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## **New Battleground Poll Shows Voters Seek Leaders Who Will Challenge Corporate Corruption In Washington DC**

A majority of voters believe addressing economic woes requires taking on corporate lobbyists.

Overturing Citizens United, making elections fair, and curbing lobbyist influence in DC supported by most voters as solutions.

A poll of battleground races conducted by Survey USA between August 3-5, 2010 demonstrates that in the upcoming election, **voters are far more likely to support candidates who seek clear and tangible solutions to restore power in Washington DC to individual Americans.** 9,600 likely voters were interviewed in total, 400 from each of 18 battleground Congressional Districts and 600 from each of 4 battleground states.

The poll shows clearly that **frustration among voters is, at least in large part, due to the pervasive influence of corporations and their lobbyists over our electoral and legislative processes.**

**Finally, the poll demonstrates that anxiety about corporate influence over our government compounds existing economic concern.** A clear majority of those polled (57% total, including 54% of Independents) believe that making the economy work for ordinary Americans also requires taking on corporate lobbyists.

- An overwhelming 79% of voters polled, including 72% of Republicans and 75% of Independents, believe that it's important that a candidate commit to reducing the influence of corporations over elections, with 56% overall saying it is **very important**.
- Eighty-nine percent believe that it is important that a candidate commits to reducing the influence lobbyists have over the way laws are written, with 68% believing such a commitment is very important. Among Republicans, the numbers are 87% and 63%, respectively; among Independents, 89% and 68%.
- Almost two out of three voters (60%) disagree with the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case. Sixty-seven percent of those would be **more likely to support a candidate who backs a constitutional amendment to overturn the decision.**
- Sixty-five percent of voters would be more likely to support a candidate for Congress who wants to reward candidates who get more small donations from inside their district and fewer big donations from outsiders, including 61% of Republicans and 67% of

Independents.

- Seventy-three percent of voters overall, including 67% of Republicans and 71% of Independents, are more likely to support a candidate for Congress who works to reduce the influence of corporate lobbyists in Washington
- Seventy-seven percent of voters overall (including 70% of Republicans and 73% of Independents), view corporate election spending as an attempt to bribe politicians rather than an expression of free speech that should not be limited.

Appendix 1: Link to full survey:

<http://www.voterrollcall.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=ce694372-aa8e-48c2-83c1-e093151c0906>

Appendix 2: WI, MO, IA, CO, PA-15 PA-07, FL-08, MI-07, NH-01, VA-02, VA-05, OH-13, OH-15, OH-16, NY-01, NY-19, IL-10, WI-08, CO-04, AZ-08, CA-44, and CA-03.