

# Democracy Corps/Public Campaign Action Fund Frequency Questionnaire

April 28 - May 1, 2012  
1000 Likely Voters

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Q.5 First of all, are you registered to vote?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	100
No .....	-
(Refused) .....	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

Q.6 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 .....	96
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young .....	4
Did not vote .....	-
(Can't remember/Don't know) .....	-
(Refused) .....	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.7 As you may know, there was an election in 2010 for Congress and other offices. 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 .....	82
Did not vote .....	16
(Can't remember/Don't know) .....	2
(Refused) .....	-
Not registered/ineligible/too young .....	1
(ref:VOTE10)	

Q.11 I know it is a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for President and 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Almost certain .....	91
Probably.....	9
50-50.....	-
Will not vote .....	-
(Don't know).....	0
(Refused) .....	-
(ref:CP10)	

Q.12 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 .....	33
Wrong track.....	59
(Don't know/Refused).....	8
<b>Right - Wrong</b> .....	<b>-26</b>
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.13 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	26
Somewhat approve .....	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	10
Strongly disapprove .....	39
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
<b>Total approve</b> .....	<b>45</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b> .....	<b>50</b>
(ref:BOAPP)	

Q.14 Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job in charge of the House of Representatives?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	10
Somewhat approve .....	18
Somewhat disapprove.....	20
Strongly disapprove .....	42
(Don't know/Refused).....	9
<b>Total approve</b> .....	<b>28</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b> .....	<b>63</b>
(ref:REPAPP)	

Q.15 Now, I'd like you 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
15 The Republican Party.....	43.2	34	47	14	33	98	-13
16 The Democratic Party .....	45.9	39	45	19	31	97	-7
17 Hillary Clinton.....	54.1	48	35	29	25	97	14
18 The Republican Congress.....	41.2	30	48	10	33	97	-18
19 Democrats in Congress.....	43.1	34	48	15	34	97	-13
20 Barack Obama.....	49.9	48	42	31	35	99	6
[280 Respondents]							
21 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>1</sup> (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE).....	51.6	26	21	16	16	59	5
[396 Respondents]							
21 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>1</sup> (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE) .....	50.2	29	26	17	19	68	3
22 John Boehner - the Republican leader of the House .....	41.7	30	42	11	30	86	-13
23 Mitt Romney.....	44.9	33	44	16	28	92	-11
25 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association ....	53.5	42	32	27	24	92	10
26 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups .....	48.9	38	39	27	32	95	0
27 Gay marriage .....	44.9	35	44	26	39	93	-8
28 The state of the economy.....	36.5	24	59	5	39	98	-35
29 The Tea Party movement.....	41.0	30	48	17	36	91	-18
30 The new health care reform law .....	39.2	30	45	16	38	87	-16

<sup>1</sup> The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
[500 Respondents]							
31 (SPLIT A) A plan to dramatically reduce the deficit over the next five years.....	64.7	58	19	39	13	93	39
[500 Respondents]							
32 (SPLIT B) A plan to invest in new industries and rebuild the country over the next five years.....	68.7	61	15	43	11	90	46
33 The future of the middle class .....	45.6	27	41	10	23	92	-14
34 (PC) Super PACs.....	25.9	7	43	3	36	60	-35
[500 Respondents]							
35 (PC) (SPLIT A) A plan to replace the current campaign finance system of large private contributions with one where campaigns get limited public funding with no large contributions.....	57.1	41	22	29	18	87	18
[500 Respondents]							
36 (PC) (SPLIT B) A plan to replace the current campaign finance system of large private contributions with one that relies on small contributions and limited public funds .....	56.3	42	24	25	16	86	17

Q.38 (WVWV) In thinking about the Presidential election that will be held this November, compared to previous elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual or less enthusiastic?

	Total
Much more enthusiastic .....	35
Somewhat more enthusiastic .....	19
Somewhat less enthusiastic.....	18
Much less enthusiastic .....	11
(About the same/No difference).....	15
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
<b>Total More enthusiastic .....</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Total Less enthusiastic.....</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>More enthusiastic - Less enthusiastic.....</b>	<b>25</b>

(ref:ENTHUSE)

Q.39 I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the presidential election this November, if the election for president were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, for whom would you vote?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat Barack Obama.....	45
Lean Democrat Barack Obama .....	2
Republican Mitt Romney .....	45
Lean Republican Mitt Romney .....	2
(Other candidate) .....	2
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided) .....	2
(Refused) .....	1
(Will not vote in 2012) .....	0
<b>Total Democrat Barack Obama .....</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Republican Mitt Romney .....</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>	<b>2</b>

(ref:PREZ12A)

Q.41 Even though you are not supporting Democrat Barack Obama now, what are the chances that you might support Democrat Barack Obama in the election for President this November -- is there a fair chance that you might support Democrat Barack Obama, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support Democrat Barack Obama?

	<b>Total</b>
Fair chance .....	3
A small chance.....	5
Just a very slight chance .....	5
No chance at all .....	38
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
<b>Obama supporter .....</b>	<b>47</b>

(ref:PREZVCS1)

Q.42 Even though you are not supporting Republican Mitt Romney now, what are the chances that you might support Republican Mitt Romney in the election for President this November -- is there a fair chance that you might support Republican Mitt Romney, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support Republican Mitt Romney?

	<b>Total</b>
Fair chance .....	5
A small chance.....	6
Just a very slight chance .....	8
No chance at all .....	33
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
<b>Romney supporter .....</b>	<b>47</b>

(ref:PREZVCS2)

Q.43 Now let me ask you again about your vote for president, but this time including an independent candidate nominated by the online organization Americans Elect. Thinking about the presidential election in November, if the election for president were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican Mitt Romney, and independent candidate Buddy Roemer, for whom would you vote?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat Barack Obama .....	45
Lean Democrat Barack Obama .....	1
Republican Mitt Romney .....	41
Lean Republican Mitt Romney .....	2
Independent Buddy Roemer .....	6
Lean Independent Buddy Roemer.....	0
(Other candidate) .....	1
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided) .....	3
(Refused) .....	1
(Will not vote in 2012) .....	-
<b>Total Democrat Barack Obama .....</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total Republican Mitt Romney .....</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total Independent Buddy Roemer .....</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>	<b>2</b>

(ref:PREZAE)

Q.45 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections for Congress in 2012, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) <sup>2</sup> ?

	<b>Total</b>
Democratic candidate .....	43
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3
Republican candidate.....	43
Lean Republican candidate.....	3
(Other candidate) .....	1
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided) .....	5
(Refused) .....	1
(Will not vote in 2012) .....	0
<b>Total Democratic candidate.....</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>	<b>1</b>

(ref:CONG10)

<sup>2</sup> 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.47 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 each issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we'll move on.

	Dem Much Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
47 The economy .....	23	17	19	27	1	5	10	40	45	-6

[500 Respondents]

48 (PC) (SPLIT A)

Cleaning up the mess in  
Washington and Wall  
Street .....

19	15	17	19	1	17	12	34	36	-2
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49 (PC) Putting the needs  
of everyday Americans  
before special interests .....

30	17	15	18	1	10	9	47	33	14
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[500 Respondents]

50 (PC) (SPLIT B)

Cleaning up how we pay  
for elections .....

20	16	13	13	1	12	25	36	26	10
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(ref:BETJOB)

Q.51 I am going to read you an issue and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we'll move on.

	BO Much Btrr	BO Smwt Btrr	MR Smwt Btrr	MR Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total BO	Total MR	BO - MR
51 The economy .....	25	14	14	32	0	3	11	39	46	-7

(ref:PBETJOB)

Q.68 (PC) Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements. After I read the 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
68 Politics is so dominated by big money contributions that I won't vote for a candidate unless they commit to reduce the role of money in politics and get government to listen to people. OR Reducing the influence of money in politics is not as important as other issues for me in deciding for whom to vote.....	40	12	15	25	0	2	5	52	41	11
(ref:PCPAIR)										

[500 Respondents]

Q.69 (SPLIT D) Now let me read you some information about a bill introduced in Congress last month. The bill prohibits the President, Vice President, members of Congress and other top-level appointed government officials from lobbying for any foreign government or corporation for ten years after leaving their government service. From what you know, would you favor or oppose this bill?

	Total
Strongly favor.....	40
Somewhat favor .....	27
Somewhat oppose .....	11
Strongly oppose .....	9
(Don't know/Refused).....	13
<b>Total favor.....</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Total oppose.....</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose.....</b>	<b>46</b>
(ref:LOBBY)	



Q.70 (PC) Now I'm going to read you some statements some people may make about political candidates running for Congress. 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 this candidate running for Congress.

	<b>Very Ser Dbts</b>	<b>Ser Dbts</b>	<b>Minor Dbts</b>	<b>No Real Dbts</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Total Ser</b>	<b>Total Not Ser</b>
[500 Respondents]							
70 (SPLIT A) While the six largest oil companies received 38 billion dollars in profits during the first quarter of this year, this candidate repeatedly voted to give them tax breaks worth billions of dollars instead of investing in creating jobs in a clean energy economy. ....	31	34	13	17	5	<b>65</b>	<b>30</b>

[500 Respondents]							
71 (SPLIT B) While the six largest oil companies received 38 billion dollars in profits during the first quarter of this year, this candidate took hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from oil executives and lobbyists, and repeatedly voted to give them tax breaks worth billions of dollars instead of investing in creating jobs in a clean energy economy. ....	34	32	16	14	4	<b>66</b>	<b>30</b>

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts	No Real Dbts	DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[500 Respondents]							
74 (SPLIT A) Wall Street banks got bailed out after destroying the economy and hurting the middle class. But when it came time to force the banks to lower interest rates on student loans, this candidate sided with Wall Street CEOs and not the families struggling to send their kids to college. ....	26	43	12	13	6	<b>69</b>	<b>25</b>
[500 Respondents]							
75 (SPLIT B) Wall Street banks got bailed out after destroying the economy and hurting the middle class. But when it came time to force the banks to lower interest rates on student loans, this candidate sided with Wall Street CEOs who gave them huge campaign contributions, and not the families struggling to send their kids to college.....	30	40	15	10	5	<b>70</b>	<b>25</b>
[500 Respondents]							
76 (SPLIT A) While the middle class has been smashed and regular Americans are working harder for less, this candidate voted to raise taxes on middle class families while giving even more tax breaks to big corporations and the wealthiest Americans. ....	36	35	13	12	4	<b>71</b>	<b>25</b>
[500 Respondents]							
77 (SPLIT B) While the middle class has been smashed and regular Americans are working harder for less, this candidate voted to raise taxes on middle class families and give even more tax breaks to big corporations and the wealthiest Americans, while receiving millions of dollars in political donations from Big Oil, Wall Street CEOs and lobbyists. .... (ref:PCDBT)	41	32	13	11	3	<b>73</b>	<b>24</b>

Q.78 (PC) 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
[500 Respondents]										
78 (SPLIT A) Reducing the influence of money in politics and special interest lobbyists is one of the most important factors in my vote.										
OR										
Reducing the influence of money in politics and special interest lobbyists is not an important factor in my vote. ....	46	11	15	20	-	3	5	57	35	22

	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] 79 (SPLIT B) I'm more likely to vote for a candidate for Congress who says we should have common-sense limits on the amount of money people can contribute to political campaigns because there is too much money in politics. OR I'm more likely to vote for a candidate for Congress who says we should not limit the amount of money people can contribute to political campaigns because that undermines free speech. ....	59	14	9	13	0	3	2	73	21	51

[500 Respondents] 80 (SPLIT A) Washington is corrupted by big banks, big donors and corporate lobbyists so we need to enforce new rules and clean up government to make it work for the middle class again. OR Washington is corrupted by big banks, big donors and corporate lobbyists so we need to shrink the size of government so that there's less for them to influence. ....	50	10	6	25	2	2	5	60	31	29
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	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]										
81 (SPLIT B) I am less likely to vote in the election this November because big donors and special interest lobbyists have too much influence and my voice won't get heard.										
OR										
The role of big donors and special interest lobbyists is not an important factor and I am still planning to vote in the election this November.										
.....	15	4	16	58	1	4	2	19	74	-55
(ref:CMPAIRS)										

Q.87 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
1 - 11th grade.....	3
High School graduate.....	19
Non-college post H.S. ....	2
Some college .....	27
College graduate.....	27
Post-graduate school .....	20
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.88 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs .....	12
Household member.....	5
No member belongs.....	81
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
<b>Union Household .....</b>	<b>17</b>
(ref:UNION)	

Q.89 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>Total</b>
Married.....	56
Single.....	19
Separated/Divorced .....	10
Widowed.....	6
Living with partner.....	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
<b>Sep/Div/Wid .....</b>	<b>16</b>
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.92 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong Democrat.....	25
Weak Democrat .....	12
Independent-lean Democrat.....	10
Independent.....	8
Independent-lean Republican .....	11
Weak Republican.....	12
Strong Republican.....	19
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.95 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Liberal.....	21
Moderate.....	32
Conservative.....	39
(Don't know/Refused).....	8
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.96 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not? (IF SUPPORTER) And would that be a strong or not so strong supporter?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong supporter.....	16
Not so strong supporter.....	14
Not a supporter.....	62
(Don't know/Refused).....	8
<b>Total Supporter .....</b>	<b>30</b>
(ref:TEASUPP)	

[323 Respondents]

Q.97 (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?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	53
No .....	46
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	1
(ref:LANDLINE)	

[677 Respondents]

Q.98 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	82
No .....	15
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	3
(ref:CELLLINE)	

[732 Respondents]

Q.99 (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...

	<b>Total</b>
All or almost all calls on a cell phone.....	26
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone .....	40
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone .....	33
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	2
(ref:DUALUSE)	

Phone Use Table

	<b>Total</b>
Cell Only .....	15
Cell Mostly .....	19
Dual User.....	29
Landline Mostly .....	24
Landline Only .....	10
Landline Unknown.....	3
<b>Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample).....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample).....</b>	<b>11</b>

Q.100 What is your religion?

	<b>Total</b>
Protestant .....	55
Catholic.....	22
Jewish.....	2
Muslim .....	0
(Don't know/Refused).....	21
(ref:RELIG1)	

[550 Respondents]

Q.101 (IF PROTESTANT) Which one of these words best describes your kind of Christianity -- fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or moderate to liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Fundamentalist .....	9
Evangelical.....	23
Charismatic/Pentecostal.....	12
Moderate to liberal .....	36
(Something else).....	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	13
(ref:RELIG3)	

Q.102 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.....	16
Once a week.....	29
Once or twice a month .....	14
Several times a year .....	10
Hardly ever.....	20
(Never).....	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
<b>Once a week/More.....</b>	<b>45</b>
(ref:RELIG2)	

[816 Respondents]

Q.103 (IF VOTED IN VOTE10) Now let me ask you about the election for Congress in November of 2010. Did you vote for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)<sup>3</sup>?

	<b>Total</b>
(2010 HOUSE DEMOCRAT).....	39
(2010 HOUSE REPUBLICAN) .....	41
(Other candidate) .....	4
(Did Not Vote for Congress) .....	3
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	14
(ref:VTCG2010)	

<sup>3</sup> 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.



[956 Respondents]

Q.104 (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 .....	42
(Ralph Nader) .....	0
(Bob Barr) .....	0
(Other) .....	2
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	7
(ref:VOTE2008)	

Q.105 Generally speaking, would you say that you are wealthy, middle class, working class, poor, or something else? (IF MIDDLE CLASS) And would you say that you are upper middle class, middle class, or lower middle class?

	<b>Total</b>
Wealthy.....	2
Upper middle class.....	10
Middle class .....	35
Lower middle class.....	13
Working class.....	22
Poor .....	8
(Other) .....	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
<b>Total Middle class .....</b>	<b>59</b>
(ref:CLASS)	

Q.106 Last year, that is in 2011, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	<b>Total</b>
Less than \$10K.....	5
\$10K to under \$20K .....	8
\$20K to under \$30K .....	8
\$30K to under \$50K .....	18
\$50K to under \$75K .....	14
\$75K to under \$100K .....	12
\$100K or more .....	16
(Refused) .....	14
(Don't know).....	5
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.107 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	<b>Total</b>
White.....	74
African-American or Black.....	12
Hispanic or Latino .....	9
Native American.....	1
Asian.....	1
(Other) .....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.4 Respondent's gender

	<b>Total</b>
Male .....	47
Female.....	53
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.8 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
18 - 24.....	8
25 - 29.....	8
30 - 34.....	8
35 - 39.....	8
40 - 44.....	9
45 - 49.....	10
50 - 54.....	8
55 - 59.....	9
60 - 64.....	11
65 and over .....	19
(No answer) .....	2
(ref:AGE)	