

Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

March 13-17, 2011

1000 Likely Voters in Battleground Districts¹

500 Likely 2012 Voters in Tier 1

500 Likely 2012 Voters in Tier 2

Q.4 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.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?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Voted.....	97	97	97
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young.....	3	3	3
Did not vote.....	-	-	-
(Can't remember/Don't know)	-	-	-
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:VOTE08)			

Q.6 Many people weren't able to vote in the election for Congress and other offices last November. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Voted.....	90	90	90
Not registered in 2010/Ineligible/too young.....	2	2	1
Did not vote.....	7	8	7
(Can't remember/Don't know)	1	0	2
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:VOTE2010)			

¹ Survey conducted in 50 battleground house districts March 13-17, 2011. Tier 1 and Tier 2 each include 25 districts. For a list of districts please see accompanying document, or our website:

<http://www.democracycorps.com/wp-content/files/DISTRICTS.pdf>.

Margin of error of entire sample is +/- 3.1%. Margin of error in each tier is +/- 4.5%.

Q.7 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	Tier 1	Tier 2
Almost certain	92	90	94
Probably	8	10	6
50-50	-	-	-
Will not vote	-	-	-
(Don't know)	-	-	-
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:CP10)			

Q.9 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	28	32	25
Wrong track.....	62	58	66
(Don't know/Refused).....	9	10	9
Right - Wrong	-34	-27	-42
(ref:DIRECT)			

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the job being done by Barack Obama as president?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Strongly approve	25	27	24
Somewhat approve	23	23	23
Somewhat disapprove	10	10	10
Strongly disapprove	37	36	39
(Don't know/Refused).....	5	4	5
Total approve	48	50	46
Total disapprove	47	45	49
(ref:BOAPP)			

Q.11 Do you approve or disapprove of the way (HOUSE INCUMBENT) is handling his/her job as a member of the U.S. Congress?¹

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Strongly approve	15	15	15
Somewhat approve	23	23	22
Somewhat disapprove	9	10	9
Strongly disapprove	15	15	15
(Don't know/Refused).....	38	36	39
Total approve	38	39	37
Total disapprove	25	25	24
(ref:CONGAPP)			

¹ Incumbent names were inserted with party identification.

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	46.0	37	43	14	28	98	-6
Tier 1	47.1	39	40	14	27	99	-1
Tier 2	44.9	35	45	14	28	97	-10
13 The Democratic Party	45.9	39	44	17	31	97	-5
Tier 1	47.2	42	42	18	30	98	.
Tier 2	44.6	35	46	16	32	97	-11
14 Democrats in Congress	44.2	37	45	15	32	97	-9
Tier 1	45.6	38	44	15	30	97	-5
Tier 2	42.8	35	47	14	34	98	-12
15 Barack Obama	52.0	51	41	34	33	99	10
Tier 1	53.5	54	40	38	32	99	14
Tier 2	50.4	49	42	31	34	99	7
16 (REPUBLICAN HOUSE INCUMBENT) ²	50.4	31	24	13	16	73	6
Tier 1	50.4	32	26	13	17	75	6
Tier 2	50.4	30	23	13	15	70	7
17 John Boehner - the Republican leader of the House.....	47.3	35	32	15	25	82	2
Tier 1	48.6	37	31	16	24	82	5
Tier 2	46.1	33	34	15	26	82	-1
18 The Republican Congress	45.6	37	43	15	29	96	-5
Tier 1	46.6	38	41	16	26	96	-3
Tier 2	44.5	37	44	14	31	96	-8
19 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	53.3	45	31	26	25	91	14
Tier 1	51.6	43	31	25	26	91	11
Tier 2	55.0	47	30	28	24	92	17
20 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	48.1	37	40	26	33	96	-3
Tier 1	47.2	36	42	26	34	96	-6
Tier 2	49.0	39	38	27	32	95	1
21 Gay marriage	44.6	35	42	26	38	93	-7
Tier 1	46.6	37	39	27	35	94	-2
Tier 2	42.6	33	45	25	41	93	-11

² The incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
22 The state of the economy	33.6	19	64	4	42	98	-46
Tier 1	35.2	21	62	4	40	98	-41
Tier 2	32.0	16	67	3	43	98	-51
23 The Tea Party movement	44.3	36	43	21	34	92	-7
Tier 1	44.2	36	44	22	35	93	-8
Tier 2	44.5	35	42	20	34	90	-6
24 Labor Unions.....	48.5	39	40	22	30	95	-2
Tier 1	50.4	40	39	24	27	95	1
Tier 2	46.7	38	42	21	32	95	-4
[500 Respondents]							
25 (SPLIT A) Public employees	60.1	52	21	25	12	93	30
Tier 1	60.1	54	22	27	12	96	32
Tier 2	60.2	50	21	24	11	91	29
[500 Respondents]							
26 (SPLIT B) Public employee unions	47.9	37	39	23	30	93	-2
Tier 1	50.5	43	37	24	27	95	6
Tier 2	45.2	32	41	22	32	90	-9
27 Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker	46.6	32	34	22	28	75	-2
Tier 1	47.1	32	33	23	28	74	-1
Tier 2	46.2	32	34	22	29	76	-2

(ref:THERM04/THERM204)

Q.28 I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the election for Congress in November 2012, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for -- The Democratic candidate or Republican (HOUSE INCUMBENT)?³

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Democratic House Candidate	39	40	37
Lean Democratic House Candidate	5	5	5
Republican House Incumbent.....	42	43	42
Lean Republican House Incumbent.....	4	3	5
(Other candidate)	2	2	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0	0	0
(Undecided)	6	5	7
(Refused)	1	2	1
Total Democratic House Candidate.....	44	46	42
Total Republican House Incumbent.....	46	45	47
Total (Other candidate).....	2	2	2

(ref:CONG10)

³ Incumbent names were inserted with party identification. Generic challengers were inserted as The Democratic Candidate

Q.30 Even though you are not supporting the Democrat now, what are the chances that you might support The Democratic Candidate in the election for Congress in November -- is there a fair chance that you might support that candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Fair chance	11	9	12
A small chance.....	11	11	10
Just a very slight chance.....	11	12	11
No chance at all	20	20	20
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	3	5
Democratic Candidate Supporter	44	46	42
(ref:CONG10C)			

Q.31 Even though you are not supporting Republican (HOUSE INCUMBENT) now, what are the chances that you might support (HOUSE INCUMBENT) in the election for Congress in November -- is there a fair chance that you might support that candidate, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support that candidate?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Fair chance	8	8	8
A small chance.....	8	10	7
Just a very slight chance.....	12	11	12
No chance at all	22	23	20
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	3	6
Republican candidate Supporter.....	46	45	47
(ref:CONG10D)			

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.⁴

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[500 Respondents]								
32 (SPLIT A) Independent, does not toe the party line	8	24	25	16	27	32	41	-8
Tier 1	8	26	25	18	24	34	42	-9
Tier 2	8	23	24	14	31	31	39	-8
33 Sides with (his/her) party, and not with the center and moderate voters.....	16	27	20	10	28	43	29	14
Tier 1	16	27	20	10	27	43	30	13
Tier 2	17	26	19	10	29	43	28	14

⁴ Incumbent names were inserted without party identification.

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/ Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[500 Respondents]								
34 (SPLIT B) Will work with members from both parties to get things done	11	31	21	13	24	42	34	8
Tier 1	10	30	19	14	26	41	33	7
Tier 2	12	31	24	11	23	43	35	8
[500 Respondents]								
35 (SPLIT A) Has the right approach to the economy and jobs	14	24	22	16	23	38	39	-1
Tier 1	14	27	25	15	19	41	40	0
Tier 2	13	22	20	17	28	35	37	-2
[500 Respondents]								
36 (SPLIT B) Honest and trustworthy	17	30	16	11	25	47	27	20
Tier 1	18	31	14	11	27	49	25	24
Tier 2	17	30	18	11	24	46	30	17
37 Is a typical politician	18	30	21	11	21	48	31	16
Tier 1	19	30	19	11	21	49	30	19
Tier 2	17	29	22	10	21	46	32	14
[500 Respondents]								
38 (SPLIT A) On your side	14	24	21	17	23	39	38	0
Tier 1	15	26	19	20	21	41	38	2
Tier 2	14	23	22	15	26	36	38	-1
[500 Respondents]								
39 (SPLIT B) Fights for people here.	15	32	19	13	21	48	32	16
Tier 1	16	30	20	13	21	46	33	13
Tier 2	15	34	18	12	21	49	30	19
[500 Respondents]								
40 (SPLIT B) Has the right approach to spending and deficits	13	24	24	14	24	37	38	-1
Tier 1	14	22	22	14	27	37	36	1
Tier 2	12	26	26	15	21	38	40	-2
[500 Respondents]								
41 (SPLIT A) Hardworking	25	31	12	8	25	56	19	37
Tier 1	26	31	12	8	23	57	21	36
Tier 2	24	31	11	7	27	55	18	38

(ref:TRAITS)

Q.42 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.⁵

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
42 Next year, I CAN'T vote to reelect (HOUSE INCUMBENT) because we need new people that will fix Washington and get things done. OR Next year, I WILL vote to reelect (HOUSE INCUMBENT) because (HE/SHE) is doing a good job and addressing issues that are important to us.....	32	13	12	28	0	3	12	45	40	5
Tier 1	32	12	13	26	0	3	12	45	40	5
Tier 2	31	14	11	29	0	3	12	44	40	5

[500 Respondents]

43 (SPLIT C) Next year, I really want to be able to vote for a Democrat for Congress because the Republicans have the wrong approach to cutting the deficit. OR Next year I will vote for (HOUSE INCUMBENT) because at least Republicans are addressing the deficit.....	34	8	11	39	-	3	6	42	50	-8
Tier 1	36	8	12	38	-	3	4	44	50	-6
Tier 2	32	8	10	40	-	2	8	40	50	-11

⁵ Incumbent names were inserted without party identification.

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
44 (SPLIT D) Next year, I really want to be able to vote for a Democrat for Congress because the Republicans have the wrong approach on the economy.										
OR										
Next year I will vote for (HOUSE INCUMBENT) because at least the Republicans are finally dealing with government spending.										
.....	36	8	10	35	-	5	7	44	44	-1
Tier 1	36	6	8	38	-	6	6	42	46	-5
Tier 2	36	10	11	32	-	4	7	46	43	3
45 The more I hear from Republicans in Congress like (HOUSE INCUMBENT), the less I like.										
OR										
The more I hear from Republicans in Congress like (HOUSE INCUMBENT), the more I like.....										
.....	32	12	14	28	0	3	12	44	42	2
Tier 1	33	12	13	28	0	2	11	45	41	4
Tier 2	31	11	15	28	-	3	12	43	42	0
46 If my member of Congress supports the Tea Party agenda, I'm less likely to support them.										
OR										
If my member of Congress supports the Tea Party agenda, I'm more likely to support them.										
.....	38	10	10	31	-	2	8	49	40	8
Tier 1	40	10	9	32	-	2	7	50	41	9
Tier 2	37	11	10	30	-	3	10	48	40	8
(ref:BGPAIRS)										

[879 Respondents]

Q.47 House Republicans have proposed a budget that will cut \$61 billion from domestic programs this year. From what you know, do you favor or oppose this plan to cut \$61 billion from domestic programs this year?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Strongly favor.....	33	33	34
Somewhat favor	13	13	12
Somewhat oppose	12	11	13
Strongly oppose	34	35	34
(Don't know/Refused).....	8	9	7
Total favor.....	46	46	46
Total oppose.....	46	46	47

(ref:BUDGET11)

Q.48 The Democrats and Republicans in the Congress are going back and forth on the budget for this year. If they can't reach an agreement in the next few weeks, it is possible it will lead to a government shutdown. If that happens, who do you think is likely to be more to blame -- the Republicans in Congress, Democrats in Congress, or Barack Obama?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Republicans in Congress	38	38	37
Democrats in Congress	28	25	30
Barack Obama	17	18	16
(All).....	8	7	8
(Don't know/refused)	7	7	6
(The two parties in Congress).....	4	5	3
Obama/Democrats	44	43	46

(ref:CUT22B)

Q.49 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.

	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
49 When it comes to the federal budget, I am more concerned that Republicans will go too far in cutting important programs.										
OR										
When it comes to the federal budget, I am more concerned that the Democrats will not go far enough in cutting spending.	38	8	8	39	1	2	4	46	47	0
Tier 1	37	9	8	38	1	2	4	46	46	0
Tier 2	39	8	7	40	1	2	3	47	47	-1

(ref:BGPAIRS1)

Q.50 Now I'm going to read you another pair 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
[500 Respondents]										
50 (SPLIT A) Democrats say: we have to cut spending, but the Republicans have the wrong approach. They make big cuts to education and veterans' benefits while gutting Social Security and Medicare. Our approach is different - we want to measure every government program to see if it's achieving results and eliminate the ones that don't. Then we should eliminate government subsidies to the oil and drug companies and the taxpayer-funded handouts for the wealthiest Americans.										
OR										
Republicans say: spending cuts are necessary to get government spending back to a level we can afford and produce a better environment for creating private sector jobs. While there may be disagreements about particular programs that should be scaled back, we have to stop bankrupting our country and mortgaging our children's future. The Republican plan is a good start on the process, forcing Washington to cut government spending by 100 billion dollars.	41	9	9	34	0	3	4	50	42	7
Tier 1	41	9	9	32	-	3	5	50	41	9
Tier 2	41	8	8	35	1	3	3	49	44	5

[500 Respondents]

51 (SPLIT B) Democrats

say: We need to cut wasteful spending and make government more accountable, but the cuts being proposed by the Republicans are too severe and go too far. Their cuts would destroy hundreds of thousands of American jobs and hurt regular Americans by cutting veterans' benefits, food safety inspectors and assistance for seniors. And it undermines our future by cutting K through 12 education, alternative energy and innovation.

OR

Republicans say: spending cuts are necessary to get government spending back to a level we can afford and produce a better environment for creating private sector jobs. While there may be disagreements about particular programs that should be scaled back, we have to stop bankrupting our country and mortgaging our children's future. The Republican plan is a good start on the process, forcing Washington to cut government spending by

100 billion dollars.	39	7	9	36	2	2	5	46	45	1
Tier 1	42	6	9	33	1	2	6	48	43	5
Tier 2	37	8	9	38	2	2	4	45	48	-3

(ref:BIGPAIRS)

Q.52 Now let me read you some statements that Republican (HOUSE INCUMBENT) might make about the budget and the economy. After I read each statement, please tell me how convincing a reason it is to support these budget cuts -- is it a very convincing reason, a somewhat convincing reason, only a little convincing, or not at all a convincing reason to support the budget cuts?⁶

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[500 Respondents]							
52 (SPLIT A) (OUT OF CONTROL) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) says: The American people want us to focus on creating jobs and cutting spending, and these spending cuts show that we're listening. American families are doing more with less; the federal government can do the same. We must rein in out-of-control federal spending.	36	36	10	15	2	72	25
Tier 1	38	32	11	16	2	71	27
Tier 2	35	39	9	15	2	74	24

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[500 Respondents]							
53 (SPLIT B) (DEMS - STATUS QUO) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) says: Republicans have put forth a credible plan to cut spending. The White House and congressional Democrats offer little more than the status quo, and the status quo is unacceptable. The American people spoke loudly and clearly last November and they have a right to see us move forward on cutting spending.....	31	25	12	30	2	56	42
Tier 1	35	20	10	34	1	55	44
Tier 2	28	30	15	25	2	58	40

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
[500 Respondents]							
54 (SPLIT A) (PLUNGER) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) says: President Obama's spending spree failed to create jobs and plunged us deeper into debt. Ordinary citizens must live within their means. And so must the government. Washington's spending spree is over. Endless borrowing kills jobs and jeopardizes our future. We must act now to restrain government and restart America's engine of economic growth	33	28	13	23	3	60	36
Tier 1	32	28	12	26	3	60	37
Tier 2	34	28	15	20	4	61	35

⁶ Incumbent names were inserted without party identification

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Lttle Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Lttle/ Not Conv
[500 Respondents]							
55 (SPLIT B) (FISCAL DISCIPLINE)(HOUSE INCUMBENT) says: We must restore fiscal discipline in Washington. This is imperative. We face the crushing burden of debt that will grow to catastrophic levels in the years ahead. On this path, the federal government will double in size during our children's lifetimes, leaving them crippled by high taxes and debt to China. If we do not act now, the next generation will inherit the stagnant economy of a third rate country.							
	40	25	12	21	2	66	32
Tier 1	38	25	11	23	2	63	34
Tier 2	42	25	12	18	2	68	30

[500 Respondents]							
56 (SPLIT A) (ENTITLEMENTS) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) says: If we are serious about dealing with our ballooning deficit, we must tackle entitlement programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. They are 60 percent of the budget. We will do this responsibly-by scaling back benefits for new workers and raising the retirement age to 70 gradually over many decades. The path to prosperity lies in liberating our economy from cycles of debt							
	20	31	16	30	3	51	46
Tier 1	21	32	15	29	3	53	44
Tier 2	20	30	18	30	3	49	48

[500 Respondents]							
57 (SPLIT B) (JOBS) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) says: Our bloated government, excessive spending and bureaucracy are choking off small businesses and the private sector and making it impossible to create good jobs. We need to cut spending back to a level we can afford so that we can produce a better environment for the private sector to create jobs.							
	36	27	12	22	2	63	35
Tier 1	38	25	12	24	2	63	35
Tier 2	34	30	13	20	3	63	34

(ref:REPBGMSG)

[500 Respondents]

Q.58 (SPLIT E) Now let me read you a series of statements about the votes cast by Republican (HOUSE INCUMBENT) on the budget. After I read each statement, please tell me whether this raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about (HOUSE INCUMBENT).⁷

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
58 (EDUCATION) (HOUSE INCUMBENT)							
Voted to slash K through 12 education funding to 2,400 schools, aid for 4 million students, and laying off 10,000 teachers and aides, resulting in larger class sizes.	33	26	19	19	2	59	38
Tier 1	31	26	22	18	2	57	41
Tier 2	35	26	16	20	3	61	36
59 (HOMELESS VETS) (HOUSE INCUMBENT)							
voted to cut funding for homeless veterans. Their plan will cut housing vouchers for 10,000 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, leaving them on the streets.	38	31	15	12	4	69	26
Tier 1	36	31	18	11	4	67	29
Tier 2	41	31	11	12	5	72	23
60 (FOOD SAFETY) (HOUSE INCUMBENT)							
voted to cut funding for food and drug safety, which will cause the Food Inspection Service to lay-off all of its inspectors for up to a month and a half	26	29	21	18	5	56	39
Tier 1	27	28	23	16	5	55	39
Tier 2	25	31	19	19	6	56	39
61 (ENVIRONMENT) (HOUSE INCUMBENT)							
voted to slash by one third funding for environmental protection meant to keep our air and water clean and safe.	23	29	21	24	4	52	45
Tier 1	21	29	21	26	3	50	47
Tier 2	25	28	20	22	4	54	43
62 (ELDERLY) (HOUSE INCUMBENT)							
voted to slash 5 million meals for homebound elderly and for home fuel assistance for hard-pressed seniors and the disabled during this severe winter.	29	34	18	15	4	63	33
Tier 1	29	34	16	16	4	63	33
Tier 2	29	35	19	14	3	63	33

⁷ Incumbent names were inserted without party identification.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
63 (TRAINING COLLEGE) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) voted for big cuts in scholarship aid and school funding at junior colleges, reducing the Pell grants even as tuition is skyrocketing and people are trying to get education for new jobs.....							
	28	29	21	19	3	57	40
Tier 1	27	30	22	18	3	57	40
Tier 2	30	27	20	20	3	57	41
64 (HEAD START/POVERTY) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) voted for big cuts in Head Start, cutting off over 200,000 students and 55,000 teachers, while cutting off 600,000 women and infants from nutrition programs.....							
	33	30	15	19	3	63	34
Tier 1	32	27	18	20	4	59	37
Tier 2	34	32	13	18	2	66	32
65 (SOCIAL SECURITY) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) supports the Republican plan to privatize Social Security, raise the retirement age and cut seniors' guaranteed benefits.							
	33	29	16	18	4	62	34
Tier 1	31	30	18	17	4	60	35
Tier 2	35	29	13	20	3	64	33
66 (MEDICARE) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) supports the Republican plan to privatize Medicare, cutting benefits and leaving seniors on their own to buy insurance from the health insurance companies.							
	38	25	18	16	3	63	34
Tier 1	34	28	19	15	3	63	34
Tier 2	42	22	17	17	3	64	34
67 (OIL SUBSIDIES) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) voted to keep the billions of dollars in subsidies for the oil companies at the same time (he/she) voted to cut funding for education, veterans and seniors							
	36	31	16	13	3	68	29
Tier 1	37	32	16	12	3	69	28
Tier 2	36	31	15	15	3	67	30

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
68 (ABORTION/WOMEN) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) voted to restrict women's health care by blocking funding and access to legal and lifesaving health care services, including a women's access to family planning and the right to choose.....	32	25	18	21	4	57	39
Tier 1	29	26	22	19	4	55	41
Tier 2	34	24	14	24	4	58	38

69 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) voted to slash funding for the National Institutes of Health putting breast cancer, Alzheimer's, and other health research at risk.	32	26	22	16	4	58	38
Tier 1	31	27	23	16	3	58	39
Tier 2	33	26	22	16	4	59	38

(ref:ATTACK1)

[500 Respondents]

Q.70 (SPLIT F) Now let me read you some statements about the economy and budget and the votes cast by Republican (HOUSE INCUMBENT). After I read each statement, please tell me whether this raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts or no real doubts in your own mind about (HOUSE INCUMBENT).⁸

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
70 (PRIORITIES) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) is making the wrong choice at this critical time. (He/She) should be cutting tax breaks for the oil companies and CEOs and wasteful special-interest spending projects. Instead, (he/she) started by cutting education, hurting the middle class and working families with children.	31	31	13	19	7	62	31
Tier 1	28	31	12	19	10	60	30
Tier 2	34	30	14	18	4	63	32

71 (MIDDLE CLASS/VULNERABLE) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) and the Republicans are making dangerous cuts to education, veterans benefits, food safety and protections for seniors that will hurt middle class families, seniors, and veterans who can least afford it.....	29	29	18	17	7	58	35
Tier 1	31	26	16	18	9	57	34
Tier 2	28	31	20	17	5	59	36

⁸ Incumbent names were inserted without party identification.

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
72 (FUTURE) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) has prioritized cutting investments in education, training, scientific research, and innovation. This plan will undermine people who are trying to educate themselves in tough economic times and hurt our country's ability to compete successfully.....	26	29	18	19	8	55	37
Tier 1	25	29	20	18	7	54	39
Tier 2	26	30	15	20	8	56	36
73 (IDEOLOGICAL/JOB) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) said that jobs would be (his/her) first priority but instead of focusing on efforts to create jobs, (he/she) has spent (his/her) first months in power pushing an ideological agenda to restrict a woman's right to choose, roll back environmental protections, and attack Social Security.	27	31	16	19	6	58	35
Tier 1	25	32	16	20	7	57	36
Tier 2	29	31	17	18	5	60	35
74 (JOB) Independent experts such as Goldman Sachs, Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke (ber-NAN-kee) and even John McCain's top economic advisor have calculated that the cuts proposed by (HOUSE INCUMBENT) would slow economic growth and destroy about seven hundred thousand jobs. Our country faces tough economic problems and (he/she) has no plan for growth and creating the jobs of the future.	25	31	17	21	6	56	38
Tier 1	28	29	15	21	8	56	36
Tier 2	22	34	18	21	5	56	39
75 (COMPROMISE 1) Instead of working together to try to solve our budget problems, (HOUSE INCUMBENT) says that (he/she) is unwilling to compromise. Republican Speaker John Boehner (BAY-ner) recently said that he, quote "rejects the word compromise," and one Republican freshman proclaimed, quote, "I came here ready to go to war. The people didn't send me here to compromise."	23	31	15	23	8	55	38
Tier 1	25	31	14	22	9	56	35
Tier 2	22	32	16	24	7	54	40

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
76 (COMPROMISE 2) (HOUSE INCUMBENT) and the Republicans admit that they are unwilling to compromise in addressing the budget and other issues, even if it leads to a government shutdown. Senate leader Mitch McConnell said his first goal is to make President Obama a one-term president. Trying to stop President Obama at all costs - this is not the way to get our country working again.	27	28	16	23	6	55	39
Tier 1	27	29	15	21	8	56	36
Tier 2	27	27	16	25	5	54	41

(ref:DEMTHEME)

[879 Respondents]

Q.77 House Republicans have proposed a budget that will cut 61 billion dollars from domestic programs this year. From what you know, do you favor or oppose this plan to cut 61 billion dollars from domestic programs this year?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Strongly favor	30	29	31
Somewhat favor	11	10	12
Somewhat oppose	13	12	14
Strongly oppose	39	41	38
(Don't know/Refused).....	6	8	5
Total favor	41	39	43
Total oppose	52	53	52

(ref:BUDGET1A)

Q.78 Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements. Please tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.⁹

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
78 The more I hear from Republicans in Congress like (HOUSE INCUMBENT), the less I like.										
OR										
The more I hear from Republicans in Congress like (HOUSE INCUMBENT), the more I like.....	43	9	10	29	0	2	7	53	39	14
Tier 1	43	9	12	27	0	2	7	52	39	14
Tier 2	43	10	8	31	0	1	7	53	38	15

(ref:BGPAIRS2)

[500 Respondents]

Q.79 (SPLIT B) Now let me read you some proposals that Democrats have made to reduce the budget deficit. Please tell me which 2 you favor most.

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Eliminate the subsidies for oil and gas companies.	36	36	36
Cut weapons systems that the Pentagon says it does not want	15	17	14
Have Medicare negotiate cheaper drug prices with the pharmaceutical companies.	22	17	27
Freeze domestic spending for 5 years.....	7	4	9
Require every government program to be measured for results and eliminate programs that don't work.	20	20	20
Close the tax loopholes and offshore tax havens that allow financial institutions to pay lower rates.	16	16	16
Eliminate the ineffective and duplicative programs identified by the Government Accounting Office.	13	11	15
Institute an income surtax on families making over 1 million dollars a year.	32	33	31
(All).....	3	3	3
(None).....	4	4	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	8	11	5
(No second response).....	8	9	6

(ref:GOODCUT)

⁹ Incumbent names were inserted without party identification

Q.80 Now let me ask you again, I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the election for Congress in 2012, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for -- (ROTATE CANDIDATES) The Democratic Candidate or (REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT)?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Democratic House Candidate	44	46	43
Lean Democratic House Candidate	3	3	3
Republican House Incumbent.....	40	39	41
Lean Republican House Incumbent.....	3	4	3
(Other candidate)	1	1	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0	1	-
(Undecided)	5	5	5
(Don't know/refused)	2	2	3
Total Democratic House Candidate.....	47	48	46
Total Republican House Incumbent.....	44	43	45
Total (Other candidate).....	1	2	1

(ref:REVOTE)

Q.82 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.....	2	1	2
High School graduate	23	23	23
Non-college post H.S.	1	2	1
Some college	25	25	25
College graduate.....	27	28	27
Post-graduate school	21	20	21
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	2	0

(ref:EDUC)

Q.83 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	Tier 1	Tier 2
Yes: Respondent	14	10	17
Yes: Family Member	25	26	24
No	60	62	58
(Dk/Ref).....	1	1	1

(ref:EMPLOY2)

Q.84 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Yes: Respondent belongs.....	17	19	15
Household member.....	9	9	9
No member belongs.....	72	71	74
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	2	2
Union Household	26	28	25
(ref:UNION)			

Q.85 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Married.....	67	68	66
Single.....	17	17	17
Separated/Divorced.....	8	7	8
Widowed.....	7	6	8
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	2	1
Sep/Div/Wid	15	13	16
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.86 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Strong Democrat.....	25	26	25
Weak Democrat.....	11	11	11
Independent-lean Democrat.....	9	10	9
Independent.....	6	7	6
Independent-lean Republican.....	12	12	12
Weak Republican.....	12	11	12
Strong Republican.....	22	21	23
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	2	1
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.89 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Liberal.....	19	20	18
Moderate.....	34	36	31
Conservative.....	43	39	47
(Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	4
(ref:IDEO1)			

Q.90 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not? (IF SUPPORTER, FOLLOW UP) Is that a strong supporter or not so strong supporter of the Tea Party movement?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Strong supporter	21	20	23
Not so strong supporter	13	14	11
Not a supporter	58	59	57
(Don't know/Refused).....	8	7	9
(ref:TEASUPP)			

Q.91 What is your religion?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Protestant.....	49	45	53
Catholic.....	25	27	23
Jewish.....	2	3	1
Muslim.....	0	1	-
(Don't know/Refused).....	24	25	23
(ref:RELIG1)			

Q.92 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	Tier 1	Tier 2
More than once a week.....	10	10	10
Once a week	34	34	33
Once or twice a month.....	12	10	14
Several times a year	12	12	11
Hardly ever.....	23	21	24
(Never)	6	7	6
(Don't know/refused).....	4	5	2
Once a week or more.....	43	44	43
(ref:RELIG2)			

[968 Respondents]

Q.93 (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	50	51	48
Republican John McCain	44	42	46
(Ralph Nader)	0	0	0
(Bob Barr)	0	0	-
(Other).....	1	1	2
(DK/Refused)	5	5	4
(ref:VOTE2008)			

[900 Respondents]

Q.94 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE2010) In the 2010 election for Congress, did you vote for (DHOUCAND10) or (RHOUCAND10)?¹⁰

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
House Democrat	44	44	44
House Republican.....	48	45	50
(Other candidate)	1	1	0
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	1	1	1
(DK/Refused)	7	8	5
(ref:VT CG2010)			

Q.95 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
White	81	80	82
African-American or Black	6	7	5
Hispanic or Latino	7	8	7
Native American.....	1	1	1
Asian	2	2	2
(Other).....	1	1	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	2	2
(ref:RACETHN)			

Q.97 Last year, that is in 2010, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Less than \$10K	2	2	3
\$10K to under \$20K	5	5	6
\$20K to under \$30K	9	8	9
\$30K to under \$50K	15	14	15
\$50K to under \$75K	16	15	16
\$75K to under \$100K	14	13	16
\$100K or more	21	21	20
(Refused)	15	16	13
(Don't know)	4	5	2
(ref:INCOME)			

Q.3 Respondent's gender

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
Male	47	47	47
Female	53	53	53
(ref:GENDER)			

¹⁰ Actual candidate names were included with party identification.

Q.8 In what year were you born?

	Total	Tier 1	Tier 2
18 - 24.....	7	7	7
25 - 29.....	5	4	5
30 - 34.....	6	5	6
35 - 39.....	8	8	8
40 - 44.....	7	8	7
45 - 49.....	12	12	11
50 - 54.....	9	8	10
55 - 59.....	11	11	11
60 - 64.....	9	10	9
65 and over.....	24	24	24
(No answer).....	2	2	2
(ref:AGE)			