

Tea Party key players

Since conservative "Tea Party" activists roared on to the political scene in 2009, the movement has become a major force in U.S. politics – but some are so outside the mainstream that they are feared by moderate Republicans as much as Democrats



■ **Dick Armey**
Former House Republican leader seen by some as de facto national Tea Party leader. Chairman of conservative group **FreedomWorks**,

and co-author of book **Give Us Liberty: A Tea Party Manifesto**



■ **Glenn Beck**
His **Fox News** show has become a daily sermon for Tea Partiers, with around two million viewers nightly. Washington rally hosted by Beck in

August drew tens of thousands in show of conservative power



■ **Jim DeMint**
Among Senate's most conservative members, hoping to push chamber to right. DeMint's political action committee, **Senate Conservatives**

Fund, backs 11 Senate Republican challengers – most are ahead in polls

■ Major sponsors include **Sal Russo** – brains behind money-spinning **Tea Party Express** – and oil billionaires **David** and **Charles Koch**



■ **Sarah Palin:**
Former Alaska Governor and 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee is seen as darling of Tea Party. Palin has played key role in turning little known candidates into Republican Senate nominees



Gadsden Flag: Tea Partiers favour 1775 flag, seen as symbol of resistance against tyranny

Palin's successes include (1) **Christine O'Donnell**, Delaware; (2) **Rand Paul**, Kentucky; (3) **Sharron Angle**, Nevada; and (4) **Joe Miller**, Alaska



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