



November 2rd, 2010 General Election Results

Facts – Failures – Future

Analysis of what was achieved, who voted, and what Christians must do

In preparation for the 2012 elections

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The **2010 United States General Elections** were held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. All **435** seats in the United States House of Representatives and **37** of the **100** seats in the United States Senate were contested in this election along with **38** state and territorial governorships, **46** state legislatures (except Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, and Virginia), four territorial legislatures and numerous state and local races.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_elections,_2010

Relevant Data

2010 U.S. Population Estimate – **310 million** (U.S. Census Bureau)

Estimated Eligible to Vote in 2010 – **218 million** (70%)

Estimated Registered to Vote – **153 million** (70% of those eligible to Vote)

Voter Turnout – Nearly **88 million** people voted; only **58%** of those who were registered to Vote; **40%** of those who were eligible to Vote; and slightly above the nearly **86 million** who voted in the 2006 mid-term election; far short however, of the nearly **133 million** who voted in the 2008 Presidential Election.

Outcomes

680 New Republican State Legislators were elected across the country to break the previous record of 628 set by Democrats in the post-Watergate elections of 1974.

19 State Legislatures turned over to Republican Control. Oklahoma's legislature turned Republican for the first time in the State's History. No state legislatures went to democrat control.

11 State Governorships went from Democrat to Republican. Of the 37 governor races, 11 were won by Democrats and 23 were won by Republicans. All 6 incumbent Republicans were re-elected whereas only 5 of 7 Democrat incumbents were re-elected.

63 U.S. House of Representative Seats changed from Democrat to Republican, the largest shift in 82 years, bringing the total to **189** Democrats and **239** Republicans, and control of the House by Republicans. Only three Republican incumbents lost in the House.

3 U.S. Senate Seats changed from Democrat to Republican bringing the total to **53** Democrats and **46** Republicans. 13 Seats were won by Democrats. 23 Seats were won by Republicans. Not one Republican incumbent lost in the Senate. **2** Black Republicans were elected to Congress. Both conservative.

179 ballot initiatives reflected an overwhelming conservative response.

Comparisons

This election represents the largest shift in Congress since the 1932 Presidential Election when Democrats gained **102** seats. In 1938 Republicans won **72** seats in a 'pushback' against the New Deal. In 1946 Democrats lost **54** seats. In 1994 Republicans picked up **52** seats in reaction to Clinton's liberal agenda including Hillary Clinton's socialized medicine effort. Democrat House representation has not been below **200** since 1946. After this election it now stands at **189**. In a conference call with Newt Gingrich, Jim Garlow, and over a thousand pastors, David Barton, President of Wallbuilders said, "Overall this is a huge conservative victory, a massive shift to the right. 19 of 20 state legislatures going Republican will last 12 years."

Turnout

Overall turnout was down by a third, from nearly **133** million to **88** million. The exit polls tell us the bulk of the **45** million who did not vote, were *liberal, young, black, and Latino*.

The "white-no college" category – typically equated with the white working class – however, accounted for the same **39%** of this year's vote as it did in 2008. Whereas they voted for McCain by **58-40%** they voted even more Republican this year **62% - 35%**.

The Independent Vote

While the proportion of self-described **conservative voters** increased by nearly a third from 2006 from **32% to 41%**, and is the highest percentage of conservative voters in the past two decades, **Independent voters (38%** of Americans identify themselves as Independents – an all-time high) played a major role in the shift from Democrat to Republican gains. **55%** voted Republican while **39%** voted Democrat, whereas in the 2006 mid-term election **57%** voted Democrat and **39%** voted Republican, a **significant 16 point switch**. Just two years ago Barack Obama won the Independents **52% to 44%**.

The Pew Research Center on November 3rd, said this was “the single biggest factor in the GOP's victories.”

<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1789/2010-midterm-elections-exit-poll-analysis>

Voter Views of Democrat and Republican Parties

Adding to the political turbulence of our time, by a margin of **52% to 42%**, more voters expressed an **unfavorable** opinion than a favorable opinion of the Republican Party, no more positive than those of the Democrat Party, **53%** unfavorable versus **43%** favorable. That means both parties are out of favor with the American Voter and must be careful to accomplish the wishes of the people lest they be voted out of office come 2012 by unhappy Independents and members of their own party. Republicans are on the proverbial ‘hot seat’ and must address unemployment, the economy, healthcare, bloated government, and the federal budget deficit, with serious solutions or they will find themselves in the elections of 2012 in the same position as democrats found themselves in this election.

Democrats, particularly those in the Senate who are up for election in 2012 must think carefully before they continue to vote as they did prior to this election.

Demographics

By Race

The **2008** electorate was **74%** white, **13%** black, and **9%** Latino. The **2010** numbers were **78%**, **10%** and **8%**.

By Age

In **2008**, 18-to-29-year-olds made up **18%** of the vote total, and those 65-plus made up **16%**. Younger voters out voted older voters. This year, however, the 18-29-year-old vote was down to **11%**, and the seniors were up to **23%** of the electorate, a very significant 24-point flip. This, and the Independent vote were the two most significant changes to affect the outcome of the 2010 election.

By Political Identity

The liberal-moderate-conservative numbers in **2008** were **22%**, **44%** and **34%**. Those numbers for the November 2nd, 2010 election were **20%**, **39%** and **41%**, a significant conservative jump.

By Religion

Protestant

54% of the entire votes cast were cast by **Protestants and other Christians**, the same as in 2008, but one percent less than in 2006.

59% voted Republican while **39%** voted Democrat compared to **54%** and **45%** in the 2006 mid-term election, a 5 point switch.

44% were **White Protestants** and other Christians, and voted **69%** Republican and **29%** Democrat; whereas in the 2006 mid-term election, they voted **61%** Republican and **37%** Democrat, a significant 8 point switch.

White Evangelical/Born Again Christians

25% of the entire vote cast were **white evangelical/born again Christians (22 million)**, compared to **24% (20 million)** in the 2006 mid-term election; **24% (32 million)** in the 2008 Presidential election, and **23% (33 million)** in the 2004 Presidential election.

77% voted Republican while **21%** voted Democrat compared to **71%** and **29%** in the 2006 mid-term election, a **significant 6 point switch**.

Of the **70%** of white evangelical/born again Christians who attended religious services once a week or more, **80%** voted Republican and **18%** voted Democrat.

Of the **30%** of white evangelical/born again Christians who do **not** attend religious services once a week or more, **70%** voted Republican and **23%** voted Democrat.

All other (**75%**) than white evangelical/born again Christians voted **56%** for Democrats and **42%** for Republicans.

(**52%** of all Tea Party Supporters are Born-Again Evangelical Christians, according to a post-election survey as reported by Christian Newswire on November 3rd)

Catholic

25% of the entire votes cast were cast by **Catholics**, compared to **27%** in 2008, and **26%** in 2006.

53% voted Republican while **45%** voted Democrat compared to **44%** and **55%** in the 2006 mid-term election, a significant 9 point switch.

19% were **White Catholic** and voted **58%** Republican and **40%** Democrat; whereas in the 2006 mid-term election, they voted **48%** Republican and **50%** Democrat, a significant 10 point switch.

Non-White but Religious

Of the **22%** non-white religious voters, **75%** voted Democrat and **22%** voted Republican.

Jewish

2% of the entire vote cast.

Something Else

Of the **7%** who claimed to be 'something else', **73%** voted Democrat and **25%** voted Republican.

Not Religious

Of the **12%** who said 'none' (not religious), **66%** voted Democrat and **31%** voted Republican.

By Sexual Preference

Of the **3%** who said they were gay, lesbian or bisexual, **68%** voted Democrat and **30%** voted for Republicans.

Of the **97%** who said they were not gay, lesbian or bisexual, 52% voted Republican and **46%** voted Democrat.

Exit Polls conducted by Edison Media Research for ABC, CNN, and Fox News

For Whom Did We Vote

Gary Bauer, a respected spokesman for the Evangelical/Born Again Community said that “While electoral outcomes were rooted in concerns about a sagging economy and soaring government spending, the public records and political philosophies of those who were victorious at the ballot box convey the **quiet strength of social issues** in the 2010 election.”

In a Heritage Foundation Culture Watch article on November 4th, Family Research Council’s Chuck Donovan said, “The freshman class of congressional members is **the most socially conservative** since at least the 1980 class elected on Ronald Reagan’s coattails.”

Of **20** congressmen and women who self-identified as "**pro-life**" and who voted for pro-abortion ObamaCare under pressure from the President and their congressional leaders, **19 were defeated** by pro-life challengers.

5 of the **6** House Members who defected on the key vote on elective **abortion** funding last March, **were defeated** in their bids for re-election.

There was a net change of **15** in the balance of **pro-life women in Congress**, including the new Senator from New Hampshire, **Kelly Ayotte**, a fiscal and social conservative.

4 pro-life women were elected as governors, including the nation’s first Hispanic female governor.

The results were similarly favorable for advocates of **traditional marriage**.

3 Iowa Supreme Court Judges who were up for retention and were part of the 2009, **7-0** ruling in favor of so called ‘same-sex-marriage’, were all **voted out of office**. All three were defeated by margins approaching nine percentage points, “a sharp rebuke to judicial activism that will reverberate across

the U.S. legal community.” The no vote was 54% to 43% and was the single most significant vote in the election for what it said to activist judges, the judiciary in general, the Gay and Lesbian lobby, state legislatures, and all who wish to run for office. Newt Gingrich, in a conference call with David Barton, Jim Garlow and over a thousand pastors on November 4th said “the Iowa vote to remove the three judges who ruled to change the definition of marriage unilaterally from on high was the people saying **we will not allow the judiciary to take over the country against our will.**”

As quoted in a post-election report by the Heritage Foundation, economist Jennifer Roback Morse said, “It is simply not possible to have a low-impact government in a society with no social or legal norms about family structure, sexual behavior, and childrearing. The state will have to provide support for people with loose or non-existent ties to their families. So, in the long run, **a free society needs marriage.**”

It is clear that with the voters of all 31 states **rejecting so called ‘same sex marriage,’** the vote in Iowa, and the fact that **90%** of the incoming Congressional freshmen are **pro traditional family**, that the voters agreed.

Effect on Reapportionment

As a result of the Census, House districts will be redrawn in 2011. Because of this election the Republican Party will be in control of much of that process. David Barton, President of Wallbuilders said **the Democrats are likely to lose 15-25 House seats in reapportionment.** In addition, as Bauer pointed out, the 680 new Republican legislators form a strong ‘farm team’ for future congressional and statewide campaigns, further solidifying the conservative awakening in America.

What we must learn from this election

Our Votes are critical to the wellbeing of our children and the nation

While the overall electorate turned conservative – mostly on fiscal issues – the Evangelical/Born Again turnout remained disappointingly low. When you compare the number of Evangelical/Born Again Christians who voted in this mid-term election (**22 million**), to the number who voted in the 2006 mid-term election (**20 million**), and the number who voted in the 2000 (**27 million**), 2004 (**33 million**), and 2008 (**32 million**) Presidential Elections, it is evident that **millions of Evangelical and Born Again Christians continue to ignore Christ’s command to *be* what He said we *are***, the “salt” and “light” of the world with a responsibility to let our light shine before men (Matthew 5:13-16). The expression of

our values, principles, and commitment to **fulfill** our citizenship responsibility **at the ballot box** in each and every election is an important part of being ‘salt’ and ‘light’.

When we turn out only **22 million** of the **52 million Evangelical and Born Again Christians who are eligible to Vote**, in the mid-term elections, and only **33 million** in Presidential elections, we **forsake** our citizenship duty and opportunity to elect more conservative, morally upright, and responsible leaders with a Christian worldview to make state and national policy decisions. In failing to do so, we impede – and even thwart – the restoration of civil government in America. **As the largest voting block in the nation, we could restore righteousness in the halls of government throughout the land** by turning out our voters in every election (Proverbs 14:34 and 29:2).

Our failure to do so is a failure of leadership from top to bottom. From the pews to the pulpit, church boards, denominations, and Christian organizations, we are failing to emphasize our ‘salt and light’ citizenship responsibility.

Our efforts to turn out more of our Voters must increase

When you consider that Evangelical and Born Again Christians vote much more conservatively than any other group (77% of the 22 million voted Republican in this election), and that we comprise the largest voting block in the nation, **turning out millions more of our voters in 2012 is essential if we are to truly move the nation back to traditional values in our laws and public policy.**

With each election there is a pendulum ‘swing’ from right to left or left to right depending on the perception of the voting public. This election and previous heavy swing elections represent the voting public’s response to major public policy decisions which are not approved by a majority of the voters. **The 2012 election will be no exception.** The Body of Christ must be ready to take a stand at the ballot box in much larger numbers if we are to prevail on issues that affect traditional marriage and family, parental rights, education reform, fiscal and personal responsibility, freedom of speech, abortion, free enterprise, deficits and debt, immigration, the courts, and rights of conscience, just to name a few.

The 2012 Elections

The Christian vote in 2012 is critical, and may well prove to be decisive. Unless pastors and Christian leaders address themselves and their congregations to the principles of good government, and our role in America as the moral and ethical beacon for a sound, safe, and blessed society over the next 23

months, the outcome of the 2012 elections could be very different. The **Independent Vote**, as it did in this election, could swing again, depending on how well they perceive the still out of favor Republicans have addressed the issues of debt, deficits, spending, unemployment, taxes, the healthcare bill, and the size of the Federal Government. As republicans attempt to address the core fiscal issues that drove this election, deal with entitlements, and illegal immigration, they will be met with howls and protests from the left as much or worse than that of the Bush Administration. The secular left can be counted on, with the aid of the secular media, to do all in their power, to denigrate any conservative initiative they do not like in order to persuade the public that democrats are for the people and Republicans are 'heartless' protectors of the rich.

These, and other issues, make **the Christian Vote** the most important of all voting groups. We must increase our turnout from **32 million** in 2008 to at least **36 million** in 2012.

Taking our Citizenship Seriously

If we took our citizenship duty as a serious **stewardship** responsibility between now and the 2012 elections, the makeup and decisions of Congress and our state legislatures would be more reflective of Christian worldview values, and principles. The current radical liberal influence on public policy could be thwarted and the nation returned to sound moral, ethical, and biblical foundations.

The undue and destructive influence of the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender agenda on American life could be stopped. The use of taxpayer money for abortion would end. Respect for our Constitution, the rule of law, our borders, and our justice system, could be restored. The era of ever increasing government intrusion into and control of our lives could be reversed. Confidence in free enterprise and free market principles could be restored with balanced state and federal budgets and a fair tax system unbridled by class warfare. With less government interference and manipulation American business could once again be unleashed and the national debt paid down. Restoration of parental rights in the home, over our schools, and the monopoly of government controlled schools, broken. Pornography and Obscenity could be severely restricted. Respect for our Christian faith, values, principles and republican form of government could once again command the respect of nations around the world.

If any of the above are to be accomplished, **Evangelical/Born Again Christians must take seriously the importance of our role as the moral and ethical compass of America** starting now and expressed in each election by our conduct and Votes.

We must choose to be informed, active, and engaged citizens, **not bystanders**. If we would, the moral, spiritual, economic and cultural disaster that has been gaining ground in America for 100 years could be reversed. If we do not, we are, by our indifference, condoning the above calamity, and actually aiding and abetting it.

A Serious Call To Action

On November 15th on *CNBC*, as reported by Gary Bauer, in his November 15th End of Day Report, Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) said, ***“the next two years will likely decide the fate of our nation***. It is his belief that the decisions made by the new Congress in the next year and by the American people in the next election, will determine whether we embrace bold ideas to restore the American dream, or accept the status quo as our "new normal" and merely try to manage America's decline.”

Bauer suspects, as do I, and many other Christian leaders, that Paul Ryan is correct. What we, and our newly elected and returning incumbents pledge from our hearts to accomplish – to the glory of God and the restoration of the nation – will determine whether we will restore America “Under God” or send the nation down the road to serfdom. As stewards of both our heavenly and earthly citizenship responsibility (Matthew 5) we must pledge to:

1. **Pray** for our political and spiritual leaders, including pastors, church boards, and those who lead in the battle to restore America under God.
2. **Pray** for our families, our brethren, and our neighbors, that God would touch our lives and theirs, and draw them closer to Him who is their life.
3. **Recommit ourselves** to Christ as the head of our home, marriage, family, and nation.
4. **Do our part, as Christian citizens, to restore America...Under God, in Whom we trust.**

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