# Democracy Corps Frequency Questionnaire

October 9-11, 2010 **928 Likely Voters**<sup>1</sup>

Q.3 First of all	, are you registered to vote at this address?	
		Total
	Yes	100
	No	<del>-</del>
	(Refused)	<del>-</del>
	(ref:SCREEN1)	
	ple weren't able to vote in the 2008 election for pain. How about you? Were you able to vote, or f	
		Total
	Voted	96
	Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	
	Did not vote	
	(Can't remember/Don't know)	
	(Refused)	
	(ref:VOTE08)	
	ow, there was an election for Congress and other vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or?	
		Total
	Voted	92
	Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young	7
	Did not vote	
	(Can't remember/Don't know)	0
	(Refused)	
	(ref·VOTF062)	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Likely voters are defined as those 2008 voters who voted or were not eligible in 2006 AND are almost certain to vote, probable to vote, or don't know if they will vote 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	12
50-50	<b>-</b>
Will not vote	<b>-</b>
(Don't know)	<b>-</b>
(Already voted)	2
(Refused)	<b>-</b>
(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?

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Right direction	33
Wrong track	58
(Don't know/Refused)	9
Right - Wrong	26
(ref:DIRECT)	

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

Strongly approve	18
Somewhat disapprove	41
Total approve(ref:BOAPP)	

Q.14 Please tell me how interested you are in November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a "ten" means that you are very interested in November's elections and a "one" means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten.

	Total
10	62
9	8
8	
7	
6	
5	
4	
3	
2	
1	
(Don't know/Refused)	
Mean	9.0
10	62
8-10	
6-10	
1-5	_
(ref:NOVINT)	

Q.15 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.

3		%	%	%	%	%	Warm
	Mean	Warm		>75	<26	ΙĎ	Cool
15 The Republican Party  Total	45.0	37	43	16	32	97	-6
16 The Democratic Party Total	45.7	41	45	24	35	98	-3
17 The Democratic Congress  Total	42.0	37	49	19	40	97	-12
18 Barack Obama Total	50.3	47	42	35	36	98	5
[434 Respondents] 19 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>2</sup> (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE) Total	50.5	40	32	24	26	83	8
[346 Respondents] 19 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) <sup>2</sup> (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE) Total	55.4	41	27	24	19	81	14
[464 Respondents] 20 (SPLIT A) Republicans in Congress  Total	43.6	34	45	16	33	95	-11
[464 Respondents] 21 (SPLIT B) Republican candidates for Congress and the Senate  Total	45.6	37	40	16	32	93	-4

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

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	Mean	% Warm		% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
22 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association  Total	<b></b> 56.1	46	30	30	23	91	16
23 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups  Total	<b></b> 51.0	40	36	30	32	92	4
24 The state of the economy  Total	<b></b> 33.5	20	63	6	45	98	-43
25 The Tea Party movement  Total(ref:THERM04/THERM204)	<b></b> 45.4	36	41	23	36	89	-5

Q.33 Thinking about the elections this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE)<sup>3</sup> or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)?

Democratic candidate	<b>Total</b> 41
Lean Democratic candidate	
Republican candidate	43
Lean Republican candidate	
(Other candidate)	2
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided)	
(Refused)	2
Total Democratic candidate	45
Total Republican candidate	
Total (Other candidate)	2
(ref:CONG10)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In the landline sample, the candidate names were inserted preceded by party identification. For the cell phone sample, both candidates were given as generic.

Q.35 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	5
A small chance	6
Just a very slight chance	9
No chance at all	
(Don't know/Refused)	3
Democratic candidate Supporter(ref:CONG10C)	45

Q.36 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	6
A small chance	5
Just a very slight chance	10
No chance at all	29
(Don't know/Refused)	3
Republican candidate Supporter(ref:CONG10D)	47

#### [675 Respondents]

Q.39 (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>?

Demogratic condidate	Total
Democratic candidate	
Republican candidate	
Lean Republican candidate	2
(Other candidate)	
Lean (Other candidate)	
(Undecided)	3
(Refused)	1
Total Democratic candidate	44
Total Republican candidate	48
Total (Other candidate)(ref:SENVOTE)	3

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In the landline sample, the candidate 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.44 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.

	Much	Dem Smwt	Smwt	Much	Dath	Nei-	-	Total		Dem -
44 The economy Total	<b>Bttr</b> 24	<b>Bttr</b> 15	<b>Bttr</b> 16	29	Both 1	tner 6	Ref 8	Dem 39	кер 45	Rep -6
45 Taxes Total	24	15	15	31	1	5	9	39	46	-7
[464 Respondents] 46 (SPLIT A) Health care Total	30	15	13	29	1	6	7	45	42	3
[464 Respondents] 47 (SPLIT B) Retirement and Social Security Total	28	16	14	22	1	6	13	44	36	8
48 Being on your side Total	27	14	12	24	1	10	12	41	36	6
49 Abortion Total	23	12	12	25	1	6	22	35	37	-2
[464 Respondents] 50 (SPLIT B) Government spending Total	18	14	18	30	3	8	10	32	48	-17
[464 Respondents] 51 (SPLIT A) The federal budget deficit Total	21	13	16	28	1	9	12	33	44	-10

1st

1st

		Dem Smwt Bttr	Smwt	Much		Nei-		Total Dem		Dem - Rep
[464 Respondents] 52 (SPLIT A) Bringing the right kind of change  Total					0		11	39	40	0
(ref:BETJOBCG)	20	12	13	21	U	9	' '	39	40	U

Q.53 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.

**Total Total 1st** Stmt Not Not Stmt DK/ Nei-1st 2nd Strng Strng Strng Both ther Ref Stmt Stmt 2nd [464 Respondents] 53 (SPLIT B) I want somebody in Washington

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the middle class.

OR I want somebody in Washington who will rein in government spending and deficits and stop higher taxes.

who will fight big corporate special deals and work for

Total ...... 33 12 7 42 2 2 2 46 49 -3

[464 Respondents] 54 (SPLIT B) 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.

10 8 37 1 6 5 42 45 -3 Total ......32

	1st Stmt	1st Not Strng	2nd Not	2nd Stmt Strng	Roth	Nei-	DK/ Ref	1st	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[464 Respondents] 55 (SPLIT A) I want somebody in Washington who will fight big corporate special deals and work for the middle class and American jobs. OR I want somebody in Washington who will rein in government spending and deficits and stop higher taxes. Total		10	6	34	4	2	2	52	40	11
[464 Respondents] 56 (SPLIT A) I'm more worried that the Republican candidates this year are supporting Sarah Palin's partisan and extreme agenda and advocate ending Medicare and unemployment benefits and threaten a government shutdown to stop Obama. OR I'm more worried that the Democratic candidates this year are supporting President Obama's partisan and extreme agenda of out-of-control spending and debt and government takeovers of the auto industry and health care.										
Total(ref:PAIRS10)	34	8	8	41	1	5	4	42	48	-6

Q.57 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.

Much Smwt Littl No Much/Much/
More More More Less No DK/ Smwt Smwt/
Lkly Lkly Lkly Lkly Diff Ref More Littl

[464 Respondents] 57 (SPLIT B) (MADE IN AMERICA/MIDDLE CLASS) 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. Let's make our country work again for the middle class again.

	More	Smwt More Lkly	More			No Diff	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt	Smwt/
[464 Respondents] 58 (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 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 again for the middle class  Total		23	9	17	22	2	4	46	55
[464 Respondents] 59 (SPLIT A) (DC/WALL ST/MADE IN AMERICA) Washington and Wall Street are working hand-in-glove exporting American jobs. It is time for a change, but (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) has pledged to support free trade agreements with South Korea that bleed jobs. And backed by special interests with donations from foreign corporations, he's promised to protect the loophole for companies outsourcing jobs. I have a different approach to give tax breaks for small businesses that hire workers and support new American industries that create jobs right here. My passion is "Made in America."									
Total	18	16	8	20	30	3	6	34	42

Much Smwt Littl No Much/Much/
More More More Less No DK/ Smwt Smwt/
Lkly Lkly Lkly Lkly Diff Ref More Littl

[464 Respondents] 60 (SPLIT B) (CAN'T GO BACK/FUTURE) In these tough times, we just can't go back to the policies that didn't work and cost us eight million jobs. (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) says he'll cut taxes for the millionaires and billionaires, let the big companies play by their own rules, get breaks to export jobs, cut investment in education and clean energy and you're on your own. I offer a different choice - to give tax breaks to companies investing here, to small businesses, American manufacturers and clean energy companies. Let's battle together for a better future.

Q.61 Now let me read you some statements that (REPUBLICAN 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 (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.

Much Smwt Littl No Much/Much/
More More More Less No DK/ Smwt Smwt/
Lkly Lkly Lkly Lkly Diff Ref More Littl

61 (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, raises taxes when people are struggling, and takes away the health care choices we should be able to make by giving more control of our health care to Washington bureaucrats. 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.

Much/Much/

Much Smwt Littl More More More Less DK/ Smwt Smwt/ No Lkly Lkly Lkly Lkly Diff Ref More Littl 62 (JOBS/ECONOMY) Congress is off on the wrong track when it comes to jobs and the economy. (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) supports an Obama-Pelosi agenda that kills iobs by trying to raise taxes on energy, increases costly regulations on nearly all businesses with a trillion dollar health care law, and wasted eight hundred billion dollars on an economic stimulus bill that failed to lower unemployment. I have a different approach that allows small businesses to take tax deductions to create jobs. repeal the small business mandates in the new health care bill, and limits federal spending going forward. **Total** ......26 16 9 18 25 2 3 42 51

No

Q.63 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).

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No

Ser Ser Minor Real DK/ Total Not Dbts Dbts Dbts Ref Ser Ser [464 Respondents] 63 (SPLIT B) (DEFICIT) (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)'s pledge to America starts with tax cuts for the top two percent tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires that will increase the deficit by 700 billion dollars borrowed from the Chinese. I guess they still believe in trickle down economics. when we know the middle class is the heart of our economy. 28 18 31 45 49 Total ...... 17 6

(ref:REPTCMSG)

**Total** 

ery Ser bts		Minor Dbts		DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
19	23	20	33	6	42	52
24	23	19	29	5	47	48
12	30	10	30	Q	42	49
2		4 23	4 23 19	4 23 19 29	4 23 19 29 5	4 23 19 29 5 <b>47</b>

MOA Deep and deep 1	Very Ser Dbts	Ser Dbts	Minor Dbts		DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
[464 Respondents] 67 (SPLIT A) (TEA PARTY) (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) has championed the Tea Party and its candidates who call for abolishing the Department of Education, privatizing Social Security, and even threatening to close down the government until Obama repeals the new health care reform law.  Total	22	23	15	35	6	44	49
[464 Respondents] 68 (SPLIT B) (CHAMBER) (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE) has pledged to support free trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea that will bleed American jobs and tax breaks for companies that export American jobs. As a result, that campaign has received massive financial and advertising support from big business groups that get support from foreign corporations and that champion outsourcing as good for consumers and oppose any buy-American rules. That's a bad deal for America.							
Total(ref:RDOUTMSG)	15	32	20	26	7	47	46

Q.69 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	Ser	Minor	No Real	DK/	Total	Total Not
[464 Respondents] 69 (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. Total	Dbts		Dbts		Ref	Ser 40	Ser
[464 Respondents] 70 (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. Total		32	17	31	5	47	48
[464 Respondents] 71 (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. Total	22	25	12	34	7	47	47

[464 Responder	ntsl	Very Ser Dbts		Minor Dbts		DK/ Ref	Total Ser	Total Not Ser
72 (SPLIT B) (S HOUSE CANDII spending our tax running up the c failed economic put our governm countries like Ch spending spree families and bur	PENDING) (DEMOCRATIC DATE) is addicted to a dollars and supports deficit to record levels with policies. We can't continue to ment into more debt to mina. This Democratic will raise taxes on working den our small businesses.			40				
(ref:DDOUTMS	G)	15	32	16	31	6	47	47
U.S. Congress v	nts] e ask you again, thinking abou were held today, would you be .N HOUSE CANDIDATE)?							
,	Democratic candidate							
	Lean Democratic candidate Republican candidate					43		
	Lean Republican candidate (Other candidate)							
	Lean (Other candidate) (Undecided)							
	(Refused)							
	Total Democratic candidate Total Republican candidate					_		
	Total (Other candidate) (ref:RECONG10)							
Q.82 Do you co	nsider yourself to be a support	er of th	ne Tea	a Party	move	ment,	or not	?
	Strong supporter					Total		
	Not so strong supporter					11		
	Not a supporter(Don't know/Refused)					58 8		

Total Supporter ......34

(ref:TEASUPP)

Q.83 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	23
Non-college post H.S	
Some college	26
College graduate	28
Post-graduate school	18
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.84 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

Yes: Respondent belongs	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	13
Household member	8
No member belongs	79
(Don't know/Refused)	
Union Household(ref:UNION)	20

Q.85 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	61
Single	18
Separated/Divorced	
Widowed	
(Don't know/Refused)	2
Sep/Div/Wid	19
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.86 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	24
Weak Democrat	12
Independent-lean Democrat	10
Independent	
Independent-lean Republican	
Weak Republican	11
Strong Republican	22
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.89 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal	16
Moderate	34
Conservative	46
(Don't know/Refused)	4
(ref:IDEO1)	

#### [146 Respondents]

Q.90 (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	43
No	57
(DK/Refused)	
(ref:LANDLINE)	

#### [782 Respondents]

Q.91 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total
Yes	81
No	17
(DK/Refused)	2
(ref:CELLLINE)	

## [694 Respondents]

Q.92 (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	30
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home	
phone	33
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	36
(DK/Refused)	1
(ref:DUALUSE)	

## Phone Use Table

Cell Only	9
Cell Mostly	22
Dual User	
Landline Mostly	27
Landline Only	
Landline Unknown	
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample)	7
Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample)	

## [892 Respondents]

Q.93 (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	45
Republican John McCain	44
(Ralph Nader)	0
(Bob Barr)	
(Other)	2
(Don't Know/Refused)	9
(ref:VOTE2008)	

## [892 Respondents]

Q.94 In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)<sup>5</sup>?

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

Q.95 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

,	Total
White	76
African-American or Black	11
Hispanic or Latino	9
Native American	1
Asian	1
(Other)	1
(Don't know/Refused)	
(ref:RACETHN)	

#### Q.2 Respondent's gender

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Male	48
Female	52
(ref:GENDER)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</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.

## Q.6 In what year were you born?

	lotal
18 - 24	6
25 - 29	5
30 - 34	7
35 - 39	7
40 - 44	9
45 - 49	11
50 - 54	9
55 - 59	11
60 - 64	12
65 and over	22
(No answer)	1
(ref:AGE)	