

Netroots Nation Straw Poll

Frequency Questionnaire

August 13-14, 2009
252 Conference Attendees

Q.2 Please indicate if you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	51
Somewhat approve	44
Somewhat disapprove.....	3
Strongly disapprove	2
Total approve.....	95
Total disapprove	5
(ref:BOAPP)	

Q.3 Now, please indicate your feelings toward some people using a scale from 0 to 100, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. Use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
3 Stephen Colbert.....	84.3	76	2	71	1	95	74
4 Barack Obama	85.3	85	2	79	1	100	83
5 Rush Limbaugh.....	1.55	-	88	-	87	99	-88
6 Jon Stewart.....	88.4	82	2	76	1	97	80
7 Sarah Palin	3.81	1	88	-	85	100	-87
8 Arlen Specter	42.7	15	44	8	24	98	-29
9 Joe Sestak	64.1	46	8	27	8	83	38
(ref:THERM)							

Q.10 Of the two candidates who have declared they are running for the Democratic nomination for the Senate here in Pennsylvania, who do you currently support?

	Total
Joe Sestak	46
Arlen Specter	10
Neither.....	7
Don't Know	33
(ref:PAVOTE)	

Q.11 Please indicate which TWO you think progressive activists should be focusing their attention and efforts on the most

	Total
Passing comprehensive health care reform.....	60
Passing green energy policies that address environmental concerns	22
Working to enact progressive economic policies	19
Working to elect progressive candidates in the 2010 elections	17
Working to enact President Obama's agenda generally	16
Countering right-wing attacks on Obama and his agenda	13
Increasing accessibility to quality education for all.....	9
Passing legislation to make it easier for workers to organize	8
Working to end our military involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan	8
Working to expand rights to those in the LGBT community.....	6
Passing comprehensive immigration reform	5
(ref:BLOGPRIO)	

Q.12 And which ONE of the below do you, personally, spend the most time advancing currently?

	Total
Passing comprehensive health care reform.....	23
Working to elect progressive candidates in the 2010 elections.....	16
Passing green energy policies that address environmental concerns.....	12
Working to enact President Obama's agenda generally.....	10
Working to expand rights to those in the LGBT community.....	7
Countering right-wing attacks on Obama and his agenda.....	6
Working to enact progressive economic policies.....	5
Increasing accessibility to quality education for all.....	4
Passing comprehensive immigration reform.....	3
Passing legislation to make it easier for workers to organize.....	3
Working to end our military involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan.....	1
(No Answer).....	10

(ref:BLOGPRIO)

Q.13 Please indicate on a scale from 0 to 10 how willing you would be to contribute your own money, time and/or efforts in order to help President Obama and the Democrats pass legislation on specific issues with 10 being extremely willing and 0 being not at all willing.

	Mean	10	8-10	5-10	0-4
13 Comprehensive energy reform.....	7.4	27	48	74	10
14 Comprehensive health care reform.....	8.3	39	65	84	5
15 The Employee Free Choice Act.....	6.5	18	38	70	17

(ref:HELP)

Q.16 Of the main contenders for the 2012 Republican nomination for President, please indicate who, in your opinion, would be the easiest to beat.

	Total
Sarah Palin.....	36
Rick Santorum.....	20
Bobby Jindal.....	12
Ron Paul	7
Rudy Giuliani.....	5
Jeb Bush	4
Jon Kyl	3
Mike Huckabee	2
Tim Pawlenty.....	1
Mitt Romney	1
(No Answer)	9
(ref:GOPVOTE)	

Q.17 Please read the pairs of statements below and for each indicate if 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
17 I will support a health care reform bill even without a public option as long as it expands affordable coverage to all Americans and prevents insurance companies from denying coverage. OR A public option is the only way to truly hold insurance companies accountable and bring down costs and I will not support a health care reform bill without it.	10	16	11	42	5	4	12	26	53	-27
18 I support the House compromise on the energy bill because it's an important first step to capping carbon emissions and averting a climate crisis. OR I oppose the House compromise on the energy bill because it creates too many loopholes for fossil fuel interests and doesn't do enough to address the climate crisis.	18	28	12	15	8	8	11	46	27	19

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
19 I'd support legislation that makes it easier for workers to organize, even without so-called "card check" provisions, because the other measures take important steps in protecting workers. OR I can't support legislation to make it easier for workers to organize without the so-called "card check" provisions that will ensure workers can organize without intimidation or harassment.	22	23	12	16	4	11	12	45	28	17

20 The best way to move a progressive agenda forward is for progressives to generally support Obama on his key initiatives, taking on his enemies and coordinating messages against Republicans and the corporate special interests standing in the way of reform. OR The best way to move a progressive agenda forward is for progressives to criticize President Obama when necessary and take on the Democrats, as well as Republicans and the corporate special interests, when they also stand in the way of reform. (ref:PAIRS)	27	14	12	23	12	2	10	41	35	6
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Q.21 Now, some final questions for background and statistical purposes. What is your gender?

	Total
Male	52
Female	38
DK/Ref.....	10
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.22 What year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	10
25 - 29	15
30 - 34	15
35 - 39	6
40 - 44	8
45 - 49	7
50 - 54	7
55 - 59	8
60 - 64	2
Over 64	4
(No answer).....	18
(ref:AGE)	

Q.23 Please choose the term that best describes how you think of yourself in political terms.

	Total
Liberal	26
Progressive	54
Moderate	9
Conservative	-
(Don't know/Refuse).....	11
(ref:IDEO1)	