



# 2010 Elections Poll Roundup: Undecided Voters Leaning for Republicans

## Rubio pulling away in Florida, Boxer maintains her lead in California

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As the final full week before the [2010 election](#) begins, President Obama and other high profile [Democrats](#) are trying to protect the vulnerable members of their party. While both parties are making last-ditch efforts to attract voters who haven't made up their minds, a new poll shows Republicans may have the advantage there: among the one third of likely voters who say they are undecided, more prefer the [GOP](#) candidate over the Democratic one. Other polls show that Senate seats being vacated by Democrats [Byron Dorgan](#) of North Dakota and [Evan Bayh](#) of Indiana are likely to be taken over by Republicans. And House races in Massachusetts and Michigan, where Democratic incumbents [Bill Delahunt](#) and [Bart Stupak](#) are retiring, are in statistical dead heats. Meanwhile, Republican Senate candidate Marco Rubio has a double digit lead and Democratic Sen. [Barbara Boxer](#) is leading in California. Here is today's poll roundup:

National:

An Associated Press/GfK poll shows one third of likely voters either have not decided who they will vote for in the midterm or could change their minds. Of those voters, 45 percent say they prefer a Republican candidate while 38 percent would support a Democrat. Also, 50 percent say they want a challenger to beat their district's incumbent, and 59 percent think the country is headed in the wrong direction.

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A Rasmussen poll released today shows 43 percent of likely voters say neither congressional Democrats nor Republicans represent the American people. However 50 percent say there is no need for a third party, while 38 percent say there is a need.

California Senate

Boxer holds an eight point lead over Republican Carly Fiorina, according to a USC/*Los Angeles Times* conducted by the Democratic firm Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research and the Republican firm American Viewpoint. Boxer, a three term incumbent, edges former Hewlett-Packard CEO Fiorina 50 percent to 42 percent among likely voters, a lead statistically unchanged from the previous month's poll. The poll shows Obama's approval rating in the state at 54 percent.



### Massachusetts' 10th House District

Republican District Attorney William Keating and Democratic state Rep. Jeffrey Perry are in a statistical tie, according to a *Boston Globe*/University of New Hampshire poll released Monday. Keating edges Perry 37 percent to 33 percent among likely voters in the district, which includes Cape Cod, with a 5.2 percent margin of error. The candidates are fighting for the seat held for 14 years by Democratic Representative Delahunt, who is retiring.

### Michigan's 1st House District

Republican Dan Benishek and Democrat Gary McDowell are in a statistical tie, according to a *Detroit Free Press* poll released today. The survey shows Benishek holding a narrow lead over McDowell, 42 percent to 40 percent among likely voters, with a 4.9 percent margin of error. The study shows 8 percent support the independent candidate, Glenn Wilson, while 10 percent remain undecided. The candidates are fighting for the seat held for 18 years by Democratic lawmaker Stupak, who is retiring.

### Missouri Senate

Republican Rep. [Roy Blunt](#) leads Democrat Robin Carnahan 49 percent to 40 percent among likely voters, according to a Mason-Dixon poll released Saturday. The survey shows Obama's job disapproval rating at 60 percent among likely voters and 66 percent among independents in the state.

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### New Jersey's 3rd House District

First term Democratic Rep. [John Adler](#) and Republican Jon Runyan are virtually tied, according to a Stockton College/Zogby poll. Runyan edges Adler 40 percent to 37 percent among likely voters with a 4.1 percent margin of error. The same poll last month showed Adler with an eight point lead.

### North Dakota Senate

Republican Gov. John Hoeven is leading Democrat Tracy Potter by 47 points, according to a Rasmussen poll released Sunday. The survey shows 88 percent think Hoeven is doing a good job as governor. The candidates are vying for the seat held for 18 years by Democrat Dorgan, who is retiring.

### Pennsylvania Senate

Democratic Rep. [Joe Sestak](#) and Republican Pat Toomey remain in a statistical tie, according to a Muhlenberg College/Allentown Morning Call poll released today. Toomey edges Sestak 47 percent to 42 percent among likely voters, with a 5 percent margin of error.

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