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RE: POLLING IN BATTLEGROUND DISTRICTS - WEEK 1

**OVERALL WEEK 1:**

*Penn Schoen Berland conducted 4,809 phone interviews among likely voters in November congressional election in the following congressional districts: Michigan 7, Arizona 1, Illinois 11, Maryland 1, New Mexico 2, Nevada 3, Ohio 16, Virginia 2, Colorado 4, Ohio 15, Virginia 5, and Pennsylvania 3. Fielding began Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010 and ended on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010. The aggregate sample has a margin of error of 1.4%, larger for subgroups.*

**HORSERACE**

If the elections for Congress were held today, which candidate would you vote for in your congressional district?	Base	MI7	AZ1	IL11	MD1	NM2	NV3	OH16	VA2	CO4	OH15	VA5	PA3
Democrat	39	41	39	31	40	42	44	39	36	41	38	44	36
Republican	45	41	46	49	43	46	47	42	42	44	47	45	49
Other	2	4	1	1	1	1	3	2	3	1	0	2	0
Would not vote	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Don't know	13	13	12	18	15	10	6	15	19	14	15	9	15

## ILLINOIS 11<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT

Penn Schoen Berland conducted 401 phone interviews among likely voters in November congressional election in Illinois 11<sup>th</sup> congressional district. Fielding began Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010 and ended on Thursday 30, 2010. The following audiences are broken out in this report:

- Base: Individuals who plan to vote in the mid-term election. (N=401, MOE  $\pm$ 4.9)
- D: Individuals who consider themselves a Democrat (N=92, MOE  $\pm$ 10.2)
- R: Individuals who consider themselves a Republican (N=144, MOE  $\pm$ 8.2)
- I: Individuals who consider themselves an Independent (N=136, MOE  $\pm$ 8.4)
- Males (N=217, MOE  $\pm$ 6.6)
- Females (N=184, MOE  $\pm$ 7.2)
- 18-34: Respondents aged 18 to 34 years old (N=28, MOE  $\pm$ 18.5)
- 35-54: Respondents aged 35-54 years old (N=151, MOE  $\pm$ 8.0)
- 55+: Respondents aged 55 years old or greater (N=200, MOE  $\pm$ 6.9)

## HORSERACE

If the elections for Congress were held today, which candidate would you vote for in your congressional district?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Debbie Halvorson	31	81	6	24	28	33	33	34	27
Adam Kinzinger	49	5	78	53	54	44	43	48	51
Other	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	0
Don't know	18	11	15	18	13	23	24	14	20

Now think about the upcoming November election for Congress. How likely are you to vote in that election?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Definitely will vote	86	88	90	83	88	84	88	82	89
Probably will vote	14	12	10	17	12	16	12	18	11
Maybe will vote	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Probably will NOT vote	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Definitely will NOT vote	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Thinking about the 2008 election, for whom did you vote for President?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Democrat Barack Obama	41	88	8	40	40	42	34	47	38
Republican John McCain	47	3	87	39	47	47	37	43	53
A third party candidate	4	0	1	11	6	3	2	7	4
Did not vote	2	4	1	1	2	2	21	0	0
Other	1	1	0	2	2	0	6	0	0
Don't know - prefer not to say	5	3	2	6	3	6	0	3	5

### JOB APPROVAL

Thinking in general, would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job President Barack Obama has been doing?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
<b>Approve / Disapprove</b>	<b>40/57</b>	<b>87/12</b>	<b>12/86</b>	<b>36/59</b>	<b>39/59</b>	<b>42/53</b>	<b>32/68</b>	<b>46/53</b>	<b>37/59</b>
Strongly approve	15	40	2	11	14	16	3	15	17
Somewhat approve	25	47	10	25	25	26	29	31	20
Somewhat disapprove	14	3	16	17	14	13	23	12	13
Strongly disapprove	43	9	70	42	45	40	45	41	46
Don't know	3	1	2	5	1	5	0	1	4

Thinking in general, would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Congress has been doing?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
<b>Approve / Disapprove</b>	<b>19/77</b>	<b>50/44</b>	<b>5/93</b>	<b>15/81</b>	<b>20/80</b>	<b>20/74</b>	<b>25/73</b>	<b>24/72</b>	<b>17/80</b>
Strongly approve	3	7	1	2	4	3	4	4	3
Somewhat approve	16	43	4	13	16	17	21	20	14
Somewhat disapprove	21	19	17	22	17	25	32	21	19
Strongly disapprove	56	25	76	59	63	49	41	51	61
Don't know	4	6	1	4	1	6	2	4	4

## PARTY IDENTIFICATION

Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican or an Independent?	Base	Now Vote D	Now Vote R	Now DK on Vote	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Democrat	24	62	2	16	21	26	28	25	23
Independent	33	26	35	37	39	26	17	31	34
Republican	35	7	56	27	35	35	37	37	36
Other	5	5	4	10	3	8	9	6	3
Don't know - prefer not to say	3	0	2	10	2	5	9	1	4

## SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

When you think about your vote in this November's congressional election, how important in your decision is your feeling about president Obama?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
<b>Important / Unimportant</b>	<b>77/21</b>	<b>81/19</b>	<b>78/18</b>	<b>74/25</b>	<b>78/19</b>	<b>75/22</b>	<b>71/25</b>	<b>74/26</b>	<b>81/15</b>
Very important	52	57	54	50	48	55	52	47	55
Somewhat important	25	24	24	24	30	20	19	27	26
Not very important	8	5	4	12	9	6	6	13	3
Not at all important	13	14	14	13	10	16	19	13	12
Don't know	3	0	4	1	3	3	4	0	4

If the Presidential Democratic primaries were held today and the following two were the main candidates, who would you be more likely to vote for?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Barack Obama	31	75	8	26	32	31	32	36	29
Hillary Clinton	38	18	48	40	34	43	44	36	37
Don't know	30	7	43	33	34	27	23	27	34

Generally thinking about this November's congressional election, how passionate would you say you are about voting this November?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Very passionate about voting	71	63	81	72	75	66	70	65	73
Somewhat passionate about voting	23	37	13	20	19	26	22	26	21
Not very passionate about voting	5	0	3	7	3	7	8	8	3
Not at all passionate about voting	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
Don't know	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	2

If you had to choose, would you say that today it's better that:	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
The President and majority in Congress are from the same party	33	66	17	28	28	38	22	34	33
The President and majority in Congress are each from a different party	51	23	68	54	62	41	64	57	47
Don't know	16	11	15	18	10	21	14	9	20

If you had to choose, would you say that you will be voting for something or someone, or against something or someone in this November election to Congress?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
For something or someone	60	78	64	40	54	65	85	60	56
Against something or someone	30	10	31	49	39	21	15	30	33
Don't know	10	12	5	11	7	14	0	10	11

Do you think the new health reform legislation should be repealed?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Yes	59	27	84	60	61	56	78	55	59
No	29	64	8	27	27	31	15	32	29
Don't know	12	9	8	14	11	12	7	13	13

## DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Male	49	44	49	59	100	0	42	57	46
Female	51	56	51	41	0	100	58	43	54

AGE	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
17-34	8	9	8	4	7	9	100	0	0
35-54	37	40	39	36	44	31	0	100	0
55+	49	49	50	51	46	52	0	0	100
Don't know/refused	6	2	3	10	4	8	0	0	0

What do you consider to be your race?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
White	89	78	95	93	92	86	78	87	92
Black or African-American	2	10	0	0	3	2	3	2	3
Asian-American	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
Hispanic or Latino	3	7	0	0	0	6	19	4	0
Native American	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
Other --- SPECIFY	2	1	1	5	3	1	0	3	1
Don't know - prefer not to say	2	3	3	1	1	3	0	3	2

What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Less than a high school degree	3	4	1	3	3	2	2	1	5
High school graduate	24	33	24	20	26	23	11	20	30
Non-college post-high school (technical school)	1	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	2
Some college	27	22	29	31	23	31	26	25	27
College graduate	26	22	29	26	27	25	41	34	19
Post college - graduate school	16	12	13	19	17	15	17	17	16
Technical school	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	2	0
Don't know - prefer not to say	2	4	1	1	0	3	3	0	2

What is your current marital status?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Single	9	11	7	8	8	10	43	6	5
Married	72	67	75	75	82	62	54	85	65
Widowed	11	10	12	8	5	17	0	3	20
Divorced	6	8	4	7	5	7	0	5	7
Living with significant other, but not married	1	2	1	1	0	2	3	1	0
Don't know - prefer not to say	1	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	1

For statistical purposes only, please tell me which of the following categories best represents your total annual household income?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Less than \$25, 000	8	7	11	8	6	10	8	3	12
\$25, 000 - \$34, 999	8	12	6	9	6	9	3	6	11
\$35, 000 - \$49, 999	11	14	8	11	10	12	12	10	11
\$50, 000 - \$74, 999	20	26	21	19	20	20	18	25	18
\$75, 000 - \$99, 999	13	17	14	9	16	11	22	17	9
\$100, 000 - \$149, 999	14	10	19	15	21	8	20	17	13
\$150, 00 - \$199, 999	4	2	1	5	3	4	0	8	1
\$200, 000 and above	3	1	6	1	4	1	9	4	1
Don't know - prefer not to say	19	11	14	23	13	24	8	11	24