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## 'Angry' Illinois voters go to the polls

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The polls are now open in President Obama's home state of Illinois -- which holds the nation's first primary in what is expected to be a tumultuous election year across the USA.

What to expect in Illinois?

*Politico*: The "political establishment" is facing "[widespread voter anger](#)" in today's primaries. Alex Isenstadt writes: "That sentiment confronts not only the Democrats caught in competitive primaries but also Rep. Mark Kirk, the front-runner for the Republican Senate nomination."

*Chicago Tribune*: Elections are generally about the incumbent, and at the top of the ticket is Gov. Pat Quinn. Tribune op-ed columnist Eric Zorn gives five reasons to [vote for Quinn](#). And five reasons to [vote against him](#).

*The Washington Post*: A look at what [Lois Romano](#) calls "a nasty, personal and racially tense race" for governor.

*The Hill*: A race-by-race look at the key primaries to watch tonight in Illinois, including the race for Obama's old Senate seat.

USA TODAY: The paper's Chicago-based reporter [Judy Keen](#) writes: "Whatever the outcome of Tuesday's voting, [Democrats might have to worry this autumn](#) about this "blue state" — where Democrats hold all statewide offices and control both chambers of the General Assembly, says Kent Redfield, a political scientist at the University of Illinois-Springfield."

To stay on top of today's developments and get election results visit the election pages of the [Chicago Sun-Times](#) and [Tribune](#).

(Posted by Eugene Kiely)

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I'm not falling for what the Republican propagandists have to say. I make my own opinoins about what our leaders are doing. Also, our leaders are also our business people and they haven't acted well towards Americans either.

Sen.-elect Brown says he supports abortion rights

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/01/31/AR2010013100755.html>

U.S. Economy: Growth Jumps 5.7%, Fastest Pace in Six Years

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-01-29/u-s-economy-growth-jumps-5-7-fastest-pace-in-six-years.html>

or,

A very productive Congress, despite what the approval ratings say

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/01/29/AR2010012902516.html?nav=hcmoduletmv>

Obama and Democrats did cause some change in the GOP, but there is really no such thing as a conservative. I understand the frustrations of everyone who wanted Obama to fix the world in 365 days, but I do NOT understand how anyone could be so illogical to think that Obama is an evil person bent on the destruction of this country.

There are people who vote for people that call themselves conservatives but really what you get is a bunch of theocrats who try to consolidate money and power to an elite group of ideological zealots who are willing to commit intense acts of hypocrisy simply to feel as if they have "won", like it's all some kind of game.

These toe tapping tools will stop at nothing to force your children learn myth in science classrooms such as ID or that the Earth was made 6000 years ago. These fake so called Republicans will vow that gays should not be able to live as non-gays do in our country, while simultaneously being gay in the closet. These people like to hate things. Fighting is what feels normal. These people are angry and angry people are easily exploited.

If you prefer a government that governs the least that's exactly what you are going to get. I don't believe there can be an intelligent debate with toe tapping Republican



CAPTION  
By M. Spencer Green, AP

propagandist hacks. Hacks don't want to talk, they just want to be mad about something and government is an easy target. During the Bush days, the hacks were mad at Saddam, for the wrong reasons but it didn't stop them from exploiting the people into supporting a two trillion dollar tax payer funded unjust war did it? 4000 Americans and 50,000 (and counting) innocent Iraqi civilians died. Republican leaders said, "hey be mad at this", now they are saying, "hey be mad at this".

The fatalistic tragedians of our nation fall in line.

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This president and his party have spent an entire year trying to take over the health care system over the objections of most Americans instead of fixing the economy. Now he has launched into promoting "gay marriage" and "gays in the military" instead of fixing the economy. Democrats are doing EVERYTHING but what the voters asked them to do. Democrats must have a political death wish.

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Independents rule.... party matters little in the Fall. Primary voters should consider who can win for their party among independents. Honesty, transparency, effectiveness and fiscal responsibility mean the most to this group. The blame game, the tax and spend game, "compartmentalizing" personal and professional character, and making 'pie in the sky' promises will not satisfy. And you don't want to win as the "lesser of two evils"... if you do you will quickly find yourself under attack by the independents as incompetent and will end your term in disgrace.

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Wonder if ACORN has resurrected the dead to vote today or if ACORN just waits for the big elections to wake the dead to vote?

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