51 (SPLIT B) 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.										
	33	12	12	34	1	4	4	45	46	-1
Likely Voters	32	12	13	34	1	4	4	44	46	-2
Drop-Off Voters	35	12	8	38	-	2	5	47	46	1

[508 Respondents]										
52 (SPLIT B) The best way to improve our economy and create jobs is to invest more to put people to work, develop new industries, and help businesses grow in expanding, new areas.										
OR										
The best way to improve our economy and create jobs is to cut government spending and cut taxes so businesses can prosper and the private sector can start creating jobs.....										
	38	9	9	38	2	1	3	47	47	-1
Likely Voters	39	8	8	39	2	1	3	47	48	-1
Drop-Off Voters	37	11	12	33	3	-	3	48	46	3

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[508 Respondents]										
53 (SPLIT A) Looking at what is happening with the economy, I am leaning toward voting for the Democrats so we don't jeopardize the chance of an economic recovery.										
OR										
Looking at what is happening with the economy, I am leaning toward voting for the Republicans to protest the direction the economy is heading.										
heading.	32	12	12	35	-	6	3	44	46	-3
Likely Voters.....	32	10	11	38	-	6	3	42	49	-7
Drop-Off Voters.....	27	25	17	18	-	6	6	53	34	18

[508 Respondents]										
54 (SPLIT A) The federal deficit is a big national problem but we should not raise taxes broadly even to bring it down.										
OR										
The federal deficit is such a national problem that we might have to raise taxes broadly in ways that will help to bring it down.....										
help to bring it down.....	37	14	20	24	-	2	4	51	44	7
Likely Voters.....	38	14	20	24	-	2	3	51	43	8
Drop-Off Voters.....	32	14	24	23	-	1	6	46	47	-1

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
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55 (SPLIT B) The federal deficit is a big national problem but we should not make major spending cuts in Social Security, Medicare, or defense spending.

OR

The federal deficit is such a national problem that we might have to cut spending broadly, including future Social Security, Medicare

and defense spending.....	46	16	10	19	0	3	6	62	29	33
Likely Voters.....	46	15	10	20	0	3	6	61	30	31
Drop-Off Voters.....	49	18	12	12	-	1	7	67	25	42

(ref:PAIRS10)

[508 Respondents]

Q.56 (SPLIT A) Now thinking about the federal deficit. What should be the goal of the president and Congress in the next four years - to eliminate the deficit completely, cut the deficit in half, get the deficit headed down from where it is now, keep the deficit from getting any bigger or not pay much attention to the deficit?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Eliminate deficit completely.....	8	8	6
Cut the deficit in half	27	27	22
Get the deficit headed down from where it is now	42	44	34
Keep the deficit from getting any bigger	17	15	30
Not pay much attention to the deficit.....	2	2	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	6

(ref:TMDEFCIT)

[508 Respondents]

Q.57 (SPLIT A) Which of the following would you say is the biggest problem about the federal deficit - it creates a burden for future generations to pay off, it makes the U.S. economy less competitive, it will slow future economic and job growth, it will mean possible higher taxes, or it will mean possible cuts in essentials like Social Security and Medicare?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Creates a burden for future generations to pay off	28	30	18
Make the U.S. economy less competitive	12	12	13
Will slow future economic and job growth	14	14	10
Will mean possible higher taxes	10	9	18
Will mean possible cuts in essentials like Social Security and Medicare	13	12	19
(All).....	15	16	10
(Some)	2	2	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	6	6	8
(ref:DEFPROB)			

[508 Respondents]

Q.58 (SPLIT B) What do you think would be most effective in reducing future federal deficits - spending cuts or tax increases?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Spending cuts	72	71	74
Tax increases.....	17	18	14
(Both)	6	6	6
(Neither)	2	2	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	3	3	2
(ref:REDUCDEF)			

[508 Respondents]

Q.59 (SPLIT B) Now I'd like to read you a list of things that some people say have caused the national deficit to grow over the past several years, now to a projected 1.56 trillion dollars for this year. After I read this list, please tell me which one, in your opinion, is most responsible for the federal deficit growing significantly over the past several years.

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
The Bush tax cuts	9	9	7
The economic recession	10	10	11
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	36	36	35
The Medicare Prescription Drug benefit	1	1	1
President Obama's economic recovery or stimulus plan	18	20	11
Bailouts for the banks and auto industry	18	17	27
(Other).....	1	1	1
(All).....	2	3	-
(None)	0	-	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	6
(ref:RESPNSBL)			

[508 Respondents]

Q.60 (SPLIT B) So far, about one-third of the money budgeted as part of the economic stimulus plan has been spent. Do you think the rest of the money should be spent as planned to help create jobs or should the rest of the stimulus program be canceled and the money used to reduce the budget deficit?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Spend stimulus as planned to help create jobs	54	52	61
Cancel remaining stimulus and use to reduce the budget deficit.....	43	45	35
(Don't know/Refused).....	3	3	4
Spend as planned - Cancel	11	8	26
(ref:STIMPAY)			

[508 Respondents]

Q.61 (SPLIT A) I'm going to read you two statements. Please tell me which of the two statements you agree with more even if neither is exactly right.

Some people say the country's budget deficit for this year is so large that spending cuts will hurt health care, Social Security, unemployment benefits and other services.

Other people say that there is enough waste and inefficiency in government spending that we can reduce the deficit through spending cuts so health care, Social Security, unemployment benefits and other services won't really be hurt.

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
First statement strongly.....	22	22	21
First statement not so strongly	22	21	26
Second statement not so strongly.....	20	21	16
Second statement strongly	27	27	24
(Both)	0	0	-
(Neither)	4	2	10
(Don't know/refused)	6	6	4
Total First statement.....	44	43	47
Total Second statement	47	48	39
First - Second	-3	-5	8
(ref:APPRCHPR)			

[508 Respondents]

Q.62 (SPLIT B) I'm going to read you two statements. Please tell me which of the two statements you agree with more even if neither is exactly right.

I would be willing to pay more in taxes to reduce the federal deficit if I knew that everyone else, like big businesses, banks and the very wealthy were also paying their fair share of taxes.

Individuals bear too much of the tax burden and cannot afford higher taxes even to pay down the federal deficit.

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
First statement strongly.....	27	29	18
First statement not so strongly.....	18	18	17
Second statement not so strongly.....	16	14	28
Second statement strongly.....	33	34	27
(Both).....	1	1	-
(Neither).....	1	1	2
(Don't know/refused).....	3	2	7
Total First statement.....	46	47	35
Total Second statement.....	50	48	56
First - Second.....	-4	-1	-20
(ref:TAXWILL)			

Q.63 Now I'd like to read you a list of proposals to help close the federal budget deficit. After I read each item, please tell me whether you FAVOR or OPPOSE that proposal.

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Fav - Opp
[508 Respondents]								
63 (SPLIT A) Create a bipartisan deficit reduction commission that would provide recommendations of ways to cut the deficit which would have to be quickly passed or rejected with a three-fifths majority by the House and Senate as a package.....	27	32	13	19	9	59	32	27
Likely Voters.....	26	31	14	20	8	58	34	24
Drop-Off Voters.....	33	32	7	16	12	64	23	41

[508 Respondents]

64 (SPLIT B) Put a freeze on all non-defense government spending for five years.....	27	19	24	23	7	46	47	0
Likely Voters.....	28	20	24	21	6	48	45	3
Drop-Off Voters.....	21	16	23	31	9	37	54	-17

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Fav - Opp
[508 Respondents]								
65 (SPLIT A) Require any new government spending increases to be offset with other spending cuts or tax increases.....	33	28	17	16	6	61	33	28
Likely Voters.....	34	30	15	16	5	64	31	33
Drop-Off Voters.....	26	21	26	17	10	47	44	3
[508 Respondents]								
66 (SPLIT B) Cut all non-defense spending by 3 percent a year for five years	30	28	15	21	6	57	36	21
Likely Voters.....	29	26	17	22	6	56	39	17
Drop-Off Voters.....	30	36	6	18	9	66	24	42
[508 Respondents]								
67 (SPLIT A) Allow the Social Security retirement age for receiving full benefits to rise slowly to age 70 by the year 2020	12	23	16	47	2	35	63	-27
Likely Voters.....	13	22	17	46	2	36	62	-27
Drop-Off Voters.....	7	27	9	55	2	34	64	-31
[508 Respondents]								
68 (SPLIT B) Increase the age to receive Medicare benefits from age 65 to age 67 by the year 2020	22	21	14	38	4	43	53	-9
Likely Voters.....	23	21	14	38	4	44	51	-7
Drop-Off Voters.....	17	20	16	43	4	37	59	-22
[508 Respondents]								
69 (SPLIT A) Remove limits on the Social Security payroll tax so that those earning more than 90,000 dollars a year pay taxes on their whole income instead of only part of it.....	30	23	18	23	6	53	41	12
Likely Voters.....	31	22	18	24	6	53	42	11
Drop-Off Voters.....	27	28	15	22	8	55	37	18

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Fav - Opp
[508 Respondents]								
70 (SPLIT B) Change future Medicare coverage for those under age 55 from a system of defined benefits at age 65 to a system of vouchers that provides recipients an average of 11,000 dollars a year to spend on their healthcare in retirement.....	12	22	19	29	18	34	48	-14
Likely Voters.....	11	22	18	31	17	33	49	-16
Drop-Off Voters.....	12	26	22	22	18	38	44	-6

[508 Respondents]								
71 (SPLIT A) Change Social Security for younger workers from a system of defined benefits at retirement to a system that allows recipients to invest their payments in the stock market	19	21	17	36	7	40	52	-12
Likely Voters.....	21	21	18	34	7	41	51	-10
Drop-Off Voters.....	9	25	12	46	8	34	59	-25

[508 Respondents]								
72 (SPLIT B) Reduce future spending on entitlements such as Social Security and Medicare	12	16	19	48	5	28	67	-39
Likely Voters.....	12	17	17	48	5	30	65	-35
Drop-Off Voters.....	10	8	28	47	7	18	75	-56

[508 Respondents]								
73 (SPLIT B) Reduce future defense spending	26	20	16	31	6	47	48	-1
Likely Voters.....	28	18	16	32	5	46	49	-2
Drop-Off Voters.....	16	31	15	27	11	48	42	6

[508 Respondents]								
74 (SPLIT A) Increase the federal income tax rate for those earning over 200,000 dollars a year from 36 to 40 percent.....	34	21	14	28	3	55	43	12
Likely Voters.....	33	20	13	31	2	54	44	10
Drop-Off Voters.....	38	21	22	13	5	59	35	24

[508 Respondents]								
75 (SPLIT A) Create a nationwide 3 percent sales tax on all goods except for food.....	17	22	15	42	3	39	58	-18
Likely Voters.....	17	23	15	42	3	40	57	-17
Drop-Off Voters.....	18	18	16	45	3	36	61	-24

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Fav - Opp
[508 Respondents]								
76 (SPLIT B) Create a financial transactions tax that would impose a small tax of half-a-cent each time a stock is bought or sold	23	25	17	25	9	49	42	6
Likely Voters	24	24	17	27	8	48	44	3
Drop-Off Voters	22	31	16	17	14	53	33	20

(ref:PROPS)

Q.77 Now I am going to read you a statement that a candidate for president might make about our current federal budget deficit. After I read this statement, please tell me if that makes you more or less likely to vote for that candidate.

	Much More Likly	Smwt More Likly	Smwt Less Likly	Much Less Likly	Nei-ther	Dk/ Ref	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
[508 Respondents]									
77 (SPLIT A) The federal budget deficit is so important that we have to get serious about it and create a commission for cutting spending and big tax reform. In order to raise revenue and close the deficit, we need a national sales tax. This is necessary for the economic health of the country.	11	29	23	28	1	8	40	51	-11
Likely Voters	11	30	21	30	1	7	41	51	-11
Drop-Off Voters	10	27	32	15	4	12	37	47	-10

[508 Respondents]									
78 (SPLIT B) The federal budget deficit is so important that we have to get serious about cutting spending in a big way, even on programs like defense, Social Security and Medicare. To lower the deficit, some tax reform will also be necessary, but we will not raise taxes.....	12	33	23	23	1	7	45	46	-1
Likely Voters	13	33	23	22	2	8	46	45	1
Drop-Off Voters	7	34	24	30	1	5	40	54	-13

(ref:DEFPVOTB)

Q.79 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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
1 - 11th grade.....	3	3	4
High School graduate	23	21	32
Non-college post H.S.	1	1	2
Some college	27	27	28
College graduate.....	28	29	23
Post-graduate school	17	19	10
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.80 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Yes: Respondent belongs.....	13	14	7
Household member.....	9	8	14
No member belongs.....	78	78	78
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	1	1
Union Household	21	22	21
(ref:UNION)			

Q.89 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Married.....	60	62	50
Single	22	21	29
Separated/Divorced	9	8	13
Widowed	6	7	4
(Don't know/refused)	2	2	4
Sep/Div/Wid	15	15	17
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.90 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strong Democrat.....	23	23	22
Weak Democrat	12	12	14
Independent-lean Democrat	12	11	15
Independent.....	7	6	11
Independent-lean Republican	12	13	4
Weak Republican.....	14	14	17
Strong Republican	17	18	12
(Don't know/refused)	3	2	4
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.93 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Liberal	19	20	17
Moderate.....	35	34	40
Conservative.....	41	42	37
(Don't know/refused)	5	4	6
(ref:IDEO1)			

[171 Respondents]

Q.94 (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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Yes.....	37	37	39
No	63	63	61
(DK/Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:LANDLINE)			

[845 Respondents]

Q.95 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Yes.....	82	84	72
No	16	14	28
(DK/Refused)	2	2	0
(ref:CELLLINE)			

[759 Respondents]

Q.96 (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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
All or almost all calls on a cell phone	19	18	25
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	42	43	34
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	38	39	38
(DK/Refused)	1	1	3
(ref:DUALUSE)			

Phone Use Table

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Cell Only	11	9	19
Cell Mostly	14	14	16
Dual User	31	33	21
Landline Mostly	29	30	23
Landline Only	14	12	19
Landline Unknown	2	2	2
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample)	6	5	12
Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample)	8	9	3

Q.97 What is your religion?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Protestant.....	53	53	54
Catholic	19	20	17
Jewish	2	2	2
Muslim.....	1	1	1
(Don't know/refused)	24	24	26
(ref:RELIG1)			

Q.98 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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
More than once a week.....	14	13	17
Once a week	27	29	16
Once or twice a month	11	10	15
Several times a year	14	13	19
Hardly ever.....	24	23	25
(Never)	5	5	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	5	5	4
More than/Once a week	41	43	33
(ref:RELIG2)			

[992 Respondents]

Q.99 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Democrat Barack Obama	47	46	54
Republican John McCain	41	43	30
(Ralph Nader)	-	-	-
(Bob Barr)	0	0	-
(Other).....	2	2	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	9	9	13
(ref:VOTE2008)			

[992 Respondents]

Q.100 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)⁵?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
(2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT)	42	43	40
(2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN).....	38	39	31
(Other candidate)	3	3	4
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	5	3	16
(Don't know/Refused).....	12	12	9
(ref:VTCG2008)			

Q.101 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
White	75	76	72
African-American or Black	12	12	13
Hispanic or Latino	8	8	9
Native American.....	1	1	1
Asian	1	1	1
(Other).....	1	1	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	3	3	3
(ref:RACETHN)			

⁵ 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.103 Last year, that is in 2009, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Less than \$10K	5	5	6
\$10K to under \$20K	8	6	15
\$20K to under \$30K	7	8	6
\$30K to under \$50K	16	15	17
\$50K to under \$75K	16	16	15
\$75K to under \$100K	15	16	8
\$100K or more	16	16	17
(Refused)	13	13	8
(Don't know)	5	5	7
(ref:INCOME)			

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Male	47	48	44
Female	53	52	56
(ref:GENDER)			

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
18 - 24	8	7	13
25 - 29	8	6	17
30 - 34	7	7	7
35 - 39	9	8	12
40 - 44	8	9	6
45 - 49	12	13	7
50 - 54	8	7	11
55 - 59	8	8	8
60 - 64	11	11	9
Over 64	19	20	12
(No answer)	2	2	0
(ref:AGE)			