

WHAT ARE THE FACTORS THAT INFLUENCED A MINORITY INCUMBENT'S REELECTION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN 2010?

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This paper examines minority incumbents of the United States House of Representatives seeking reelection in 2010 and the factors that influenced the election outcome. This election was remarkably noted for the surge of Republican and Tea Party candidates replacing numerous Democratic incumbents in the House of Representatives. The analysis looks at variables such as gender, race, poverty, labor force, education, and region. The statistics in the analysis show that the percentage of men, women, whites, population living under the poverty line, population in the labor force, and region of the United States affect the support for a minority incumbent when they are running for reelection.