

Rematch Report: Are Republicans No Match For Democrats in Rerun Races?

Working with SurveyUSA, an automated polling firm, Roll Call recently polled seven competitive House races that are reruns from 2006 contests. Whether the incumbent is a Democrat or a Republican, Democrats led in all of them — regardless of whether Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) or Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) led the district in the presidential race.

ILLINOIS' 10TH

Congressional race

Dan Seals (D)	52%
Rep. Mark Kirk (R)	44
Undecided	4

Presidential race

Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.)	62
Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.)	36
Other	1
Undecided	1

*Poll of 623 likely voters taken Oct. 4-5.
It had a 3.9-point margin of error.*

INDIANA'S 9TH

Congressional race

Rep. Baron Hill (D)	53
Mike Sodrel (R)	38
Eric Schansberg (L)	7
Undecided	3

Presidential race

McCain	49
Obama	47
Other	2
Undecided	2

*Poll of 613 likely voters taken Oct. 4-5.
It had a 4-point error margin.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 1ST

Congressional race

Rep. Carol Shea-Porter (D)	50
Jeb Bradley (R)	41
Bob Kingsbury (L)	3
Peter Bearse (I)	3
Undecided	3

Presidential race

Obama	52
McCain	45
Other	2
Undecided	1

*Poll of 628 likely voters taken Oct. 4-5.
It had a 4-point error margin.*

NEW YORK'S 29TH

Congressional race

Eric Massa (D)	51%
Rep. Randy Kuhl (R)	44
Undecided	5

Presidential race

Obama	49
McCain	47
Other	3
Undecided	2

*Poll of 602 likely voters taken Oct. 4-5.
It had a 4.1-point error margin.*

NORTH CAROLINA'S 8TH

Congressional race

Larry Kissell (D)	49
Rep. Robin Hayes (R)	41
Thomas Hill (L)	6
Undecided	4

Presidential race

Obama	53
McCain	44
Other	2
Undecided	1

*Poll of 609 likely voters taken Oct. 4-5.
It had a 4-point error margin.*

PENNSYLVANIA'S 4TH

Congressional race

Rep. Jason Altmire (D)	54
Melissa Hart (R)	42
Undecided	4

Presidential race

McCain	51
Obama	43
Other	3
Undecided	3

*Poll of 614 likely voters taken Oct. 4-5.
It had a 4-point error margin.*

WISCONSIN'S 8TH

Congressional race

Rep. Steve Kagen (D)	54
John Gard (R)	43
Undecided	3

Presidential race

Obama	52
McCain	45
Other	2
Undecided	1

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