

Democracy Corps/CAF Frequency Questionnaire

July 26-29, 2010

1,000 2008 Voters (1,100 unweighted) ¹

866 Likely Voters (910 unweighted) ²

134 Drop-Off Voters (190 unweighted) ³

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

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Yes.....	100	100	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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Voted.....	98	98	92
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young.....	2	2	8
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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Voted.....	84	94	25
Not registered in 2006/Ineligible/too young.....	8	6	13
Did not vote	7	-	50
(Can't remember/Don't know)	2	-	12
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:VOTE062)			

¹ This survey included an oversample of 100 voters in congressional districts held by Democrats considered to be the most vulnerable in 2010.

² 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.

³ Drop-off voters are defined as those 2008 voters who are not likely voters.

Q.9 I know it is a long way off, but 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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Almost certain	80	88	27
Probably	12	11	15
50-50	6	-	45
Will not vote	1	-	11
(Don't know)	1	1	1
(Refused)	0	-	1
(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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Right direction	29	26	42
Wrong track.....	64	66	49
(Don't know/refused)	7	8	8
Right - Wrong	-35	-39	-7
(ref:DIRECT)			

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

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strongly approve	27	26	36
Somewhat approve	18	17	21
Somewhat disapprove	9	8	13
Strongly disapprove	43	45	24
(Don't know/refused)	4	4	7
Total approve	45	43	57
Total disapprove	51	54	37
(ref:BOAPP)			

Q.12 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.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
12 The Republican Party	45.9	35	41	14	27	97	-7
Likely Voters	45.9	35	42	14	28	96	-7
Drop-Off Voters	44.0	31	41	8	25	95	-11
13 The Democratic Party	44.4	37	47	20	35	98	-9
Likely Voters	43.1	36	49	20	37	98	-12
Drop-Off Voters	52.9	46	32	23	20	96	13
14 The Democratic Congress	41.5	34	49	17	38	96	-14
Likely Voters	40.0	33	51	16	41	96	-17
Drop-Off Voters	51.7	44	30	20	21	94	13
15 Barack Obama	50.0	46	43	33	35	99	3
Likely Voters	47.9	44	46	31	38	99	-2
Drop-Off Voters	61.3	58	29	40	22	100	30
[505 Respondents]							
16 (DEM HOUSE INCUMBENT) ⁴ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE)	49.2	35	30	19	23	79	4
Likely Voters	49.2	36	32	20	25	82	4
Drop-Off Voters	58.3	36	14	18	12	64	22
[337 Respondents]							
16 (REP HOUSE INCUMBENT) ¹ (ASK ONLY IN LANDLINE SAMPLE)	57.5	39	19	22	13	77	20
Likely Voters	58.4	42	20	24	13	79	22
Drop-Off Voters	50.6	19	13	14	12	55	6
17 Republicans in Congress	44.1	31	45	11	29	96	-14
Likely Voters	43.8	32	46	12	30	97	-15
Drop-Off Voters	43.3	25	38	5	24	95	-13
18 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	57.6	48	27	31	20	94	21
Likely Voters	56.8	48	29	32	22	95	20
Drop-Off Voters	59.2	42	20	26	13	86	22
19 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	49.7	39	38	27	31	96	1
Likely Voters	49.6	39	39	28	32	95	0
Drop-Off Voters	48.5	36	34	23	29	94	2

⁴ The applicable incumbent name was inserted without party identification.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
20 Gay marriage	42.1	33	47	25	42	96	-13
Likely Voters	40.7	31	48	24	43	96	-17
Drop-Off Voters	48.3	40	40	30	35	97	.
22 The state of the economy	31.0	16	68	4	47	99	-52
Likely Voters	30.0	16	70	5	49	99	-55
Drop-Off Voters	35.9	20	59	3	36	99	-39
[500 Respondents]							
23 (SPLIT B) The state of your personal finances.....	53.7	47	31	25	23	97	16
Likely Voters	53.1	45	32	25	24	97	13
Drop-Off Voters	55.9	54	24	20	17	97	30
24 The federal budget deficit	22.5	9	73	4	61	97	-64
Likely Voters	21.4	8	75	3	63	97	-67
Drop-Off Voters	31.1	14	56	6	44	92	-42
[500 Respondents]							
25 (SPLIT A) The new health care reform law..	38.4	32	51	18	42	95	-19
Likely Voters	37.8	32	52	18	44	95	-20
Drop-Off Voters	42.2	31	39	15	33	90	-9
26 A plan to dramatically reduce the deficit over the next five years.....	66.8	61	20	45	14	95	42
Likely Voters	66.4	61	20	45	15	94	41
Drop-Off Voters	66.7	58	20	44	12	96	38
27 A plan to invest in new industries and rebuild the country over the next five years	67.5	63	17	44	13	94	45
Likely Voters	66.2	60	19	43	13	93	42
Drop-Off Voters	71.0	70	13	50	12	95	56

(ref:THERM02/THERM204/THERM205)

Q.28 I know it is a long way off, but 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)⁵?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Democratic candidate	37	37	46
Lean Democratic candidate	5	4	5
Republican candidate	43	44	29
Lean Republican candidate	4	4	3
(Other candidate)	3	3	3
Lean (Other candidate)	1	1	-
(Undecided)	7	7	11
(Refused)	1	1	3
Total Democratic candidate	42	41	51
Total Republican candidate	47	48	32
Total (Other candidate).....	3	3	3

(ref:CONG10)

Q.30 Even though you are not supporting (DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) now, what are the chances that you might support (DEMOCRATIC 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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Fair chance	9	9	9
A small chance.....	8	8	10
Just a very slight chance.....	12	11	11
No chance at all	27	29	14
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	2	5
Democratic candidate Supporter	42	41	51

(ref:CONG10C)

Q.31 Even though you are not supporting (REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) now, what are the chances that you might support (REPUBLICAN 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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Fair chance	10	10	12
A small chance.....	10	9	15
Just a very slight chance.....	12	12	13
No chance at all	19	19	23
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	2	4
Republican candidate Supporter.....	47	48	32

(ref:CONG10D)

⁵ In the landline sample, the incumbent names were inserted preceded by party identification. Generic “the Democratic candidate” or “the Republican candidate” were inserted for the opposition. For the cell phone sample and open seat districts, both candidates were given as generic.

Q.32 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strong supporter	24	26	13
Not so strong supporter	11	11	12
Not a supporter	52	52	54
(Don't know/Refused).....	13	12	21
Total Supporter	35	37	25

(ref:TEASUPP)

Q.33 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.

	Dem Much Bttr	Dem Smwrt Bttr	Rep Smwrt Bttr	Rep Much Bttr	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
33 The economy	19	18	20	27	1	6	9	37	47	-10
Likely Voters	19	17	21	28	1	6	8	36	49	-13
Drop-Off Voters	20	23	13	18	2	6	16	43	32	12

[500 Respondents]

34 (SPLIT A) The federal budget deficit.....	18	17	23	25	2	5	10	36	48	-12
Likely Voters	17	16	24	27	1	5	10	33	51	-18
Drop-Off Voters	19	26	15	14	4	4	17	46	29	16

[500 Respondents]

35 (SPLIT B) Helping small business succeed	18	18	18	30	3	4	10	36	47	-11
Likely Voters	18	18	19	31	2	4	8	36	50	-15
Drop-Off Voters	20	24	16	15	3	6	17	43	31	13

[500 Respondents]

36 (SPLIT A) Strengthening manufacturing in the United States	17	15	25	24	1	5	13	31	49	-18
Likely Voters	18	15	23	26	1	5	13	32	49	-16
Drop-Off Voters	19	20	22	15	3	4	17	39	37	2

[500 Respondents]

37 (SPLIT B) Developing innovative industries	19	19	17	20	2	6	17	38	38	0
Likely Voters	20	18	18	21	2	6	15	38	39	-2
Drop-Off Voters	14	25	19	10	2	5	25	39	29	10

	Dem Much Btrr	Dem Smwt Btrr	Rep Smwt Btrr	Rep Much Btrr	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total Dem	Total Rep	Dem - Rep
[500 Respondents]										
38 (SPLIT A) Making the right choices in deciding how and when to reduce the federal budget deficit.....	18	19	22	23	1	7	11	37	45	-8
Likely Voters	18	17	23	24	0	7	10	35	47	-13
Drop-Off Voters	17	32	14	12	1	4	18	50	27	23
(ref:BETJOBCEG)										

[500 Respondents]
Q.39 (SPLIT B) Now, thinking about the nation's economy, do you believe the economy...

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve.....	35	35	44
Is at the bottom but is not yet getting any better	25	24	26
Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse	35	37	27
(DK/Refused)	4	4	3
Improving - Will get worse	0	-2	18
(ref:BTTMOUT)			

Q.40 Which of the following would be a bigger concern for you in thinking about the direction of the national economy?

The danger of throwing more people out of work and extending the recession by focusing too much on deficit reduction.

OR

The danger of putting the burden of debt on future generations by not focusing enough on deficit reduction.

	Likely Total	Drop-Off Voters	Voters
First statement strongly.....	32	32	36
First statement not so strongly	11	11	9
Second statement not so strongly.....	9	9	11
Second statement strongly	38	38	33
(Both)	3	3	3
(Neither)	2	2	3
(Don't know/refused)	5	5	5
Total First statement	43	43	45
Total Second statement	47	47	45
First - Second	-4	-4	0
(ref:ECONFEAR)			

[500 Respondents]

Q.41 (SPLIT A) Would you favor or oppose the federal government providing more funding to the states to prevent further service cuts and layoffs?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strongly favor	28	28	40
Somewhat favor	24	22	33
Somewhat oppose	13	14	9
Strongly oppose	29	32	14
(Don't know/refused)	5	5	4
Total favor.....	53	49	73
Total oppose.....	42	45	23
Favor – Oppose.....	10	4	51
(ref:STIMSTAT)			

[500 Respondents]

Q.42 (SPLIT B) Over the past year, 45 states have had to layoff teachers, police, fire fighters and other employees due to the recession. Next year, states will face continued revenue shortfalls as a result of the weak economy, with some 300,000 teachers and other education workers potentially facing layoffs. Would you favor or oppose the federal government providing more funding to the states to prevent further service cuts and layoffs?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strongly favor	46	44	62
Somewhat favor	19	18	23
Somewhat oppose	12	13	5
Strongly oppose	18	21	4
(Don't know/refused)	5	5	5
Total favor.....	65	62	85
Total oppose.....	30	34	10
Favor – Oppose.....	35	28	75
(ref:STIMSTA2)			

Q.43 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
[500 Respondents]										
43 (SPLIT B) 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.....	25	15	9	45	1	3	3	40	53	-13
Likely Voters	26	13	8	46	1	3	2	39	54	-15
Drop-Off Voters	26	18	10	36	-	2	9	43	46	-3

[500 Respondents]										
44 (SPLIT B) Obama and the Democrats are more concerned with creating jobs for ordinary Americans.										
OR										
Obama and the Democrats are more concerned with bailing out Wall Street.	31	11	11	35	1	7	4	42	46	-4
Likely Voters	31	10	10	37	1	7	4	41	47	-6
Drop-Off Voters	39	17	11	25	-	2	6	56	36	20

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
45 (SPLIT A) The best way to improve our economy and create jobs is to invest more to put people to work, develop new industries, and help businesses grow in expanding, new areas.										
OR										
The best way to improve our economy and create jobs is to cut government spending and cut taxes so businesses can prosper and the private sector can start creating jobs.....										
	34	8	7	44	3	2	2	42	51	-9
Likely Voters	34	7	5	47	2	2	3	41	52	-11
Drop-Off Voters	34	13	14	29	8	1	1	48	43	5
46 Looking at what is happening with the economy, I am leaning toward voting for the Democrats so we don't jeopardize the chance of an economic recovery.										
OR										
Looking at what is happening with the economy, I am leaning toward voting for the Republicans to protest the direction the economy is heading.										
	33	10	9	42	-	4	3	43	51	-8
Likely Voters	34	8	9	43	-	4	3	41	52	-11
Drop-Off Voters	34	19	11	28	-	4	4	53	40	13

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
47 (SPLIT A) The federal deficit is a big national problem but we should not make major spending cuts in Social Security and Medicare.										
OR										
The federal deficit is such a national problem that we have to cut spending broadly, including possible future cuts to Social Security and Medicare										
spending.	56	11	12	16	0	2	3	67	28	40
Likely Voters	58	10	11	16	0	2	3	68	28	40
Drop-Off Voters	62	16	9	9	-	2	3	78	18	60

[500 Respondents]										
48 (SPLIT B) While we need a plan for deficit reduction, our highest priority should be investment and tax credits for education, science and technology, and renewable energy in order to build a new foundation for economic growth that raises the revenue to reduce the deficit in the long-run.										
OR										
We need to make major cuts in the deficit our highest priority because by cutting our debt, American companies and the U.S. economy will be stronger and more competitive.....										
.....	41	11	10	32	0	2	3	51	43	9
Likely Voters	38	10	10	35	0	3	3	48	45	3
Drop-Off Voters	51	16	11	16	1	1	3	67	28	39

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
49 (SPLIT A) Reducing the deficit is important to our future, but even more important is new investment to foster new skills and industries.										
OR										
Reducing the deficit is so important to our future that we must proceed now to make bold cuts in										
spending.	32	10	11	39	2	2	3	43	50	-7
Likely Voters.....	32	10	11	41	2	2	3	42	51	-9
Drop-Off Voters.....	35	12	15	29	3	2	5	47	43	3

[500 Respondents]										
50 (SPLIT B) Investing to foster new skills and industries is so important to our future we must BOTH make key investments and reduce the deficit over time.										
OR										
Reducing the deficit is so important to our future that we must proceed now to make bold cuts in										
spending.	39	16	10	30	2	1	2	54	40	14
Likely Voters.....	37	15	9	33	2	1	2	52	42	10
Drop-Off Voters.....	42	16	16	21	1	-	5	58	37	21

[500 Respondents]										
51 (SPLIT A) Moving now to reduce the deficit will mean higher unemployment.										
OR										
Moving now to reduce the deficit will mean lower unemployment.										
unemployment.	19	14	18	30	0	4	14	33	48	-15
Likely Voters.....	19	14	16	31	0	5	14	33	47	-15
Drop-Off Voters.....	15	16	34	22	1	1	12	31	56	-25

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
52 To get our country back on track, we must invest in education, science, technology, and in new industries like renewable energy that will create new jobs, while also working to reduce the federal deficit each year.										
OR										
To get our country back on track, we must cut the federal deficit by cutting spending and taxes so businesses can prosper and the private sector can start creating jobs.....	43	7	7	37	3	1	2	50	44	6
Likely Voters	41	7	7	40	3	1	2	48	47	1
Drop-Off Voters	48	13	9	26	3	-	2	60	34	26

(ref:PAIRS10)

[738 Respondents]

Q.53 When you think about a large federal deficit, which TWO of the following consequences do you worry about the most?⁶

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
An economy weighed down by debt that can't grow and create jobs	35	34	27
Inability of Social Security to pay future benefits	29	29	34
The next generation being left to pay the bills	28	26	40
Cutbacks of key government services, like teachers, building and maintaining highways, and transportation ..	26	25	25
China will be stronger than the US	21	21	20
A lack of credit for the consumers and businesses that can't borrow and invest	15	16	14
Interest payments in the budget crowding out other spending	12	12	6
(Other).....	1	1	1
(All).....	5	5	5
(None).....	2	2	1
(Don't know/refused).....	6	6	5

(ref:DEFCONS)

⁶ This question was asked of the full sample the first two nights (June 26, 27), and asked only of Split B for the remainder of the survey (June 28, 29).

[500 Respondents]

Q.54 (SPLIT A) Now I'd like to read you a list of things that some people say have caused the national deficit to grow over the past several years. After I read this list, please tell me which TWO, in your opinion, are most responsible for the federal deficit growing significantly over the past several years.

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	49	47	51
The bailouts of the big banks and auto industry	36	36	46
Lobbyists and special interests putting unneeded spending in the budget.....	31	32	22
The Bush tax cuts for corporations and top earners	29	28	37
President Obama's economic recovery or stimulus plan	28	30	18
The economic recession that cut tax revenue and required support for the unemployed	8	8	11
The cost of the Medicare Prescription Drug benefit	6	5	9
(Other).....	2	2	2
(All).....	2	2	-
(None)	0	0	-
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	2	1

(ref:RESPNSB2)

Q.55 Now I'd like to read you a list of proposals to help close the federal budget deficit. After I read each item, please tell me whether you FAVOR or OPPOSE that proposal.

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Fav - Opp
[500 Respondents]								
56 (SPLIT A) Raise the retirement age for Social Security to 70 years	12	20	14	52	2	32	66	-34
Likely Voters	13	20	13	52	2	33	65	-32
Drop-Off Voters	8	12	14	64	2	20	78	-57

[500 Respondents]

57 (SPLIT B) Increase the age to receive Medicare benefits from age 65 to age 67	16	19	18	44	4	35	61	-27
Likely Voters	16	19	16	44	4	36	60	-24
Drop-Off Voters	11	12	24	52	2	23	76	-53

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Fav - Opp
[500 Respondents]								
58 (SPLIT A) Eliminate the cap on Social Security payroll taxes so those earning more than 107 thousand dollars pay the same rate as everyone else	40	21	13	17	9	61	31	30
Likely Voters	42	20	12	17	9	63	28	34
Drop-Off Voters	24	30	21	18	8	54	38	16

[500 Respondents]								
59 (SPLIT B) Eliminate the current Medicare program and instead give all seniors vouchers to be able to purchase up to 11,000 dollars a year in private insurance or health care.....	14	14	15	48	10	28	62	-34
Likely Voters	13	12	14	51	10	25	65	-41
Drop-Off Voters	23	18	17	37	5	41	54	-13

[500 Respondents]								
61 (SPLIT A) Create a nationwide 3 percent federal sales tax on all goods except for food	17	18	18	44	4	35	62	-27
Likely Voters	18	16	17	45	4	34	62	-28
Drop-Off Voters	9	27	25	39	2	35	63	-28

[500 Respondents]								
62 (SPLIT B) Create a financial transactions tax that would impose a small half-a-cent tax each time a stock is bought or sold.....	18	24	17	29	12	42	46	-4
Likely Voters	19	24	16	30	12	43	46	-3
Drop-Off Voters	21	21	27	24	8	42	50	-9

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dk/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Fav - Opp
[500 Respondents]								
63 (SPLIT B) Let the Bush era tax cuts for those making over 250 thousand dollars expire next year as originally planned	43	14	12	26	5	57	39	18
Likely Voters	42	13	13	29	5	54	41	13
Drop-Off Voters	49	21	10	15	5	69	25	44
[500 Respondents]								
64 (SPLIT B) Eliminate tax breaks for corporations that export jobs overseas	50	15	8	24	3	64	32	32
Likely Voters	50	14	8	25	4	64	32	32
Drop-Off Voters	43	15	12	27	3	58	39	18
[500 Respondents]								
65 (SPLIT A) Create a tax on carbon emissions from utilities and other major manufacturing companies	26	22	13	35	3	48	48	0
Likely Voters	25	22	13	36	4	47	49	-2
Drop-Off Voters	28	28	19	23	2	56	42	14
[500 Respondents]								
66 (SPLIT B) Eliminate tax breaks and subsidies for corporations such as the oil industry, drug manufacturers and agriculture	37	21	16	20	7	58	35	23
Likely Voters	36	20	17	22	6	56	38	17
Drop-Off Voters	44	15	11	16	14	59	27	31
[500 Respondents]								
67 (SPLIT A) Create a tax on excessive profits made by Wall Street banks	46	19	9	20	6	65	29	36
Likely Voters	46	16	9	22	7	62	31	31
Drop-Off Voters	50	25	17	7	1	76	24	52
(ref:PROPS2)								

Q.68 Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements about the economy and spending cuts. 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	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
68 (SPLIT A) We must reduce the deficit, and cuts in military spending are necessary. We spend more on the military than the rest of the world combined, and pulling back from foreign wars and unnecessary weapon systems will still leave America strong.										
OR										
We must reduce the deficit, but not by cutting the military. We must maintain military spending to keep our country safe, to make sure the terrorists know how serious we are, and to make sure America is the leading military power in the world.....	29	9	11	46	1	2	2	39	57	-19
Likely Voters.....	28	9	11	48	0	2	2	37	59	-21
Drop-Off Voters	32	9	12	42	2	1	2	41	54	-13

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
69 (SPLIT B) We must reduce the deficit, and cuts in military spending are necessary. Pulling back from foreign wars and unnecessary weapon systems will enable us to invest in the American people with education, technology, and our own industries that will make us strong.										
OR										
We must reduce the deficit, but not by cutting the military. We must maintain military spending to keep our country safe, to make sure the terrorists know how serious we are, and to make sure America is the leading military power in the world.	27	9	7	52	1	2	1	36	59	-23
Likely Voters	26	8	7	54	2	2	1	34	61	-27
Drop-Off Voters	29	21	4	42	-	2	1	50	46	4

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
70 (SPLIT B) With inequality at its most extreme since the Great Depression, we should raise new revenue with higher taxes on the wealthy, not with a national sales tax that hits working people harder.										
OR										
In order to raise new revenue to address the deficit, we should institute a national sales tax, rather than increase income taxes on the highest income earners because that hits those able to save and invest.....	41	14	14	18	0	6	7	55	32	23
Likely Voters	41	13	13	17	0	7	7	54	31	23
Drop-Off Voters	38	16	13	23	0	3	6	55	36	19

[500 Respondents]										
71 (SPLIT A) We should be making investments vital to our future by spending on education and training, research and development, and a modern infrastructure for the 21st century.										
OR										
We need to catch up with a changing world, but government spending is out of control and we need to reduce the deficit boldly so that America can compete in a very challenging 21st century.	39	11	12	35	2	0	2	50	47	3
Likely Voters	38	10	11	37	2	0	2	48	48	0
Drop-Off Voters	41	12	17	26	2	-	2	53	44	9

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[500 Respondents]										
72 (SPLIT B) We need to reduce deficits over time, while making investments vital to our future by spending on education, training, research, and a modern infrastructure for the 21st century.										
OR										
We need to catch up with a changing world, but government spending is out of control and we need to reduce the deficit boldly so that America can compete in a very challenging 21st century.	33	14	12	37	1	1	2	47	49	-1
Likely Voters	32	14	11	38	1	1	2	46	50	-4
Drop-Off Voters	35	16	16	30	1	1	1	51	46	5
(ref:PAIRECON)										

Q.73 Now I'm going to read you some things a leader is saying about government investment, the economy and deficits. Please tell me if each of this leader's statements makes you much more positive, somewhat more positive, a little more positive, no more positive or more negative about this leader?

	Much More Pos	Smwt More Pos	Little More Pos	No More Pos	More Neg	DK/Ref	Much/Smwt Little
[500 Respondents]							
73 (SPLIT A) When the economy crashed, banks, business and consumers held on for dear life - and only the government could get the economy moving, just as FDR had done in the Great Depression. And it is still true, with unemployment over 9 percent. We need to act now to put people to work and help those who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. We need government investment in jobs, education, and infrastructure in the short-term while being mindful of reducing the deficit over the long-term.							
		30	21	12	8	25	4 51 63
Likely Voters		29	21	10	9	27	4 51 60
Drop-Off Voters		35	30	20	3	9	2 65 86

	Much More Pos	Smwt More Pos	Little More Pos	No More Pos	More Neg	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt/ Little	
[500 Respondents]								
74 (SPLIT B) We have a budget deficit, but the fact is we also have a massive public investment deficit - in roads, sewers, schools, trains, renewable energy, and other basic parts of our communities. To be competitive, we need to rebuild the infrastructure that is vital to our economy. This will create jobs, help business compete, improve our communities and generate revenues that can help pay down the budget deficit.....								
	28	31	15	13	10	4	59	74
Likely Voters.....	30	30	14	12	11	4	60	73
Drop-Off Voters.....	20	36	22	14	5	3	56	78

[500 Respondents]								
75 (SPLIT A) A recovery to the old economy isn't possible or desirable. That economy was based on personal debt, the housing bubble, trade deficits, stagnant wages, and a growing gap between CEOs and the rich, and everyone else. We have to build an economy on a new foundation by investing in education and training, in 21st century infrastructure, capturing a lead role in the new green industrial revolution, and balancing our trade so we make products and create jobs in America.....								
	32	24	13	8	18	4	56	70
Likely Voters.....	32	22	12	9	20	5	54	66
Drop-Off Voters.....	36	31	21	5	5	2	67	87

	Much More Pos	Smwt More Pos	Little More Pos	No More Pos	More Neg	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt/ Little	Much/ Smwt/ Little
[500 Respondents]								
76 (SPLIT B) Reducing the deficit is very important to our future economy and preserving critical public benefits for ordinary people, like teachers and police, Social Security and Medicare. We can reduce the deficit by cleaning up what got us into this mess. Restore the higher tax rates for those earning over 250 thousand dollars a year and for excessive CEO bonuses, institute a small transaction tax on stock trades, and wipe out the lobbyist-created special corporate subsidies. That is the right way for us.....								
	30	23	16	10	16	5	53	69
Likely Voters	29	23	15	11	16	5	52	67
Drop-Off Voters	30	23	26	8	10	3	53	79
(ref:INVSTBAT)								

Q.77 Now I'm going to read you some things a leader is saying about deficits, government spending, and the economy. Please tell me if each of this leader's statements makes you much more positive, somewhat more positive, a little more positive, no more positive or more negative about this leader?

	Much More Pos	Smwt More Pos	Little More Pos	No More Pos	More Neg	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt/ Little	Much/ Smwt/ Little
[500 Respondents]								
77 (SPLIT A) We cannot afford more government giveaways to special interests. The budget deficit has ballooned in the last several years because of bailouts for banks and auto companies and a large government stimulus program. If we do not begin to bring the deficit down by a large amount quickly, we risk serious financial instability like in California and Greece.								
	30	23	16	11	16	5	52	68
Likely Voters	31	22	13	11	17	5	53	67
Drop-Off Voters	18	29	28	11	9	4	48	76

	Much More Pos	Smwt More Pos	Little More Pos	No More Pos	More Neg	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt/ Little	
[500 Respondents]								
78 (SPLIT B) The exploding federal budget deficit is making the U.S. lag in this global economy. China owns more of our debt than anyone and our finances are at risk from being so overextended. We need to aggressively pay down our debt by spending less on government programs across the board, even on popular programs such as Social Security.....								
	12	19	10	17	37	5	31	42
Likely Voters	12	20	10	14	39	5	32	42
Drop-Off Voters	7	23	15	23	28	4	30	45

[500 Respondents]								
79 (SPLIT A) We cannot grow the economy by growing government. The best way to revive the economy is to reduce government spending, cut taxes and leave the private sector to create jobs. Government should have as small a role as possible in our economy, so we need to spend less on programs to revive the economy.....								
	35	19	12	10	22	3	54	65
Likely Voters	37	17	9	9	24	4	54	64
Drop-Off Voters	19	25	21	15	17	3	44	65

[500 Respondents]								
80 (SPLIT B) We can't afford growing federal deficits. So we should cut spending across the board except for the military. We should also sustain the Bush tax cuts and cut taxes on businesses. That will stimulate private business to create the new jobs that will generate the the revenue to pay for the tax cuts.....								
	23	22	12	14	27	2	45	58
Likely Voters	24	22	11	14	27	2	47	57
Drop-Off Voters	10	25	25	8	28	4	35	60
(ref:SPCUTBAT)								

[500 Respondents]

Q.81 (SPLIT A) After hearing these arguments about the economy and deficits, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right?

Reducing the deficit is important to our future, but even more important is new investment to foster new skills and industries.

OR

Reducing the deficit is so important to our future that we must proceed now to make bold cuts in spending.

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
First statement strongly.....	34	35	38
First statement not so strongly.....	14	12	25
Second statement not so strongly.....	10	10	8
Second statement strongly.....	37	38	27
(Both).....	1	1	1
(Neither).....	1	2	1
(Don't know/refused).....	3	3	1
Total First statement.....	49	47	63
Total Second statement.....	47	48	35
First - Second.....	2	-2	28
(ref:ECONFOLL)			

[500 Respondents]

Q.82 (SPLIT B) After hearing these arguments about the economy and deficits, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right?

Investing to foster new skills and industries is so important to our future we must BOTH make key investments and reduce the deficit over time.

OR

Reducing the deficit is so important to our future that we must proceed now to make bold cuts in spending.

	Likely Total	Drop-Off Voters	Voters
First statement strongly.....	37	36	34
First statement not so strongly.....	14	13	21
Second statement not so strongly.....	13	11	15
Second statement strongly	33	37	23
(Both)	1	1	-
(Neither)	0	1	0
(Don't know/refused)	2	2	7
Total First statement.....	51	49	54
Total Second statement	46	48	38
First - Second	5	1	16
(ref:ECONFOLB)			

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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
1 - 11th grade.....	3	3	7
High School graduate	23	23	25
Non-college post H.S.	1	1	-
Some college	28	26	34
College graduate.....	29	30	24
Post-graduate school	15	16	9
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	0
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.84 And have you or any member of your immediate family been unemployed at some point in the last year? (IF YES) Was that you or a family member who was unemployed?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Yes: Respondent	19	19	22
Yes: Family Member	26	24	36
No	54	55	42
(Dk/Ref).....	1	1	0
Total Yes	45	44	58
(ref:EMPLOY2)			

Q.85 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 You	Impct Fam	Some one Know	Has Not Impct	(DK/ Ref)	Total Impct
85 Loss of a job.....	14	27	29	27	2	71
Likely Voters	13	27	29	29	2	69
Drop-Off Voters	17	35	27	19	2	79
[500 Respondents]						
87 (SPLIT A) Lost health insurance coverage	11	16	21	49	3	48
Likely Voters	11	17	20	49	3	48
Drop-Off Voters	19	17	15	47	1	52
[500 Respondents]						
88 (SPLIT B) Fallen behind on mortgage payments or home was foreclosed on.....	7	15	22	54	2	44
Likely Voters	8	13	22	55	3	42
Drop-Off Voters	6	22	20	51	1	48
89 Got a new job.....	10	23	25	39	2	59
Likely Voters	9	22	26	40	3	57
Drop-Off Voters	14	30	17	39	-	61
90 Rejoined the job market and began to look for work again.....	13	24	26	35	2	63
Likely Voters	12	24	25	36	2	62
Drop-Off Voters	21	26	20	31	2	67
(ref:ECONIMPC)						

Q.91 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Yes: Respondent belongs.....	10	13	8
Household member.....	12	7	12
No member belongs.....	76	77	77
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	2	2
Union Household	22	21	20
(ref:UNION)			

Q.92 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Married.....	59	61	42
Single.....	22	17	43
Separated/Divorced.....	10	11	10
Widowed.....	8	9	4
(Don't know/refused).....	1	2	1
Sep/Div/Wid	18	20	15
(ref:MARITAL)			

Q.93 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Strong Democrat.....	21	20	25
Weak Democrat.....	15	14	16
Independent-lean Democrat.....	10	10	12
Independent.....	7	7	12
Independent-lean Republican.....	17	17	9
Weak Republican.....	10	11	10
Strong Republican.....	19	20	15
(Don't know/refused).....	1	2	0
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.96 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Liberal.....	20	19	30
Moderate.....	31	30	33
Conservative.....	44	46	32
(Don't know/refused).....	5	5	5
(ref:IDEO1)			

[153 Respondents]

Q.97 (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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Yes.....	21	39	20
No.....	79	61	80
(DK/Refused).....	-	-	-
(ref:LANDLINE)			

[847 Respondents]

Q.98 (ASK IN LANDLINE SAMPLE ONLY) Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Yes.....	84	83	81
No	15	15	19
(DK/Refused)	1	2	0
(ref:CELLLINE)			

[740 Respondents]

Q.99 (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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
All or almost all calls on a cell phone	19	27	23
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	46	39	53
All or almost all calls on a regular home phone	35	34	24
(DK/Refused)	0	0	-
(ref:DUALUSE)			

Phone Use Table

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Cell Only	12	6	22
Cell Mostly	14	21	15
Dual User	34	30	34
Landline Mostly	26	27	15
Landline Only	13	14	14
Landline Unknown	1	2	0
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample)	3	4	5
Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample)	11	17	10

Q.100 Have you supported the Tea Party movement by either donating money or attending a rally or meeting, or have you done both, or have you done neither?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Donated money.....	2	2	1
Attended a rally or meeting	3	4	2
Both.....	3	3	2
Neither	88	88	91
(Don't know/Refused).....	3	3	3
(ref:TEAPTACT)			

Q.101 What is your religion?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Protestant.....	54	53	59
Catholic.....	20	20	18
Jewish.....	1	2	1
Muslim.....	0	0	0
(Don't know/refused).....	25	25	23
(ref:RELIG1)			

Q.102 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	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
More than once a week.....	15	15	10
Once a week.....	23	24	19
Once or twice a month.....	14	14	16
Several times a year.....	14	14	13
Hardly ever.....	24	22	35
(Never).....	7	7	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	3	4	1
(ref:RELIG2)			

[975 Respondents]

Q.103 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Democrat Barack Obama.....	47	45	61
Republican John McCain.....	45	46	30
(Ralph Nader).....	0	0	-
(Bob Barr).....	0	0	-
(Other).....	2	3	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	6	6	7
(ref:VOTE2008)			

[975 Respondents]

Q.104 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for Congress, did you vote for (2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)⁷?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
(2008 HOUSE DEMOCRAT).....	41	41	47
(2008 HOUSE REPUBLICAN).....	41	43	26
(Other candidate).....	3	3	3
(Did Not Vote for Congress).....	5	3	11
(Don't know/Refused).....	10	9	12
(ref:VT CG2008)			

⁷ 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.105 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
White.....	75	77	62
African-American or Black	13	10	22
Hispanic or Latino	8	8	13
Native American.....	1	1	1
Asian	0	0	0
(Other).....	1	1	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	2	0
(ref:RACETHN)			

Q.2 Respondent's gender

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
Male	47	48	41
Female	53	52	59
(ref:GENDER)			

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total	Likely Voters	Drop-Off Voters
18 - 24.....	9	5	22
25 - 29.....	8	6	16
30 - 34.....	9	7	13
35 - 39.....	7	6	12
40 - 44.....	8	8	7
45 - 49.....	12	11	7
50 - 54.....	8	11	4
55 - 59.....	9	10	6
60 - 64.....	9	11	4
Over 64	20	23	8
(No answer)	1	2	-
(ref:AGE)			