NPR/Democracy Corps/Resurgent Republic Frequency Questionnaire

September 26-30, 2012

800 Likely Voters

265 Battleground Voters (CO, FL, IA, MI, NV, NH, NM, NC, OH, PA, VA, WI) (65 from base, 200 from battleground oversample)

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

	Tatal	Battle
		ground
Yes	100	100
No	-	-
(Refused)	-	-
(ref:SCREEN1)		

Q. 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	Battle ground
Voted	94	93
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	6	7
Did not vote	-	-
(Can't remember/Don't know)	-	-
(Refused)	-	-
(ref:VOTE08)		

Q.5 As you may know, there was an election in 2010 for Congress and other offices. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

		Battle
	Total	ground
Voted	78	76
Did not vote	17	19
(Can't remember/Don't know)	2	2
(Refused)		_
Not registered/ineligible/too young	3	3
(ref:VOTE10)		

Q.9 What are the chances of your voting in the election for President and Congress in November: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

		Battle
	Total	ground
Almost certain		95
Probably	5	5
50-50		-
Will not vote		-
(Don't know)	0	1
(Already voted)		-
(Refused)		-
(ref:CP10)		

[0 Respondents]

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

	Total	Battle ground
By mail		-
In person		-
(Don't know/Refused)(ref:EARLY)		-

Q.11 In the election this year, do you plan on voting on Election Day on November 6th or do you plan to vote early or absentee prior to Election Day?

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	Total	ground
Vote in person on November 6th	67	69
Vote early or absentee	29	26
(Don't know/Refused)y	4	5
(ref:EARLY2)		

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?

Right direction	55	Battle ground 36 59 5
Right - Wrong (ref:DIRECT)	16	-23

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

	Tatal	Battle
	Total	ground
Strongly approve	34	31
Somewhat approve	17	16
Somewhat disapprove	10	12
Strongly disapprove	36	37
(Don't know/Refused)	4	4
Total approve	50	48
Total disapprove	46	49
Approve - disapprove(ref:BOAPP)	5	-1

Q.14 Now, I'd like you to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or organization, please say so.

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		%	%	%	%	%	-
	Mean	Warm	Cool	>75	<26	ID	Cool
14 The Republican Party		35	48	16	35	98	-13
Battleground		33	49	15	35	98	-15
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15 The Democratic Party	48.5	41	41	22	29	98	0
Battleground		39	44	23	33	99	-5
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16 The Republican Congress	38.8	31	52	10	38	97	-21
Battleground		29	53	9	39	97	-24
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17 Democrats in Congress	44.6	35	45	17	33	98	-10
Battleground		33	46	17	35	97	-14
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18 Barack Obama	54 5	53	40	39	32	99	13
Battleground		51	42	37	34	99	9
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19 Mitt Romney	43.5	37	50	19	37	97	-13
Battleground		37	48	19	39	97	-12
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20 Bill Clinton	61 1	57	28	41	20	99	29
Battleground		54	33	39	23	98	21
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21 Paul Ryan	11 1	31	40	19	31	83	-10
Battleground		31	41	21	32	84	-10 -10
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22 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	56 1	47	28	29	21	93	18
Battleground		45	28	30	20	92	17
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23 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups	16.7	35	41	24	33	96	-6
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Battleground	47.0	30	40	25	34	95	-2
24 Gay marriago	10 1	40	38	31	36	97	2
24 Gay marriage		37	40	29	37	96	-3
Battleground	47.1	31	40	29	31	90	-3
25 (NDP) The state of the accommy	20 7	28	56	6	38	99	-27
25 (NPR) The state of the economy		26 26	55	6	36	99	-2 <i>1</i> -29
Battleground	. 30.3	20	ວວ	U	30	99	-29
26 (NDD) The state of your personal finances	E0.2	5 2	24	OF.	11	06	31
26 (NPR) The state of your personal finances		53 51	21	25 26	11	96 06	
Battleground	37.4	51	25	26	14	96	26

							Warm
		%	%	%	%	%	-
	Mean	Warm	Cool	>75	<26	ID	Cool
27 The new health care reform law	44.1	38	43	23	35	92	-5
Battleground	43.3	40	45	23	37	92	-5
(ref:THERM205)							

Q.28 How closely have you been following news about candidates for this year's presidential election -- very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

		Battle
	Total	ground
Very closely	42	43
Fairly closely	41	40
Not too closely		14
Not closely at all	3	2
(Don't know/Refused)		-
Total close	83	83
Total not close	17	17
Close - Not Close(ref:CLOSE1)	67	67

Q.29 (NPR) I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the presidential election this November, if the election for president were held today and the candidates were -- Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, for whom would you vote?

	Total	Battle ground
Democrat Barack Obama	49	48
Lean Democrat Barack Obama	2	2
Republican Mitt Romney	43	43
Lean Republican Mitt Romney		1
(Other candidate)		3
Lean (Other candidate)	0	1
(Undecided)		2
(Refused)		1
(Will not vote in 2012)		0
Total Democrat Barack Obama	51	50
Total Republican Mitt Romney	44	44
Total (Other candidate)(ref:PREZ12A)		3

Q.31 (NPR) Even though you are not supporting Democrat Barack Obama now, what are the chances that you might support Democrat Barack Obama in the election for President this November -- is there a fair chance that you might support Democrat Barack Obama, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support Democrat Barack Obama?

Fair chance	Total	Battle ground 2
A small chance		4
Just a very slight chance	5	5
No chance at all	38	38
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
Obama supporter(ref:PREZVCS1)	51	50

Q.32 (NPR) Even though you are not supporting Republican Mitt Romney now, what are the chances that you might support Republican Mitt Romney in the election for President this November -- is there a fair chance that you might support Republican Mitt Romney, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all that you might support Republican Mitt Romney?

	Total	Battle ground
Fair chance	5	4
A small chance	4	5
Just a very slight chance	6	7
No chance at all	41	38
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
Romney supporter(ref:PREZVCS2)	44	44
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Q.33 (NPR) Thinking about the election for Congress in November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for -- The Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

		Battle
	Total	ground
Democratic candidate	44	42
Lean Democratic candidate	3	3
Republican candidate	42	43
Lean Republican candidate	3	2
(Other candidate)		2
Lean (Other candidate)		-
(Undecided)		7
(Refused)		0
(Will not vote in 2012)		-
Total Democratic candidate	48	45
Total Republican candidate	45	45
Total (Other candidate)	2	2
(ref:GÈNCONG)		

Q.35 Well I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections for Congress this November, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for (DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE) or (REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE)?¹

, (,	Battle
	Total	ground
Named Democratic candidate	44	41
Lean Named Democratic candidate	2	3
Named Republican candidate	43	44
Lean Named Republican candidate	3	2
(Other candidate)	1	2
Lean (Other candidate)		0
(Undecided)		7
(Refused)		1
(Will not vote in 2012)		0
Total Named Democratic candidate	45	44
Total Named Republican candidate	_	46
Total (Other candidate)		2
(ref:CONG10)		

¹ In the landline sample, candidate names were inserted preceded by party identification. For the cell phone sample, both candidates were given as the generic "the Democratic candidate" or "the Republican candidate."

Q.37 (NPR) 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 each issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we'll move on.

ВО	во	MR	MR						во
Muc	h Smwt	Smwt	Much		Nei-	DK/	Total	Total	-
Bttr	Bttr	Bttr	Bttr	Both	ther	Ref	во	MR	MR
37 The economy32	16	14	30	0	2	5	48	44	4
Battleground32	15	15	30	-	2	5	48	46	2
[400 Respondents]									
38 (SPLIT A) Taxes36	12	16	26	0	3	6	48	43	5
Battleground36	11	17	25	1	3	7	48	41	6
39 Medicare35	17	18	21	1	2	6	52	39	12
Battleground35	16	19	21	1	2	7	50	40	10
[400 Respondents] 40 (SPLIT B) The budget									
deficit26	15	18	31	0	3	6	41	49	-8
Battleground26	18	18	31	1	2	5	43	49	-5

Q.42 (NPR) Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Barack Obama is handling the economy?

Strongly approve	26	Battle ground 26 23 11
Strongly disapprove(Don't know/Refused)	37 3	38 2 49
Total disapprove	47	49 0

[400 Respondents]

Q.43 (NPR) (SPLIT A) Now, thinking about the nation's economy, do you believe the economy...

	Total	Battle ground
Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve	46	47
Is at the bottom but is not yet getting any better	21	19
Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse	29	30
(DK/Refused)	4	4
Starting to improve-Will get worse(ref:BTTMOUT)	17	17

[400 Respondents]

Q.44 (NPR) (SPLIT B) Now, thinking about your local economy, do you believe your local economy...

	Total	Battle
Has already bottomed out and is starting to improve		ground 55
Is at the bottom but is not yet getting any better		21
Has not yet bottomed out and will still get worse	24	22
(DK/Refused)	6	3
Starting to improve-Will get worse(ref:BTTMOUT2)	27	33

Q.45 (NPR) Now for something a little different. Do you intend to watch the first presidential debate next Wednesday night? (FOLLOW UP IF YES) Is that all of the debate, some, or will you try to catch portions of it on the news?

	Total	Battle ground
Yes: All of the debate		
Yes: Some of the debate		
Yes: Parts on the news		8
No	15	15
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3
Total Yes(ref:DEBATEW)	82	82

Q.46 (NPR) 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	1st Not	2nd Not	2nd Stmt		Nei-	Not Watch	Total 1st	Total 2nd	1st -	
	Strng	Strng	Strng	Strng	Both	ther	DKR	Stmt	Stmt	2 nd	
46 I'm really interested in watching the debate to see what happens, but it's not going to change whom I vote for. OR What happens in the debate could affect whom I											
vote for	62	10	11	13	0	1	2	72	24	48	
Battleground		9	11	15	1	2	2	69	26	43	
47 I'm mostly watching Barack Obama. OR I'm mostly watching Mitt											
Romney	27	7	11	25	23	6	2	34	36	-2	
Battleground (ref:DEBPAIR)	26	7	13	23	25	5	1	34	35	-2	

Q.48 (NPR) Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements that might be made by Democratic and Republican candidates this fall. After I read each pair, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

[400 Respondents]

48 (SPLIT A)(ECONOMY) The Democratic candidate says: We're fighting to make sure our economy works for the middle class. Mitt Romney said, he doesn't care about the 47 percent and that includes a lot of veterans, the elderly, and low-wage working people. He'd raise taxes on the middle class to give millionaires a yet bigger tax cut. But we tried that top-down approach. More tax cuts for the rich and outsourcing American jobs doesn't work. Instead, let's protect Medicare, invest in education and reward companies that create jobs here. OR

The Republican candidate says: Barack Obama's economic policies have failed, and it's time to try something different. Unemployment remains at record levels, job creation is poor, federal spending is out of control, and much of the country is still in recession. Middle class incomes are down, and his health care law raised taxes on middle class families. His stimulus package failed to create the jobs he said it would, wasted billions of dollars on pork barrel projects at home, and spent American taxpayer dollars creating jobs overseas in countries like China.

Sti	mt	Not	Stmt		Total 1st Stmt		-
Total4 Battleground4					53 49	42 46	11 4

[400 Respondents]

49 (SPLIT B)(FOREIGN POLICY) The Democratic candidate says: Our country is safer because we took out dozens of top Al-Qaeda terrorists and Osama bin Laden - and our enemies know we're dead serious. We've sustained our military and critical help for our veterans. But we also worked with our allies to bring change in Libya and Egypt without troops and got our troops out of Iraq and soon in Afghanistan. But Mitt Romney opposed ending the Iraq war and a deadline in Afghanistan - and plans a massive increase in military spending. I believe it's time to rebuild our country.

OR

The Republican candidate says: America's standing in the world today is worse than when Barack Obama took office. His first foreign policy act was to travel the world apologizing for past American actions, rather than promoting American values. He has refused to side with democratic movements in Iran and Syria. Perception of American weakness has emboldened our enemies and led to attacks on American embassies. Obama has insulted one of our closest allies by refusing to meet with the Prime Minister of Israel. Obama's doctrine of "leading from behind" is not leading at all.

	1st	1st	2nd	2nd				Total	Total	1st
	Stmt	Not	Not	Stmt		Nei-	DK/	1st	2nd	-
	Strng	Strng	Strng	Strng	Both	ther	Ref	Stmt	Stmt	2 nd
Total										8
Battleground(ref:NPRPEAR)	41	9	11	33	3	3	1	50	44	6

Q.62 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

		Battle
	Total	ground
1 - 11th grade	2	3
High School graduate	20	17
Non-college post H.S	1	1
Some college	29	27
College graduate	34	38
Post-graduate school	14	14
(Don't know/Refused)		0
(ref:EDUC)		

Q.63 Are you a member of a labor union? (IF NO) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total	Battle ground
Yes: Respondent belongs	12	10
Household member	5	5
No member belongs	82	85
(Don't know/Refused)	1	0
Union Household(ref:UNION)	17	15

Q.64 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

		Battle
	Total	ground
Married	_	55
Single		22
Separated/Divorced		9
Widowed	8	8
Living with partner	4	5
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
Sep/Div/Wid	18	17
Unmarried	42	44
(ref:MARITAL)		

Q.65 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

•	•	•	•	· ·		Battle
					Total	ground
Yes					30	28
No					68	71
(Don't know/Refused))				1	1

Q.66 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

		Battle
	Total	ground
Strong Democrat	28	29
Weak Democrat	9	7
Independent-lean Democrat	11	12
Independent	8	8
Independent-lean Republican	13	13
Weak Republican	11	12
Strong Republican	19	19
(Don't know/Refused)	1	0
(ref:PTYID1)		

Q.69 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

		Battle
	Total	ground
Liberal	22	20
Moderate	37	38
Conservative	38	40
(Don't know/Refused)	4	2
(ref:IDEO1)		

[241 Respondents]

Q.70 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?

		Battle
	Total	ground
Yes	50	40
No	50	60
(DK/Refused) (ref:LANDLINE)		-

[559 Respondents]

Q.71 Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?

	Total	Battle ground
Yes	84	85
No	14	14
(DK/Refused)	1	1
(ref:CELLLINE)		

Q.72 Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get ..?

	Total All or almost all calls on a cell phone26 Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home	Battle ground 24
	phone39	41
	All or almost all calls on a regular home phone33	34
	(DK/Refused)2 (ref:DUALUSE)	1
Phone Use		
	Cell Only15	16
	Cell Mostly19	17
	Dual User29	30
	Landline Mostly24	25
	Landline Only10	10
	Landline Unknown2	1
	Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample)3	9
	Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample)13	14

Q.73 What is your religion?

		Battle
	Total	ground
Protestant	51	51
Catholic	20	20
Jewish	2	2
Muslim	0	-
(Don't know/Refused)(ref:RELIG1)	27	27

[627 Respondents]

Q.74 In the 2010 election for Congress, did you vote for The Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

		Battle
	Total	ground
Democratic candidate	39	36
Republican candidate	45	48
(Other candidate)	3	3
(Did Not Vote for Congress)	5	5
(Don't Know/Refused)	7	8
(ref:VTCG2010)		

[753 Respondents]

Q.94 In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total	Battle ground
Democrat Barack Obama	51	49
Republican John McCain	44	47
(Ralph Nader)		-
(Bob Barr)		-
(Other)	2	1
(Don't Know/Refused)	3	3
(ref:VOTE2008)		

Q.76 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Battle ground
White	74	79
African-American or Black	11	12
Hispanic or Latino	9	7
Native American	1	0
Asian	1	0
(Other)	2	1
(Don't know/Refused)(ref:RACETHN)	2	1

Q.77 (NPR) 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	Battle ground
Yes		28
No	68	71
(Don't know/Refused)(ref:NPRFLW)	1	1

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

3		Battle
	Total	ground
Male	47	47
Female	53	53
(ref:GENDER)		

Q.6 In what year were you born?

,		Battle
	Total	ground
18 - 24	9	6
25 - 29		9
30 - 34	7	6
35 - 39	9	9
40 - 44		5
45 - 49	12	16
50 - 54	8	8
55 - 59	10	9
60 - 64	10	13
65 and over	18	18
(No answer)	3	2
(ref:AGE)		