

Democracy Corps/Public Campaign Action Fund Frequency Questionnaire

November 6-7, 2012

1012 Presidential Election Voters

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

	Total
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?

	Total
Voted	90
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	5
Did not vote.....	5
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	0
(Refused)	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.5 As you may know, there was an election Tuesday for President, 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?

	Total
Voted	100
Did not vote.....	-
(Can't remember/ don't know)	-
(Refused)	-
(Have not voted yet).....	-
(Will vote).....	-
(ref:VOTE10)	

Q.6 Did you vote prior to Election Day or did you vote on Election Day?

	Total
Prior to Election Day	34
On Election Day	66
(DK/Ref)	-
(ref: WARLYVTG)	

[345 Respondents]

Q.7 When you voted by absentee ballot or through early voting, did you vote by mail or in person?

	Total
By mail	47
In person	53
(DK/Ref)	-
(ref: ABSENT4)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve	32
Somewhat approve	19
Somewhat disapprove.....	10
Strongly disapprove	35
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
Total approve	50
Total disapprove	45
Approve - disapprove	5
(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.....	44.0	37	44	17	33	96	-8
13 The Democratic Party	49.4	42	41	24	30	97	1
14 The Republican Congress.....	40.2	32	49	11	37	97	-18
15 Democrats in Congress.....	45.9	36	45	19	30	96	-9
16 Barack Obama	53.0	51	42	39	34	99	9
17 Mitt Romney.....	47.9	44	42	25	31	98	2
18 Paul Ryan	47.6	39	38	25	31	87	1
19 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	57.8	49	29	34	22	93	20
20 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups	47.2	36	42	28	35	96	-6
22 Gay marriage	47.0	39	42	32	39	95	-3
23 The state of the economy.....	38.3	29	57	9	40	99	-28
27 The Tea Party movement.....	41.6	32	43	17	36	89	-11
28 The new health care reform law	43.9	37	44	24	37	93	-7

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
[506 Respondents]							
31 (PC) (SPLIT A) Lobbyists	28.5	11	58	2	47	90	-47
[506 Respondents]							
32 (PC) (SPLIT B) Money in politics.....	29.9	11	61	5	48	95	-50
[506 Respondents]							
33 (PC) (SPLIT A) Public funding of campaigns	42.7	26	42	15	31	93	-16
[506 Respondents]							
34 (PC) (SPLIT A) A plan that replaces current campaign funding with small donations and matching funds.....	56.9	42	19	22	15	88	23
[506 Respondents]							
35 (PC) (SPLIT B) Super PACs	26.6	7	44	2	36	67	-37
[506 Respondents]							
36 (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.....	62.0	48	18	32	14	89	30
[506 Respondents]							
37 (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	66.7	56	15	42	12	92	41
[506 Respondents]							
39 (PC) (SPLIT A) A plan to cut red tape from the voting process to make sure all eligible voters can vote.....	75.2	67	14	57	12	93	53
[506 Respondents]							
40 (PC) (SPLIT B) A plan to modernize voter registration and to extend early voting for all voters.....	70.7	67	15	53	12	98	51
[506 Respondents]							
41 (PC) (SPLIT B) A plan to fix rules in the US Senate to prevent a minority of Senators from blocking debate on issues or from holding up nominations	61.7	52	20	35	16	90	32

Q.43 Thinking about the presidential election, did you vote for -- Democrat Barack Obama or Republican Mitt Romney

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	50
Republican Mitt Romney	48
(Other candidate)	2
(ref:PREZ12A)	

Q.44 (SKIP IF OBAMA IN PREZ12A) Think back in time for a minute, did you, at any point in this campaign, think about voting for Barack Obama?

	Total
Very seriously	4
Somewhat seriously	4
Only a little seriously	4
Didn't consider Obama.....	40
(Don't know/refused)	1
Obama Supporter	47
(ref:CHNCBO)	

Q.45 (SKIP IF ROMNEY IN PREZ12A) Think back in time for a minute, did you, at any point in this campaign, think about voting for Mitt Romney?

	Total
Very seriously	4
Somewhat seriously	4
Only a little seriously	6
Didn't consider Romney	39
(Don't know/refused)	1
Romney Supporter	45
(ref:CHNCMR)	

Q.46 Thinking about the election for Congress in your district, did you vote for -- the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Total
The Democratic candidate	47
The Republican candidate.....	49
(Other candidate)	4
(ref:GENCONG)	

[478 Respondents]

Q.47 (ASK ONLY IF BARACK OBAMA IN PREZ12A) Now let me read you a list reasons to support Barack Obama. Which THREE describe the most important reasons why you voted for Barack Obama?

	Total
Brought America through the economic crisis and needs more time.....	33
For Planned Parenthood, preventive health care and pay equity for women.....	29
Passed Affordable Health Care Act for all	29
Respect him as a leader.....	27
Will protect Medicare and Social Security from cuts	26
His jobs plan for American energy, auto efficiency, infrastructure and more teachers.....	23
Stood up for minorities and equal rights, like the Dream Act	22
Took out Osama bin Laden and ended wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.....	21
Will get millionaires to pay higher taxes and pay fair share.....	19
Rescued U.S. auto industry.....	13
Could not vote for Romney.....	8
(Other)	2
(All)	14
(None).....	0
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:BOLIST1)	

[462 Respondents]

Q.48 (SKIP IF ROMNEY IN PREZ12A AND DIDN'T CONSIDER IN CHNCBO) Regardless of how you voted, what are one or two of the best reasons to vote AGAINST Mitt Romney?

	Total
Successful businessman who knows how to manage and create jobs.	37
Plan to cut spending and reduce national debt.....	34
Will repeal Obamacare.....	33
I don't want four more years of Barack Obama.....	30
Will protect small businesses from taxes and regulation.....	23
Plan to expand offshore oil drilling, coal, and natural gas on federal lands	22
Ending culture of dependency by cutting food stamps and welfare	20
Compassionate and religious man	17
Worked with both Democrats and Republicans	16
Plan to cut taxes across the board	16
Will tackle reform of Medicare and Social Security	11
(Other)	4
(All)	11
(None).....	0
(Don't know/refused)	2
(ref:MRLIST1)	

[639 Respondents]

Q.49 (DO NOT ASK IF BARACK OBAMA IN PREZ12A AND DIDN'T CONSIDER IN CHNCMR)

Let me read you a list of doubts about Barack Obama. Regardless of how you voted, which THREE describe the most important reasons NOT to vote for Barack Obama?

	Total
Increased deficit and size of government	32
Obamacare	31
Cut Medicare by 700 billion dollars to pay for a health reform plan no one wanted.....	23
His economic plans failed.....	21
Bailed out big banks while doing nothing to help homeowners	20
Paid off union supporters in the auto bailout and failed clean-energy projects.....	19
Hurt small businesses with taxes and regulations	19
Failed to change Washington and break gridlock	17
Support for abortion rights.....	17
America would not be the same if Obama had second term.....	15
America less respected under Obama	13
(Other)	3
(All)	16
(None).....	5
(Don't know/refused)	2
(ref:BODBT)	

[628 Respondents]

Q.50 (DO NOT ASK IF MITT ROMNEY IN PREZ12A AND DIDN'T CONSIDER IN CHCEBO) Let me read you a list of doubts about Mitt Romney. Regardless of how you voted, which THREE describe the most important reasons NOT to vote for Mitt Romney?

	Total
Changed positions so often we don't know what he believes.....	31
Being against Planned Parenthood and preventive health services for women	29
With the rich and out of touch with average people	24
His statement that he doesn't care about the "47 percent"	23
Plan to change Medicare and raise costs for seniors	22
Wants more tax cuts for the wealthy.....	22
Closed companies and shipped jobs abroad when CEO of Bain Capital.....	21
Would repeal Obamacare	19
For the Bush trickle down policies that caused the economic crash.....	16
Stands for Tea Party Republicans who produce gridlock in Washington	13
Would increase military spending and let generals decide whether to keep troops in Afghanistan	11
(Other)	2
(All)	15
(None).....	4
(Don't know/refused)	3

(ref:JMDBT)

Q.51 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	BO	MR	MR		Nei-	DK/	Total	Total	BO
	Much	Smwt	Smwt	Much	Both	ther	Ref	BO	MR	-
	Bttr	Bttr	Bttr	Bttr						MR
[506 Respondents]										
60 (SPLIT A) Reducing the influence of special interest money in politics	25	18	12	17	3	11	15	42	29	13

(ref:PBETJOB)

Q.63 Both Barack Obama and Mitt Romney said in their campaigns that this election is about the future of the middle class. That was the big choice. Now, that the election is over, which THREE of the following are the most important things for us to focus on?

	Total
Creating jobs and getting the economy going.....	49
Reducing the federal deficit and lowering debt for future generations	41
Protecting middle class retirement benefits including Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security.....	37
Investing more in education and training	26
Helping small businesses with access to credit and reduced red tape	23
Reducing the influence of special interest money in politics.....	17
Implementing the new health care law to reduce health care costs	16
Investing in alternative energy and strengthening infrastructure for extreme weather.....	16
Increasing the minimum wage and empowering workers to get higher pay and benefits	15
Breaking up the big banks and prosecuting those who caused the financial crisis	15
Investing in rebuilding our roads, transportation, and economic infrastructure	14
(All)	8
(Other)	0
(None).....	0
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:MANDATE2)	

Q.64 (PC) How would you characterize the level of advertising by the campaigns and outside groups in this election?

	Total
Less than normal for a presidential campaign	6
About normal for a presidential campaign	17
More, but helpful to hear different points of view	10
More, and a nuisance that I tuned out	28
More, and made it harder to hear different points of view	6
More, and unhealthy for our democracy	27
(Other)	1
(Don't know/refused)	5
(ref:PCAMSPEN)	

Q.65 (PC) Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. 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 nd
65 There is too much big money spent on political campaigns and elections today and reasonable limits should be placed on campaign contributions and spending. OR Because electing our political leaders is one of the most important things we do as a nation, there should not be any limits on campaign contributions or spending.	67	11	9	9	1	1	1	78	18	60

[506 Respondents]

66 (SPLIT A) Politics is so dominated by big money contributions that until the influence of big money is reduced, the issues I care about won't get a fair chance to be considered in Washington. OR Since we just elected them, Congress and the President will have to tackle the important issues voters care about regardless of the influence of money in politics.	38	8	14	35	1	2	2	47	49	-2
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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 nd
[506 Respondents]										
67 (SPLIT B) Given what I saw in the presidential race during this election, I am fed up with the big donors and secret money that control which candidates we hear about. It undermines democracy.										
OR										
Money is always going to be spent in campaigns and at least all the candidates were able to get heard and voters got to decide in the end.....	54	10	16	17	1	0	2	64	33	31
(ref:PCPAIRS)										

Q.70 (PC) Now I'm going to read you some various people and organizations that might influence how members of Congress vote. Of the following, which TWO do you think have the most influence on how members of Congress vote?

	Total
Special interest groups and lobbyists	59
Campaign contributors	46
Party leaders.....	29
The media.....	29
Views of their constituents.....	15
Their own conscience	12
(Other)	2
(All)	2
(None).....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:INF1)	

Q.71 (PC) And which ONE do you think has the least amount of influence on how members of Congress vote?

	Total
Their own conscience	31
Views of their constituents.....	23
The media.....	18
Special interest groups and lobbyists	9
Campaign contributors	8
Party leaders.....	5
(Other)	1
(All)	1
(None).....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
(ref:INF2)	

[506 Respondents]

Q.96 (PC) (SPLIT A) Now for something a little different. Which of the following comes closest to your view of how we should address money in politics?

[506 Respondents]

(SPLIT B) Now for something a little different. In this election, more than six billion dollars were spent to elect the President and Congress. Which of the following comes closest to your view of how we should address money in politics?

	Total
Overhaul the way elections are paid for by replacing large donations with small donations and limited matching public funds, strict enforcement of election laws, and disclosure of outside spending.	46
Make modest reforms like increased disclosure of outside spending	23
Keep the system mostly the way it is.....	11
Repeal limits on contributions to candidates.....	10
(Other)	2
(None).....	2
(Don't know/refused)	6

Split A

	Total
Overhaul the way elections are paid for by replacing large donations with small donations and limited matching public funds, strict enforcement of election laws, and disclosure of outside spending.	40
Make modest reforms like increased disclosure of outside spending	25
Keep the system mostly the way it is.....	12
Repeal limits on contributions to candidates.....	10
(Other)	2
(None).....	2
(Don't know/refused)	9

Split B

	Total
Overhaul the way elections are paid for by replacing large donations with small donations and limited matching public funds, strict enforcement of election laws, and disclosure of outside spending.	52
Make modest reforms like increased disclosure of outside spending	21
Repeal limits on contributions to candidates.....	11
Keep the system mostly the way it is.....	10
(Other)	2
(None).....	1
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:PCAF1)	

[506 Respondents]

Q.97 (PC) (SPLIT A) Would you support or oppose a law that would require corporations, unions, and non-profit groups to disclose their sources of spending when they participate in elections?

[506 Respondents]

(SPLIT B) Would you support or oppose a law that would require corporations and non-profit groups to disclose their sources of spending when they participate in elections?

	Total
Strongly support.....	65
Somewhat support.....	20
Somewhat oppose.....	7
Strongly oppose.....	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
Total support.....	85
Total oppose.....	12
Support - oppose.....	73

Split A

	Total
Strongly support.....	65
Somewhat support.....	21
Somewhat oppose.....	7
Strongly oppose.....	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
Total support.....	86
Total oppose.....	10
Support - oppose.....	75

Split B

	Total
Strongly support.....	64
Somewhat support.....	20
Somewhat oppose.....	7
Strongly oppose.....	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
Total support.....	84
Total oppose.....	13
Support - oppose.....	71
(ref:PDISCLOS)	

Q.99 (PC) Would you support or oppose allowing candidates for Congress the option of having the small donations from people in their home state matched with public funding as long as candidates took no contributions above 100 dollars?

	Total
Strongly support.....	36
Somewhat support	30
Somewhat oppose	10
Strongly oppose	17
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
Total support	67
Total oppose	27
Support - Oppose	39
(ref:PLIMCORP)	

Q.100 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.....	22
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college	25
College graduate.....	34
Post-graduate school	13
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.101 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.....	6
No member belongs.....	81
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Union Household	18
(ref:UNION)	

Q.102 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married.....	56
Single.....	24
Separated/divorced.....	9
Widowed.....	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Living with a partner.....	5
Sep/Div/Wid.....	14
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.103 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total
Yes.....	34
No.....	65
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.104 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat.....	26
Weak Democrat.....	12
Independent-lean Democrat.....	9
Independent.....	8
Independent-lean Republican.....	12
Weak Republican.....	11
Strong Republican.....	21
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.107 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	25
Moderate.....	30
Conservative.....	42
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.108 Let me ask a question about religion. Which one of these best describes yourself?

	Total
Observant Catholic.....	14
Non-observant Catholic.....	8
Evangelical Christian.....	23
Non-evangelical Protestant	15
Jewish.....	2
Muslim	0
No religious affiliation	20
(Other)	16
(Don't know/refused)	2
Total Catholic	22
Total Christian.....	61
(ref:RELIG4)	

[360 Respondents]

Q.109 (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
Yes	46
No	52
(DK/Refused)	2
(ref:LANDLINE)	

[652 Respondents]

Q.110 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total
Yes	90
No	9
(DK/Refused)	1
(ref:CELLLINE)	

[756 Respondents]

Q.111 (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
All or almost all calls on a cell phone.....	37
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone.....	36
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	25
(DK/Refused)	1
(ref:DUALUSE)	

Phone Use Table

	Total
Cell Only	19
Cell Mostly	28
Dual User.....	27
Landline Mostly	19
Landline Only	6
Landline Unknown.....	1

Q.112 As you know, there was an election for Congress and other offices in 2010. 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
Voted	76
Did not vote.....	20
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	2
(Refused)	1
(ref:VOTE06)	

[906 Respondents]

Q.113 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	52
Republican John McCain	40
(Ralph Nader)	0
(Bob Barr)	0
(Other)	2
(Don't Know/Refused)	6
(ref:VOTE2008)	

Q.114 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White.....	72
African-American or Black.....	13
Hispanic or Latino	10
Native American.....	1
Asian.....	1
(Other)	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	Total
Male	47
Female.....	53
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.8 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24.....	10
25 - 29.....	9
30 - 34.....	6
35 - 39.....	9
40 - 44.....	12
45 - 49.....	8
50 - 54.....	9
55 - 59.....	10
60 - 64.....	10
65 and over	14
(No answer)	2
(ref:AGE)	