

Precinct Walk Script

Objectives

- Locate Republicans and others willing to volunteer to
 - Help Republicans get elected
 - Educate voters on conservative principles
- Obtain accurate contact information
- Get them involved in the Party's grass roots efforts

Script

[NOTE: You do not need to follow this script word-for-word. Tailor the conversation to each person you meet.]

Hello, my name is _____ and I am with the Utah County Republican Party. I live on _____ Street. We are out walking our neighborhood today to provide helpful information to voters. [Provide flyer with important dates – e.g., primary and general elections – a list of open races and candidates, a list of your current representatives/district numbers, etc. Give a brief overview of the flyer.]

We would also like to identify and locate supporters and volunteers. Would you mind taking a moment to answer a few questions?

1. "Is this the [see walking list for name] residence?" (If not, get a name for the address.)
2. "Do you tend to vote Republican or Democrat?"
 - If DEMOCRAT, thank them and walk away.
 - If REPUBLICAN, proceed with script.
 - If INDEPENDENT or "VOTE FOR THE BEST PERSON", you will have to decide whether to continue with the script.
3. Verify that they are registered as Republicans on your list.
 - If they are, verify the telephone number, address, etc. Correct it, if necessary.
 - If not:
 - Have them fill out voter registration form.
 - Collect the form so that you can turn it in for them. (Check the deadline for turning in a voter registration form for someone else. Don't offer to turn the form in on their behalf if the deadline has passed.)
 - Add them to your voter list or update their information on the list.

4. "Would you be willing to volunteer for the Republican Party or its candidates in 2010 by doing something simple like making phone calls, putting up yard signs, or being a Block Captain?"
 1. If YES, "May we have your email address?"
 2. If NO, go to question 6.
5. "Would you like to help inform voters in your neighborhood about issues of concern to [Republicans, conservatives, our community]?"
6. "Would you like to receive information about grass roots efforts in our neighborhood and county?"
 1. If YES, "May we have your email address?"
7. "If you were given the opportunity to vote by mail in your home would you be interested in taking advantage of that?"
 - If YES, have them fill out the appropriate form and bring it back so that we can deliver it to County Clerk's Office.
8. "Would you be willing to make a small donation to the Utah County Republican Party?" (No donation is too small; pocket change or a couple of dollars is an important contribution. Donations will help the county Party get Republican candidates elected, help fund conventions, etc. Donations can also be designated to your own precinct to help with voter education, precinct events, etc. Record whether donations are specified for the county or the precinct.)

What to avoid

Please remember that the purpose is NOT to convince people to be Republican. We are only trying to locate Republicans (and others willing to volunteer) in the neighborhood. Please do not argue or try to make a point. If a person wants to argue, thank them and move on to the next house. Always remain courteous, polite and respectful.

Frequently Asked Questions

Be prepared to answer a few common questions, such as:

Where do I vote?

When is election day?

Who are my representatives?

Who is on the ballot?

What officers are up for election?

How do I register to vote?

How do I find out if I'm registered to vote / what Party I'm affiliated with?