

# Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

October 18-21, 2012  
1000 Likely Voters

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

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

Q.4 Many people weren't able to vote in the 2008 election for president between Barack Obama and John McCain. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted .....	93
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young .....	7
Did not vote .....	-
(Can't remember/Don't know) .....	-
(Refused) .....	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.5 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 .....	76
Did not vote .....	16
(Can't remember/Don't know) .....	2
(Refused) .....	0
Not registered/ineligible/too young .....	5
(ref:VOTE10)	

Q.9 What are the chances of your voting in the election for President and Congress in 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 .....	92
Probably.....	3
50-50.....	-
Will not vote .....	-
(Don't know).....	0
(Already voted).....	4
(Refused) .....	-
(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?

	<b>Total</b>
Right direction .....	40
Wrong track.....	55
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
<b>Right - Wrong</b> .....	<b>-15</b>
(ref:DIRECT)	

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

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	34
Somewhat approve .....	16
Somewhat disapprove.....	7
Strongly disapprove .....	41
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
<b>Total approve</b> .....	<b>50</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b> .....	<b>48</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove</b> .....	<b>2</b>
(ref:BOAPP)	

Q.12 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
12 The Republican Party.....	43.6	37	48	16	33	98	-11
13 The Democratic Party .....	48.8	43	42	25	30	98	1
14 The Republican Congress.....	39.4	32	51	12	38	97	-19
15 Democrats in Congress.....	44.9	37	44	20	33	96	-7
16 Barack Obama .....	52.5	50	43	38	34	99	7
17 Mitt Romney.....	46.7	43	45	24	36	98	-2
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association ....	56.3	48	29	32	23	95	20
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups .....	49.4	38	40	30	32	95	-2
20 Gay marriage .....	48.6	41	41	34	38	96	0
21 The state of the economy.....	39.1	30	55	7	37	99	-25
22 The state of your personal finances .....	58.2	53	24	25	14	96	30
23 The new health care reform law .....	44.7	39	44	27	38	92	-4

(ref:THERM04/THERM204/THERM205)

Q.24 How closely have you been following news about candidates for this year's presidential election -- very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

	<b>Total</b>
Very closely.....	58
Fairly closely .....	32
Not too closely .....	7
Not closely at all.....	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	-
<b>Total close .....</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Total not close.....</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Close - Not Close .....</b>	<b>82</b>
(ref:CLOSE1)	

Q.25 Thinking about the presidential election in 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.....	48
Lean Democrat Barack Obama .....	2
Republican Mitt Romney .....	45
Lean Republican Mitt Romney .....	1
(Other candidate) .....	2
Lean (Other candidate) .....	-
(Undecided) .....	1
(Refused) .....	2
(Will not vote in 2012) .....	-
<b>Total Democrat Barack Obama .....</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Total Republican Mitt Romney .....</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>	<b>2</b>
(ref:PREZ12A)	

[960 Respondents]

Q.27 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) 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 .....	1
A small chance.....	2
Just a very slight chance .....	4
No chance at all .....	41
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
 <b>Obama supporter .....</b>	 <b>49</b>
(ref:PREZVCS1)	

[960 Respondents]

Q.28 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) 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 .....	2
A small chance.....	4
Just a very slight chance .....	8
No chance at all .....	39
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
 <b>Romney supporter .....</b>	 <b>46</b>
(ref:PREZVCS2)	

Q.29 Thinking about the election for Congress in November, 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>
Democratic candidate .....	45
Lean Democratic candidate.....	2
Republican candidate.....	42
Lean Republican candidate.....	2
(Other candidate) .....	2
Lean (Other candidate) .....	0
(Undecided) .....	5
(Refused) .....	1
(Will not vote in 2012) .....	0
 <b>Total Democratic candidate.....</b>	 <b>47</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>2</b>
(ref:GENCONG)	

Q.31 Now I am going to read you a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would do a better job with each issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we'll move on.

	BO Much Bttr	BO Smwt Bttr	MR Smwt Bttr	MR Much Bttr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total BO	Total MR	BO - MR
31 The economy .....	32	13	11	38	0	1	5	45	49	-3
[500 Respondents]										
32 (SPLIT A) Having plans for a better economy .....	31	14	13	35	0	1	6	45	47	-2
[500 Respondents]										
33 (SPLIT B) National security and foreign affairs .... (ref:PBETJOB)	36	12	16	27	1	1	7	48	43	5

Q.34 Now, thinking about the nation's economy, do you believe the economy...

	Total
Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve.....	50
Is at the bottom but is not yet getting any better .....	22
Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse .....	25
(DK/Refused) .....	3
<b>Starting to improve-Will get worse .....</b>	<b>24</b>
(ref:BTTMOUT)	

Q.35 Which ONE of the following problems do you think is the most important to be addressed when it comes to the economy?

	Total
The middle class and working people facing high prices and declining pay .....	17
High government spending and budget deficits.....	16
High taxes and government regulation that keep small businesses and companies from hiring .....	13
Wall Street and special interest lobbyists that dominate Washington and hurt middle class chances.....	11
Too few new jobs and new industries in the U.S. ....	10
The U.S. becoming unequal, a country of only rich and poor.....	10
Trade abuses and outsourcing to China and Asia that undermine U.S. jobs and pay .....	9
(None).....	1
(All) .....	11
(Don't know/refused) .....	2
(ref:EPROB)	

Q.36 And which ONE of those problems do you think is the NEXT most important to be addressed when it comes to the economy?

	<b>Total</b>
The middle class and working people facing high prices and declining pay .....	15
Trade abuses and outsourcing to China and Asia that undermine U.S. jobs and pay .....	15
High government spending and budget deficits .....	14
High taxes and government regulation that keep small businesses and companies from hiring .....	11
Wall Street and special interest lobbyists that dominate Washington and hurt middle class chances.....	10
Too few new jobs and new industries in the U.S. ....	9
The U.S. becoming unequal, a country of only rich and poor.....	9
(None).....	1
(All) .....	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	1

Q35/36 Combined

	<b>Total</b>
The middle class and working people facing high prices and declining pay .....	32
High government spending and budget deficits .....	30
High taxes and government regulation that keep small businesses and companies from hiring .....	24
Trade abuses and outsourcing to China and Asia that undermine U.S. jobs and pay .....	24
Wall Street and special interest lobbyists that dominate Washington and hurt middle class chances.....	21
Too few new jobs and new industries in the U.S. ....	19
The U.S. becoming unequal, a country of only rich and poor.....	19
(None).....	1
(All) .....	12
(Don't know/refused) .....	4

Q.37 Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements about the economy. For 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 - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
[500 Respondents] 37 (SPLIT C) I'm more concerned about growing inequality, because we are turning into a country with only very rich and very poor. OR I'm more concerned that that we will go overboard, punish the rich for being successful and keep businesses from investing and strengthening the economy.....	44	13	6	32	2	2	1	57	38	19

[500 Respondents] 38 (SPLIT D) I'm more concerned that we will go too far in cutting spending and will cut off programs that middle and working class people rely on. OR I'm more concerned that we won't go far enough in cutting spending and our deficits will continue to grow.....	45	8	9	34	2	1	1	53	43	10
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[500 Respondents] 39 (SPLIT D) Drastic cuts in government spending will weaken the economy and cost jobs, mean more lay-offs and lost tax revenue that makes the deficits worse. OR The only way to restore prosperity and market confidence is to dramatically reduce government spending and our long-term deficits.....	25	9	14	46	2	2	3	34	60	-26
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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 - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
[500 Respondents] 40 (SPLIT C) We should avoid immediate drastic cuts in spending, and instead, we need serious investments that create jobs and make us more prosperous in the long term that will reduce our debt, too. OR The only way to restore prosperity and market confidence is to dramatically reduce government spending and our long-term deficits.....41		9	9	36	2	1	3	<b>49</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5</b>
[500 Respondents] 41 (SPLIT C) We should invest now in infrastructure and re-hiring teachers and firefighters to get people back to work to make our country stronger in the long-term. OR We should cut government spending and reduce the deficit so that entrepreneurs and small businesses can play their role as job creators. ....40		7	7	39	4	1	2	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1</b>
[500 Respondents] 42 (SPLIT D) We should do everything we can to help the middle class, and that means protecting Medicare and Social Security. OR We should cut government spending and reduce the deficit so that entrepreneurs and small businesses can play their role as job creators. ....49 (ref:ECPAIRS)		9	5	30	6	0	1	<b>58</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>

Q.43 Now I'm going to read you a statement that Barack Obama might say about our country. After I read this statement, please tell me whether this statement would make you much more likely to vote for Barack Obama, somewhat more likely, a little more likely, no more likely, or less likely to vote for Barack Obama.

	<b>Much More Likely</b>	<b>Smwt More Likely</b>	<b>Ltle More Likely</b>	<b>No More Likely</b>	<b>Less Likely</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Much/ Smwt/ Little</b>	<b>Much/ Smwt/ Little</b>
[500 Respondents]								
43 (OBAMA PROGRESS) (SPLIT A)								
Every president inherits challenges. Few have faced so many. But because of the resilience and the determination of the American people, we've begun to fight our way back. Our enemies have been brought to justice and our heroes are coming home from war. Over the last 30 months, we've seen 5 million jobs created in the private sector and the auto industry has come roaring back. There are still challenges to meet, children to educate, and a middle class to rebuild, but the last thing we should do is turn back now. ....	32	11	9	25	21	2	<b>43</b>	<b>52</b>

[500 Respondents]								
44 (OBAMA FUTURE) (SPLIT B) As a nation we are moving forward again, but we have much more to do to get folks back to work and make the middle class secure again. Let's create a million new manufacturing jobs and give tax breaks to companies that invest in America, not that ship jobs overseas. Let's produce more oil, clean-coal, natural gas, wind and solar energy right here in America. Let's prepare 100 thousand math and science teachers and expand student aid so more Americans can afford college. And let's reduce the deficit by four trillion dollars over the next decade. ....	34	12	10	26	17	1	<b>46</b>	<b>56</b>
(ref:OBAMMSG)								

Q.45 Now I'm going to read you a statement that Mitt Romney might say about our country. After I read this statement, please tell me whether this statement would make you much more likely to vote for Mitt Romney, somewhat more likely, a little more likely, no more likely, or less likely to vote for Mitt Romney.

	<b>Much More Likely</b>	<b>Smwt More Likely</b>	<b>Ltle More Likely</b>	<b>No More Likely</b>	<b>Less Likely</b>	<b>DK/Ref</b>	<b>Much/Smwt/Ltle</b>	<b>Smwt Little</b>
45 (ROMNEY) Too many Americans are struggling to find work in today's economy. Too many of those who are working are living paycheck to paycheck, trying to make falling incomes meet rising prices for food and gas. We need policies that will make things better for middle class families. We need a plan to create 12 million new jobs. Let's take advantage of our oil, coal and gas reserves to become energy independent. Let's lower tax rates for the middle class and small businesses, expand trade, crack down on China, and improve job training.....	30	15	11	24	17	2	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>
(ref:ROMNMSG)								

Q.46 Now I am going to read you a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think Barack Obama or Mitt Romney would do a better job with each issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we'll move on.

	<b>BO Much Btr</b>	<b>BO Smwt Btr</b>	<b>MR Smwt Btr</b>	<b>MR Much Btr</b>	<b>Both</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>DK/Ref</b>	<b>Total BO</b>	<b>Total MR</b>	<b>BO - MR</b>
46 The economy .....	30	15	11	37	0	1	6	<b>45</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>Progress</b> .....	29	15	9	39	0	1	6	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-4</b>
<b>Future</b> .....	31	15	12	36	0	1	5	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-2</b>
47 On your side.....	37	11	10	29	0	5	7	<b>48</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Progress</b> .....	36	11	11	29	0	4	8	<b>48</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Future</b> .....	38	10	10	29	0	7	5	<b>49</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>10</b>
48 Restoring the middle class .....	37	11	13	31	1	2	4	<b>49</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Progress</b> .....	38	10	14	31	0	2	5	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Future</b> .....	37	13	12	32	1	2	3	<b>50</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>6</b>
(ref:PBETJOB2)										

[960 Respondents]

Q.52 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) Now, let me ask you again, thinking about the presidential election in 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?

	Total	A Progress	B Future	C Clinton	D Invest
Democrat Barack Obama .....	50	49	50	50	49
Lean Democrat Barack Obama.....	1	1	0	1	1
Republican Mitt Romney.....	45	46	44	45	45
Lean Republican Mitt Romney .....	1	0	1	1	0
(Other candidate).....	1	1	2	1	2
Lean (Other candidate).....	0	-	0	0	-
(Undecided).....	1	1	1	1	2
(Refused).....	0	0	1	1	0
(Will not vote in 2012).....	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Democrat Barack Obama.....</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Total Republican Mitt Romney.....</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total (Other candidate).....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

(ref:REPREZ12)

Q.54 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.....	4
High School graduate.....	18
Non-college post H.S. ....	0
Some college .....	29
College graduate.....	33
Post-graduate school .....	15
(Don't know/Refused).....	1

(ref:EDUC)

Q.55 I'm going to read you a list of economic experiences some people have recently had. For each one, please tell me if you have directly experienced this in the last year, if your family has directly experienced this in the last year, or if someone you know well, like a friend, neighbor or co-worker, has experienced this or if no one you know well has experienced it.

	Impct Self	Impct Fam	Impct Know	No Impct	Dk/ Ref	Total Self	Total Self Fam	Total Impct	Total No
55 Loss of a job.....	12	23	28	34	3	12	35	63	34
56 Reduced wages, hours or benefits at work.....	19	23	21	34	3	19	42	63	34

[500 Respondents]

57 (SPLIT A) Lost health

insurance coverage.....	9	18	15	54	5	9	<b>27</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>54</b>
[500 Respondents]									
58 (SPLIT B) Fallen behind on mortgage payments or home was foreclosed on .....	7	14	26	51	3	7	<b>20</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>51</b>
59 Got a new job.....	14	27	23	32	4	14	<b>42</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>32</b>
60 Rejoined the job market and began to look for work again .....	14	25	24	35	3	14	<b>39</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>35</b>
[500 Respondents]									
61 (SPLIT A) Made big changes to buying habits at the grocery store due to rising prices .....	40	17	11	29	2	40	<b>57</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>29</b>
[500 Respondents]									
62 (SPLIT B) Moved in with a family member or had someone move in to save money .....	15	14	24	44	3	15	<b>29</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>
(ref:ECONIMPC)									

Q.63 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes: Respondent belongs .....	11
Household member .....	8
No member belongs.....	81
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
<b>Union Household .....</b>	<b>19</b>
(ref:UNION)	

Q.64 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>Total</b>
Married.....	57
Single.....	22
Separated/Divorced .....	9
Widowed .....	7
Living with partner .....	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
<b>Sep/Div/Wid .....</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Unmarried.....</b>	<b>42</b>
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.65 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong Democrat .....	28
Weak Democrat .....	11
Independent-lean Democrat.....	10
Independent.....	7
Independent-lean Republican .....	13
Weak Republican.....	8
Strong Republican.....	21
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.68 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	<b>Total</b>
Liberal.....	21
Moderate.....	36
Conservative .....	38
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
(ref:IDEO1)	

[318 Respondents]

Q.69 (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 .....	52
No .....	48
(DK/Refused) .....	-
(ref:LANDLINE)	

[682 Respondents]

Q.70 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	84
No .....	15
(DK/Refused) .....	1
(ref:CELLLINE)	

[740 Respondents]

Q.71 (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
(DK/Refused) .....	1
(ref:DUALUSE)	

Phone Use Table

	<b>Total</b>
Cell Only .....	15
Cell Mostly .....	20
Dual User .....	29
Landline Mostly .....	24
Landline Only .....	10
Landline Unknown.....	1
<b>Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample).....</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample).....</b>	<b>15</b>

[760 Respondents]

Q.72 Now let me ask you about the election for Congress last November. Did you vote for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE)?

	<b>Total</b>
(DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE).....	41
(REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE).....	46
(Other candidate) .....	3
(Did Not Vote for Congress) .....	4
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	6
(ref:VTCG2010)	

[930 Respondents]

Q.73 In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat Barack Obama.....	52
Republican John McCain .....	43
(Ralph Nader) .....	0
(Bob Barr) .....	0
(Other) .....	2
(Don't Know/Refused) .....	3
(ref:VOTE2008)	

Q.74 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	<b>Total</b>
White.....	74
African-American or Black.....	11
Hispanic or Latino .....	9
Native American.....	1
Asian.....	1
(Other) .....	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.2 Respondent's gender

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



Q.6 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
18 - 24.....	10
25 - 29.....	6
30 - 34.....	7
35 - 39.....	9
40 - 44.....	9
45 - 49.....	10
50 - 54.....	7
55 - 59.....	11
60 - 64.....	10
65 and over.....	18
(No answer).....	2
(ref:AGE)	