

## **Independent-Minded Obama Voters At Odds with Congressional Leadership over Economy and Government Intervention**

**Washington, D.C. (September 11, 2009)** – Independents who voted for Obama have great concern over increasing deficits and mounting Federal debt and believe Congressional Democrats are pushing “too much, too soon, too fast,” according to a series of nationwide focus groups conducted by Resurgent Republic.

An extensive round of focus groups with Independents, who voted for President Obama last November but are undecided on the congressional generic ballot, provided revealing insights about voters’ concerns over the economy, government spending, mounting Federal debt and government intervention into the private sector.

“Voters are reaching a point where they are beginning to clearly separate their feelings about the President personally from their much more negative feelings about the policies his Administration and Congress, in particular, are pursuing,” said Ed Gillespie, Resurgent Republic Board Member.

From the economy to government intervention, it was clear from the focus groups that the assertion of “too much, too soon, too fast” is a serious concern, reinforced by perceptions of the stimulus bill and the “cash for clunkers” program, which was widely seen as poorly managed by the Federal Government. While the near collapse of the financial markets last October has made voters much more open to government agencies playing a “protector” and policing role, particularly in the financial markets, they do not share liberals’ penchants for “transforming” our economy away from a market-based economy to a more government controlled one.

Voters were much more inclined to agree with the statement “The ups and downs of business cycles in a market economy are frustrating and at times even frightening, but if the Federal Government tries to manage business cycles it runs the risk of stifling the kind of innovation and long-term growth that has made America’s prosperity the envy of the world” as opposed to “The U.S. economy is too fueled by a cycle of boom and bust, where the rich have gotten extremely wealthy but ordinary workers have not seen their incomes or wages go up. It’s time for structural changes that bring about greater government control to even out those economic cycles and provide greater stability.”

“Voters are clearly anxious about the current recession and are still shaken by last fall’s financial crisis, but they do not agree with putting the Federal Government in greater control of the private sector economy. Rather they feel such action will end up stifling innovation and long-term prosperity,” said Whit Ayres, Resurgent Republic Board Member.

To see the survey’s memo and complete poll, please visit [www.resurgentrepublic.com](http://www.resurgentrepublic.com).

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