# Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

October 2-4, 2010 816 Likely Voters<sup>1</sup>

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

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Yes	
No	
(Refused)	
(ref:SCRÉEN1)	

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?

Voted	Total
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	
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	94
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young	6
Did not vote	
(Can't remember/Don't know)	
(Refused)	
(ref:VOTE062)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Likely voters are defined as 2008 voters who voted or were not eligible in 2006 AND are almost certain to vote, probable to vote, don't know if they will vote, or have already voted in 2010.

Q.9 What are the chances of your voting in the election for 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?

	Total
Almost certain	86
Probably	13
50-50	<b>-</b>
Will not vote	
(Don't know)	1
(Already voted)	0
(Refused)	
(ref:CP10)	

#### [4 Respondents]

Q.10 (IF ALREADY VOTED) When you voted by absentee ballot or through early voting, did you vote by mail or in person?

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By mail	. 39
In person	. 61
(Don't know/ Refused)	
(ref:ABSENT4)	

Q.11 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?

Right direction	29
Wrong track	
(Don't know/Refused)	8
<b>Right - Wrong</b> (ref:DIRECT)	33

Q.12 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

Strongly approve Somewhat approve	
Somewhat disapprove Strongly disapprove (Don't know/Refused)	10 43
Total approve Total disapprove (ref:BOAPP)	

Q.13 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.

organization, prodoc day bo.							Warm
	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	- Cool
13 The Republican Party	45.9	38	42	15	29	99	-4
14 The Democratic Party	44.2	37	47	20	36	98	-10
15 The Democratic Congress	41.2	36	50	17	39	97	-13
16 Barack Obama	48.8	45	44	33	37	99	1
[376 Respondents] 17 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>2</sup>	50.8	39	31	22	23	80	7
[318 Respondents] 17 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>1</sup>	54.4	41	26	23	19	81	16
[408 Respondents] 18 (SPLIT A) Republicans in Congress	43.4	33	43	10	30	98	-10
[408 Respondents] 19 (SPLIT B) Republican candidates for Congress and the Senate	47.6	37	38	18	27	91	-1
20 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	55.9	47	30	30	23	92	18
21 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups	51.6	39	35	28	28	92	3
22 The state of the economy	33.4	18	64	4	42	98	-46
23 The Tea Party movement (ref:THERM04/THERM204)	49.6	40	35	26	29	89	5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

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# [812 Respondents]

Q.24 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) As you know, there will be elections next month for US Congress and other offices. On a scale of one to ten, with one meaning NOT AT ALL determined and ten meaning VERY DETERMINED, please tell me how determined you are to vote in this year's elections?

	Total
10	81
9	5
8	6
7	2
6	
5	2
4	0
3	
2	0
1	
(Don't know/Refused)	
Mean	9.4
10	81
8-10	91

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Q.27 Thinking about the elections this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)<sup>3</sup>?

Democratic candidate	
Lean Democratic candidate	4
Republican candidate	46
Lean Republican candidate	
(Other candidate)	
Lean (Other candidate)	
(Undecided)	
(Refused).	2
Total Democratic candidate	
Total Republican candidate	
Total (Other candidate)	2
(ref:CONGEV/CONG10)	

Total

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### [812 Respondents]

Q.29 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) Even though you are not supporting (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) now, what are the chances that you might support (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE 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
Fair chance	6
A small chance	8
Just a very slight chance	9
No chance at all	32
(Don't know/Refused)	3

#### [812 Respondents]

Q.30 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) Even though you are not supporting (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) now, what are the chances that you might support (REPUBLICAN HOUSE 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
Fair chance	7
A small chance	
Just a very slight chance	7
No chance at all	
(Don't know/Refused)	2
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Republican candidate Supporter ...... 49 (ref:CONG10D) [400 Respondents] Q.33 (ASK ONLY IN 2010 SENATE STATES) Thinking about the election for U.S. Senate in November, if the election for U.S. Senate were held today, would you vote for (DEMOCRATIC SENATE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN SENATE CANDIDATE)<sup>4</sup>? Total

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Democratic candidate	46
Lean Democratic candidate	2
Republican candidate	
Lean Republican candidate	2
(Other candidate)	
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	
(Refused)	1
Total Democratic candidate	48
Total Republican candidate	
Total (Other candidate)	
(ref:SENVOTE/SENEV)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In the landline sample, the incumbent names were inserted preceded by party identification. In states where a candidate is unopposed, the generic 'the Democratic candidate' or 'the Republican candidate' was used.

Q.35 Now 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 this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

35 The economy	Much Bttr	Dem Smwt Bttr 17		Rep Much Bttr 26	Both	Nei- ther 6	DK/ Ref 8	Total Dem 38	Total Rep 46	Dem - Rep -8
36 Taxes		17	18	31	1	6	9	37	48	-12
[408 Respondents] 37 (SPLIT A) Health care	27	13	17	29	0	5	10	40	46	-6
[408 Respondents] 38 (SPLIT B) Retirement and Social Security	27	16	16	21	1	8	11	44	37	7
39 Being on your side	26	14	16	22	1	8	12	40	38	2
[408 Respondents] 40 (SPLIT B) Government spending	18	15	23	26	1	8	9	33	49	-16
[408 Respondents] 41 (SPLIT A) The federal budget deficit	17	17	20	27	0	8	11	34	46	-12
[408 Respondents] 42 (SPLIT A) Bringing the right kind of change	22	14	18	26	1	8	10	37	44	-7
[408 Respondents] 43 (SPLIT B) Listening to people (ref:BETJOBCG)	26	17	14	17	2	13	11	43	31	12

Q.44 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.

neither is exactly right.	1st	1st	2nd	2nd				Total	Total	1st
	Stmt	Not	Not	Stmt	Dath	Nei-	DK/	1st	2nd	-
[694 Respondents] 44 (SKIP IF OPEN SEAT) In November, I CAN'T vote to reelect (HOUSE INCUMBENT) because we need new people that will work to change Washington. OR In November, I WILL PROBABLY vote to reelect (HOUSE INCUMBENT) because (he/she) is doing a good job and is trying to bring change.		Strng 10	Strng	Strng 36	O	tner	Ref	Stmt	Stmt	2nd
[408 Respondents] 45 (SPLIT B) I want somebody in Washington who will fight big corporate special deals and work for the middle class. OR I want somebody in Washington who will rein in government spending and deficits and stop higher taxes.	39	7	5	45	2	0	2	46	50	-4
[408 Respondents] 46 (SPLIT A) I'm more worried that the Republican candidates are supporting Sarah Palin's partisan and extreme agenda. OR I'm more worried that the Democratic candidates are supporting President Obama's partisan and extreme agenda	30	12	8	42	1	3	3	43	50	-8

Q.47 Now let me read you some statements that (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) might make this fall about the election. After I read each statement, please tell me whether each statement would make you MUCH MORE LIKELY to support (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) this November, SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY, JUST A LITTLE MORE LIKELY, NO MORE LIKELY, or LESS LIKELY to support (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) this November.

November.	Much	Smwt	i++	No				Much/	Much/
		More		-	Less	No	DK/	Smwt	
[408 Respondents] 47 (SPLIT A) (OUTSOURCING) My passion is "made in America," working to support small businesses, American companies and new American industries. (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) has pledged to support the free trade agreements with Colombia, Panama, and South Korea and protect the loophole for companies outsourcing American jobs. I have a different approach to give tax breaks for small businesses that hire workers and give tax subsidies for companies that create jobs right here in America	Lkly	Lkly				Diff		More 45	
[408 Respondents] 48 (SPLIT A) (REFORM/MIDDLE CLASS) We have to change Washington. That means eliminating the special deals and tax breaks won by corporate lobbyists for the oil companies and Wall Street. (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) has pledged to protect the tax cuts for the top two percent and the big tax breaks for companies who export American jobs. I'll take a different approach with new middle class tax cuts to help small businesses and new American industries create jobs. Let's make our country work for the middle class	21	25	14	20	18	1	2	45	59

	More	Smwt More Lkly	More			No Diff		Much/ Smwt More	Smwt/
[408 Respondents] 49 (SPLIT B) In these tough times, I'm fighting for the middle class. (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) has promised to protect the tax breaks for companies exporting American jobs and the richest two percent while giving five billion dollars in tax cuts to AIG and Goldman Sachs. I'll take a different approach with new middle class tax cuts to help small businesses and new American industries create jobs. Let's make our country work for the middle class.	-	18	12	18	23	1	3	43	55
[408 Respondents] 50 (SPLIT B) (FORWARD/BACK) My priority is to cut middle class taxes, extend unemployment and health insurance for the unemployed, support new industries that create jobs and end tax breaks for exporting jobs. The economy shows signs of improving. But (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) wants to go back to the Bush policies that crushed the middle class. They want to give tax breaks to the wealthy and big corporations. We must rebuild the middle class, not go back to the same old policies for Wall Street that cost us 8 million									
jobs (ref:DEMTCMSG)	29	15	6	17	29	1	4	44	50

Q.51 Now let me read you some statements that (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) might make this fall about the election. Please tell me whether each statement would make you MUCH MORE LIKELY to support (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) this November, SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY, JUST A LITTLE MORE LIKELY, NO MORE LIKELY, or LESS LIKELY to support (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) this November.

	More	Smwt More Lkly	More			No Diff	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt More	Smwt/
[408 Respondents] 51 (SPLIT B) (HEALTH CARE) President Obama and (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) promised lower health care costs, but did not deliver. Their plan will explode our deficit by one trillion dollars, raise taxes when people are struggling, and take away the health care choices we should be able to make. I will fight to repeal and replace these policies with common sense solutions like expanding health savings accounts and having the ability to purchase health insurance across state lines, which will lower costs for working families		14	9	18	21	1	3	47	56
[408 Respondents] 52 (SPLIT A) (BIG GOV) (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) has backed Nancy Pelosi's out-of-control spending ways. They've spent trillions on a failed economic recovery, resulting in government takeovers of banks, car companies, and health care. Thousands of small businesses will face crippling tax hikes. I'll work in Congress to return to common sense policies like decreasing costly government regulation, cutting taxes for small businesses and the middle class, and providing incentives to encourage businesses to create jobs in America to get our									
economy going again (ref:REPTCMSG)	29	20	9	17	22	1	2	49	58

Q.53 Now let me read you some statements that (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) may make about (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE). For each statement, please tell me whether this raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubt in your own mind about (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE).

Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts			DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
	25	17	40	3	41	57
18	29	18	29	5	47	48
17	28	19	32	5	44	51
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	Very Ser Dbts		Minor Dbts		DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[408 Respondents] 56 (SPLIT B) (RYAN MEDICARE) (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) has pledged to make sweeping cuts, including cuts to off-limit programs for the middle class, like Social Security and Medicare. The Republicans plan to privatize Social Security by shifting those savings to the stock market, and ending guaranteed benefit levels. Medicare as we know it will end, as seniors will have to purchase private insurance using a voucher that will cover some of the costs	22	27	15	31	6	49	45
[408 Respondents] 57 (SPLIT A) (BACK TO BUSH) (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) will force us to go back to the same policies of George W. Bush that drove our economy into the ditch. (He/She) will work to preserve tax breaks for companies that send jobs overseas rather than give tax breaks to companies to create jobs here in America for renewable energy and manufacturing	18	22	19	37	4	41	56
[408 Respondents] 58 (SPLIT B) (TRADE) (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) has pledged to pass as soon as possible free trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea that are key to the official Republican economic plan. This protects the tax breaks for exporting American jobs, and that is not good news for Americans who believe American jobs are the key to the future	17	29	22	27	6	46	49

Q.59 Now let me read you some statements that (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) may make about (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE). For each statement, please tell me whether this raises very serious doubts, serious doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubt in your own mind about (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE).

	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts		DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[408 Respondents] 59 (SPLIT A) (CHECK ON OBAMA) (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) will be a rubber stamp for President Obama's agenda of a failed stimulus, unnecessary bailouts, and a health care law that takes away our choices. These failed programs are exploding our deficit, haven't improved our economy and are taking away our freedoms. We must end the Democrats' two-year experiment in expanding government	18	28	15	37	2	46	52
[408 Respondents] 60 (SPLIT B) (PELOSI) (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) will be a rubber stamp for Nancy Pelosi in Washington, who passed a failed stimulus, unnecessary bailouts, and a health care law that takes away our choices. These failed programs are exploding our deficit, haven't improved our economy and are taking away our freedoms. We must end the Democrats' two-year experiment in expanding government.	21	25	14	35	5	45	49
[408 Respondents] 61 (SPLIT A) (HEALTH CARE) (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) and the Democratic Congress passed a health care law that will result in a government takeover of our health care system and hurt small businesses with burdensome mandates,. Their plan will explode our deficit by one trillion dollars, raise taxes when people are struggling, and take away the health care choices we should be able to make.	25	27	15	30	3	52	45
111ant.	20	21	15	30	3	JZ	40

	Very Ser Dbts	•••	Minor Dbts		DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[408 Respondents] 62 (SPLIT B) (SPENDING) (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) is addicted to spending our tax dollars and supports running up the deficit to record levels with failed economic policies. We can't continue to put our government into more debt to countries like China. This Democratic spending spree will raise taxes on working							
families and burden our small businesses (ref:DDOUTMSG)	17	29	16	34	5	45	50

## [812 Respondents]

Q.63 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED) Now let me ask you again, thinking about the elections this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)<sup>5</sup>? Total

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42
3
4
1
0
4
1
45 48 1

Q.65 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

Strong supporter	<b>Total</b>
Not so strong supporter	
Not a supporter	
(Don't know/Refused)	
Total Supporter	35

(ref:TEASUPP)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In the landline sample, the incumbent names were inserted preceded by party identification. In unopposed districts, the generic 'the Democratic candidate' or 'the Republican candidate' was used for the opposition. For the cell phone sample, both candidates were given as generic.

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Q.66 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	
High School graduate	24
Non-college post H.S.	
Some college	
College graduate	
Post-graduate school	
(Don't know/Refused)	
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.67 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

Yes: Respondent belongs Household member No member belongs	
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:UNION)	····· <i>L</i> I

Q.68 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

Married	<b>Total</b>
Single	-
Separated/Divorced	
Widowed	
(Don't know/Refused)	2
<b>Sep/Div/Wid</b> (ref:MARITAL)	

Q.69 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

Strong Domoorot	Total
Strong Democrat	
Weak Democrat	
Independent-lean Democrat	
Independent	6
Independent-lean Republican	16
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican	20
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.72 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

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Liberal	
Moderate	
Conservative	
(Don't know/Refused)	
(ref:IDEO1)	

#### [119 Respondents]

Q.73 (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?

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Yes	
No	62
(Don't know/Refused)	
(ref:LANDLINE)	

## [697 Respondents]

Q.74 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total
Yes	82
No	
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:CELLLINE)	

### [620 Respondents]

Q.75 (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	24
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home	
phone	37
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	38
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:DUALUSE)	

### Phone Use Table

Cell Only	<b>Total</b> 9
Cell Mostly	
Dual User	
Landline Mostly	29
Landline Only	
Landline Unknown	2
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample)	
Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample) (ref:DUALUSE)	12

# [795 Respondents]

Q.76 (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	
Republican John McCain	
(Ralph Nader)	0
(Bob Barr)	
(Other)	
(Don't Know/Refused)	5
(ref:VOTE2008)	

#### [795 Respondents]

Q.77 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)<sup>6</sup>?

(2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT)	43
(2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)	
(Other candidate)	
(Did Not Vote for Congress)	
(Don't Know/Refused)	
(ref:VTCG2008)	

Q.78 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

## Total

Total

Total

White	
African-American or Black	11
Hispanic or Latino	9
Native American	1
Asian	1
(Other)	0
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

# Q.2 Respondent's gender

	TOLAI
Male	48
Female	
(ref:GENDER)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</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.

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# Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	7
25 - 29	4
30 - 34	5
35 - 39	
40 - 44	10
45 - 49	10
50 - 54	9
55 - 59	10
60 - 64	13
65 and over	
(No answer) (ref:AGE)	1