

NPR Frequency Questionnaire

July 22-26, 2009
850 Likely 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	98
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	2
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.5 As you know, there was an election for Congress and other offices in 2006. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted	93
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young	7
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE062)	

Q.9 I know it is a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for Congress in 2010: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total
Almost certain.....	85
Probably	15
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	0
(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?

	Total
Right direction	38
Wrong track	54
(Don't know/refused)	8
Right - Wrong.....	-15
(ref:DIRECT)	

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

	Total
Strongly approve	33
Somewhat approve	20
Somewhat disapprove.....	8
Strongly disapprove.....	34
(Don't know/refused)	6
Total approve.....	53
Total disapprove.....	42
(ref:BOAPP)	

Q.12 And do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Total
Strongly approve	7
Somewhat approve	25
Somewhat disapprove.....	19
Strongly disapprove.....	42
(Don't know/refused)	6
Total approve.....	33
Total disapprove.....	61
(ref:CONGAPRO)	

Q.13 I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections in 2010, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	38
Lean Democratic candidate.....	5
Republican candidate.....	38
Lean Republican candidate.....	5
(Other candidate)	3
Lean (Other candidate)	1
(Undecided).....	10
(Refused).....	2
Total Democratic candidate	42
Total Republican candidate.....	43
Total (Other candidate).....	3

(ref:GC1)

Q.15 Now, I am going to read you a list of concerns that people have. Please tell me which ONE of these you think the President and Congress should be paying the most attention to.

	Total
The economy and jobs.....	39
Health care	12
Taxes and spending.....	8
Terrorism and national security	6
The federal deficit.....	6
Education	5
The war in Afghanistan.....	4
Social Security and Medicare.....	4
Moral values	3
The war in Iraq	3
Energy and gas prices.....	2
Climate change	1
(Other)	2
(None)	0
(Don't know/Refused).....	3

(ref:CONC1)

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Q.16 (SKIP IF NONE OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED IN CONC1) And which of the following should the President and Congress be paying the next most attention to?

	Total
The economy and jobs	19
Health care	16
Taxes and spending	9
The Federal Deficit	9
Social Security and Medicare	8
Terrorism and national security	7
Energy and gas prices.....	6
The war in Afghanistan.....	6
Education	6
The war in Iraq	4
Moral values	2
Climate change	2
(Other)	2
(None)	0
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:CONC2)	

Combined Concerns

	Total
The economy and jobs	59
Health care	28
Taxes and spending	18
The federal deficit.....	14
Terrorism and national security	13
Social Security and Medicare	12
Education	11
The war in Afghanistan.....	9
Energy and gas prices.....	8
The war in Iraq	7
Moral values	5
Climate change	3
(Other)	4
(None)	0
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:CONC1/CONC2)	

Q.17 Now I would like to talk to you about the state of the economy. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Total
Excellent.....	1
Good.....	8
Not so good	42
Poor.....	49
(DK/Refused).....	1
(ref:STATECON)	

Q.18 Now, on a scale of 0 to 10, tell me how good a job you think the Democratic Party is doing addressing the country's priorities so far this year with 10 meaning a very good job and 0 meaning a very bad job. You can choose any number between 0 and 10.

	Total
Mean	4.4
10	4
8-10	15
6-10	38
5	17
0-4	44
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:DEMJOB)	

Q.19 Now, on a scale of 0 to 10, tell me how good a job you think the Republican Party is doing addressing the country's priorities so far this year with 10 meaning a very good job and 0 meaning a very bad job. You can choose any number between 0 and 10.

	Total
Mean	3.9
10	2
8-10	7
6-10	24
5	23
0-4	51
(Don't know/refused)	2
(ref:REPJOB)	

Q.20 Now, thinking about the nation's economy, do you believe the economy...

	Total
Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve	36
Is at the bottom but is not yet getting any better	24
Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse	37
(DK/Refused).....	3
Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve	
- Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse.....	-1
(ref:BTTMOUT)	

[425 Respondents]

Q.21 (SPLIT A) Looking ahead, do you think that a year from now the economy will be better than it is now, or worse that it is now?

	Total
Better.....	67
(About the same).....	4
Worse.....	24
(Don't Know/Refused).....	5
 Better - Worse	 43
(ref:ECONFUT)	

[425 Respondents]

Q.22 (SPLIT A) Would you say that the economy right now is better than it was six months ago or worse than it was six months ago?

	Total
Better.....	37
(About the same).....	10
Worse.....	50
(Don't Know/Refused).....	3
 Better - Worse	 -12
(ref:ECONPAST)	

[425 Respondents]

Q.23 (SPLIT B) Looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you and your family will be better off financially or worse off financially than you are right now?

	Total
Better off.....	50
(About the same).....	13
Worse off.....	28
(Don't Know/Refused).....	9
 Better off - Worse off	 22
(ref:FAMFIN)	

[425 Respondents]

Q.24 (SPLIT B) Would you say that right now you and your family are better off financially than you were a year ago or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	Total
Better off.....	22
(About the same).....	23
Worse off.....	53
(Don't Know/Refused).....	2
 Better off - Worse off	 -31
(ref:FMFNPAST)	

Q.25 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
25 President Obama's economic policies helped avert an even worse crisis, and are laying the foundation for our eventual economic recovery. OR President Obama's economic policies have run up a record federal deficit while failing to end the recession or slow the record pace of job losses.....	29	15	9	38	0	2	6	45	48	-3

[425 Respondents]

26 (SPLIT B) This economic crisis has made me make lifestyle changes that are most likely permanent. OR The lifestyle changes I've made due to the economic crisis are most likely temporary.....	33	9	20	29	-	4	5	42	49	-7
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[425 Respondents]

27 (SPLIT A) Former President Bush is more responsible for the current state of the economy. OR President Obama is more responsible for the current state of the economy..... (ref:NPRPAIRS)	49	7	7	24	3	6	4	56	32	24
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Q.28 As you may have heard, President Obama and the Democrats in Congress are preparing a plan to change the health care system. From what you have heard about this plan, do you favor or oppose Obama and the Democrats' health care proposal?

	Total
Strongly favor	25
Somewhat favor	17
Somewhat oppose.....	8
Strongly oppose	39
(Don't know/refused)	11
Total favor	42
Total oppose	47
Favor - Oppose	-5
(ref:OBHCPROP)	

Q.29 Now let me read you two statements about Obama and the Democrats' health care plan. After I read these statements, please tell me which one comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

Democrats say if we don't reform the health insurance system premiums will keep doubling every five years, more companies will drop coverage, and insurance companies will keep using the fine print to deny care when people need it. This plan shifts the power from the insurance companies to you and your doctor, gives you the peace of mind of knowing that you won't lose your coverage if you get sick or lose your job, and guarantees that if you like your doctor you can keep them. And it cuts costs by encouraging prevention and allowing people and businesses to comparison shop for the best and most affordable plan.

OR

Republicans say we need to first control health care costs and require insurance companies cover everyone, so there is no reason to rush through a plan right now that has so many problems. Under this plan, people will have fewer choices. It will not only limit access to quality care and result in rationing, but it will bust the budget by increasing spending when we are already spending too much on unproven programs like the stimulus. We shouldn't have a government-run health care plan where patients can't go to the doctor they want and government bureaucrats decide who gets which treatments.

	Total
Dem statement strongly	37
Dem statement not strongly	14
Rep statement not strongly	7
Rep statement strongly	36
(Both).....	2
(Neither)	0
(Don't know/refused)	5
Total Dem statement	51
Total Rep statement	42
Dem - Rep.....	8
(ref:BOHCPAIR)	

Q.30 As you may have heard, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a major energy bill. I am going to read you two statements about that bill. After I read these statements, please tell me which one comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

Democrats say for too long we've relied on the same old, dirty energy sources. This bill will get America running on clean energy by rewarding companies that produce alternative energy and requiring companies to reduce their pollution. It will require more of our energy to come from alternative sources like wind and solar and it uses America's technological know-how to re-charge our economy with new industries, creating 1.7 million new jobs while reducing our dependence on foreign oil and unstable parts of the world. It will cost families less than 15 dollars a month.

OR

Republicans say this cap and trade bill is a \$2,000 per year hidden tax on average families. It puts a tax on companies that all Americans will end up paying every time they drive, flip on a light switch, or cool their house. Rather than help create new jobs, this hidden tax will make it even more difficult for American manufacturing businesses to compete, and will send jobs to countries like China and India who refuse to play by the same rules. This new tax hits those who can least afford it -- families and small businesses struggling to survive the recession.

	Total
Dem statement strongly	39
Dem statement not strongly	14
Rep statement not strongly	8
Rep statement strongly	32
(Both).....	2
(Neither)	0
(Don't know/refused)	5
Total Dem statement	53
Total Rep statement	40
Dem - Rep.....	13
(ref:ENGYPAIR)	

Q.31 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.....	28
College graduate.....	28
Post-graduate school	18
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.32 Are you a member of a labor union?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	14
Household member	8
No member belongs.....	77
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Union Household.....	22
(ref:UNION)	

Q.33 And have you or any member of your immediate family been unemployed at some point in the last year?

	Total
Yes: Respondent.....	16
Yes: Family Member	21
No.....	62
(Dk/Ref).....	1
Total Unemployment.....	37
(ref:EMPLOY2)	

Q.34 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	60
Single	20
Separated/Divorced.....	12
Widowed.....	8
(Don't know/refused)	1
Sep/Div/Wid.....	20
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.35 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	26
Weak Democrat.....	12
Independent-lean Democrat.....	10
Independent	7
Independent-lean Republican	12
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican.....	19
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.38 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	17
Moderate	39
Conservative	41
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

[114 Respondents]

Q.39 (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	34
No.....	66
(DK/Refused).....	-
(ref:LANDLINE)	

[736 Respondents]

Q.40 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

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

[656 Respondents]

Q.41 (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	18
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	47
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone.....	34
(DK/Refused).....	1

Phone use

	Total
Cell Only	9
Cell Mostly	14
Dual User	36
Landline Mostly	26
Landline Only	13
Landline Unknown.....	2
(ref:DUALUSE)	

Q.42 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	53
Catholic	22
Jewish	2
Muslim	0
(Don't know/refused)	23
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.43 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
Once or twice a month	14
Several times a year.....	12
Hardly ever	22
(Never)	6
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
More than once a week	13
Once a week	29
(ref:RELIG2)	

[830 Respondents]

Q.44 (ASK IF VOTED IN 2008) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	49
Republican John McCain	42
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Bob Barr).....	-
(Other).....	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
(ref:VOTE2008)	

[830 Respondents]

Q.45 (ASK IF VOTED IN 2008) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)? ¹

	Total
(2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT).....	45
(2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)	40
(Other candidate)	3
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	10
(ref:VT CG2008)	

Q.46 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	77
African-American or Black.....	10
Hispanic or Latino.....	8
Native American	1
Asian	1
(Other).....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.49 And finally, it is possible that a reporter for National Public Radio may do a news story based on some of these topics and may want to ask a few follow-up questions of some of the people we spoke to tonight. Would you be willing to have an NPR reporter have your responses on the questions about the issues we discussed and possibly call you for a brief interview?

	Total
Yes	54
No.....	44
(DK/Refused).....	2
(ref:NPRFOLUP)	

¹ Actual candidate names were inserted preceded by party identifications for all districts. In unopposed districts, a generic candidate was used as the opposition.

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male.....	48
Female	52
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	9
25 - 29	5
30 - 34	6
35 - 39	9
40 - 44	7
45 - 49	12
50 - 54	10
55 - 59	10
60 - 64	10
Over 64.....	22
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	