

# REPUBLICAN MAIN STREET PARTNERSHIP



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## 2010 Election Results Move Republicans into House Majority

The Republican Main Street Partnership PAC strongly assisted in the Republicans gaining the majority in the House of Representatives this past Tuesday. Thanks to the generous support of you and many others, RMSP PAC raised nearly \$1 million and contributed over \$900,000 in this election cycle. The RMSP PAC supported over 20 successful House challengers or candidates in open seats, providing major help in the Republicans' retaking the majority.

In the Senate, the RMSP PAC also contributed to the gain in seats, supporting four successful Senate candidates in open seats. While the Republicans fell short of a majority in the Senate, their increasing strength, combined with the large number of Senate Democrats up in 2012, increases the chance of a Republican Senate in future years.

Exit polling showed independent voters to be a critical factor in the success of Republicans. Independents favored Republican candidates 55%-40%, while in 2006 Democrats were their choice by a 57%-39% margin. Clearly the battle for the majority in future years will come down to which Party can win the support of the center of the electorate.

The Republican Main Street Partnership PAC appreciates the strong support given by people across the country. The following is a brief summary of the RMSP supported candidates who will take office in January of 2011.

### House

New York and Pennsylvania both each provided victories for four new RMSP backed House candidates. In New York, **Richard Hanna, Nan Hayworth, and Chris Gibson** all defeated incumbent Democrats. **Tom Reed** won an open seat in the 29<sup>th</sup> District, the seat formerly represented by Congressman Amo Houghton. In Pennsylvania, **Tim Burns, Lou Barletta and Mike Fitzpatrick** ousted Democratic incumbents. **Pat Meehan** won the open 7<sup>th</sup> District, vacated by Congressman Sestak, who was running for the Senate.

In Ohio, RMSP helped three Republicans win over incumbent Democrats. **Bill Johnson, Jim Renacci, and Steve Stivers** will join a strong Ohio delegation led by the expected new Speaker John Boehner.

Virginia voters elected RMSP supported candidates **Robert Hurt and Morgan Griffith**. Both defeated incumbent Democrats. In New Jersey, **Jon Runyan** won an expensive and close battle, defeating incumbent Democrat John Adler.

New Hampshire sent former Congressman **Charlie Bass** back to Congress, defeating Ann Kuster in a close election. In Michigan, RMSP backed **Dan Benishek** to a win in the open Upper Peninsula seat vacated by Congressman Bart Stupak.

In Illinois, **Robert Dold** won the 10<sup>th</sup> District open House seat vacated by Congressman Mark Kirk. Wisconsin voters gave a victory to **Sean Duffy** in the open seat of retiring Democrat David Obey.

RMSP supported **Jamie Herrera** to victory in Washington, winning the seat left open by retiring Democrat Brian Baird. In West Virginia, **David McKinley** won a close battle in the seat previously held by Congressman Alan Mollohan, who had been defeated in a Democratic primary.

In a close election for the 3<sup>rd</sup> District in Nevada, **Joe Heck** defeated incumbent Democrat Dina Titus. And in Florida's 5<sup>th</sup> District, RMSP backed **Richard Nugent** won the open seat previously held by Republican Ginny Brown-Waite.

## **Senate**

New Hampshire voters elected RMSP supported **Kelly Ayotte** to fill the seat left open by retiring Senator Judd Gregg. Ayotte, after winning a close primary in September, cruised to a 60%-37% win over Congressman Paul Hodes. In Illinois, Congressman **Mark Kirk** won a close battle to take the Senate seat formerly held by President Obama. Kirk won 48%-46% over Democrat Alexi Giannoulias and two minor party candidates.

In Ohio, former Congressman **Rob Portman** won the open seat held by retiring Republican Senator George Voinovich. Portman won 57%-39% in one of the strongest victories in open seats. Missouri sent Congressman **Roy Blunt** to the Senate, winning the seat left open by retiring Republican Senator Kit Bond. Blunt received 54% of the vote to 41% for Secretary of State Robin Carnahan.