



THE U.S. ELECTIONS 2008

No recommendation is made in respect of non-U.S. Government web sites and publications listed.

THE POLITICAL PROCESS

[P2008: Race for the White House](#)

[U.S. Elections – 2008 / e-journal: The Long Campaign – Elections 2008](#)

[Elections 2008](#) profiles, financial info, key issues, etc for the main party candidates

[The New Hampshire Political Library – New Hampshire, First in the Nation](#)

[U.S. Department of State, Foreign Press Center: Elections 2008](#)

[Elections 2008 Univ. Michigan Documents Center](#)

[Politics1 – The Presidency 2008](#)

[Federal Election Commission](#)

[U.S. National Archives: U.S. Election & Voting Resources](#)

[Vanderbilt University Elections Links](#)

[Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids / Ben's Guide – Election of the President](#)

[The Center for Voting and Democracy](#)

[Election 2008: Think Youth – News and Opinion by America's Progressive Youth](#)

[David Leip's Atlas of U.S. Presidential Elections](#)

[Printable Maps: Congressional Districts, 110th Congress \(January 2007-January 2009\).](#)

[Find a boundary map](#) - Congressional districts, data profiles of current Members of Congress



THE CAMPAIGN

[Democratic Party / ** Democratic National Convention - Denver, CO - August 25-28, 2008](#)

[Republican Party/ ** Republican National Convention - Minneapolis-St. Paul MN - September 1-4, 2008](#)

[Winning Campaigns Online](#) - campaign websites and online campaigning publications

[CFR - Campaign 2008: Foreign Policy in the Presidential Election](#)

[Iowa Democratic Caucus](#)

[Iowa Republican Caucus](#)

[Project Vote Smart](#)

[Emily's List](#)

[Campaign Finance](#)

[Money in the U.S. Elections](#)

[New Contribution Limits: Campaign Finance Law](#) [Campaign Funding: Candidate Rankings](#)

[Issue Tracker: The Candidates on Immigration](#) / [Issue Tracker: The Candidates on Trade](#)

[The 51st State: The State of Online: The Presidential Campaign 2008: Candidates and News Sources](#) by Laura Gordon-Murnane. *Infoday.com*, November-December. 21p. A comparative guide to candidates' websites, mainstream media online coverage of the election campaign, political blogs and aggregator tools.

[The Invisible Primary: Invisible No Longer: A First Look at Coverage of the 2008 Presidential Campaign](#) *Pew Research Center*, 29 October

[PACronyms: Acronyms of Political Action Committees](#)

CANDIDATES

[The Presidential Field](#)

[The Presidential Field: Full Coverage of the 2008 Candidates](#)

[Democratic Presidential Candidates](#) who have declared their candidacy

[Republican Presidential Candidates](#) who have declared their candidacy

[Religion & Politics '08](#)

[Presidential Candidates' Responses to the State of the Union Address, January 2008](#)

THE DEBATES

[Commission on Presidential Debates](#)

[Commission on Presidential Debates Announces Dates, Formats and Candidate Selection Criteria for 2008 General Election, 19 November, 2007](#)

MEDIA COVERAGE: *breaking political news*

[Election news resources](#)

[Televised 2008 Debates – ABC](#)

[ABC News: Politics](#)

[BBC News – Politics](#)

[CBS News: Politics](#)

[Fox News: Politics](#)

[CNN.COM: Elections 2008](#)

[You Tube – Elections Monitor](#)

[MSNBC News: Politics](#)

[USA Today: Campaigns & Elections](#) [VoA: Road to 2008 Election](#)

[Yahoo – Elections 2008](#)

[Washington Post – Politics](#)

[Project Vote Smart](#)

[Political Wire](#)

[News Hour with Jim Lehrer](#)

[C-SPAN's Campaign Network](#)

[Drudge Report](#)

[CNN – America Votes 2008](#)

[CNN – Debate Scorecard](#)

[NBC5 – Presidential Race](#)

[The Cook Political Report](#)

[Campaigns & Elections Magazine](#)

[Roll Call](#)

YOUTH VOTING

[Can I Vote?](#)

[Generation Engage](#)

[I'm 18 in '08](#)

[Archive - 'Youth Vote'](#)

[CIRCLE: Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement](#)

VIDEOS

[Campaign Network](#) - From C-SPAN & Congressional Quarterly

[You Choose '08](#)

[ExpertVoter.org](#): Video Guide to 2008 Candidates

[PrezVid: The YouTube Campaign-2008](#)

[The Living Room Candidate](#): Presidential Campaign Commercials, 1952-2004

[Presidential Election 2008](#) – Yahoo.com

[RealClearPolitics Videos](#) - Videos on elections 2008 from YouTube and other sources

VOTING & ELECTION RESULTS

[Study of the American Electorate](#)

[U.S. Election Procedures](#)

[Voting Overseas](#)

[2008 Presidential Primary Dates and Candidate Filing Deadlines for Ballot Access](#)

[The 2008 Primary Election Calendar - Sorted by State / Month](#)

[Voting Rights in Perspective](#)

[Voting Rights Act and Amendments](#)

[Absentee Voting](#)

[Voting & Elections \(FirstGov.gov\)](#)

[Election Law](#)

[State election directors](#)

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[Federal Voting Assistance Program](#)

[Restrictive Voter I.D. Requirements](#)

[Voter Identification Laws](#)

[Project Vote Smart](#)

[The Electoral College & Presidential elections](#)

[Electapress.com](#) - The Road to the White House

OPINION POLLS

[CBS News Polls](#)

[PollingReport.com](#)

[The Harris Poll](#)

[Los Angeles Times Poll](#)

[RealClearPolitics Polls](#)

[Gallup.com](#)

[The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press](#)

[The Roper Center](#)

[Survey Research Links](#)

[Zogby International](#)

MAINSTREAM MEDIA BLOGS - ELECTIONS

[ABC News: The Note](#)

[CBS News: Politics](#)

[CNN: The Situation Room](#)

[Fox News: Update '08](#)

[MSNBC News: First Read](#)

[N.J.'s The Hotline](#)

[New York Times: The Caucus](#)

[Washington Post: The Fix](#)

[Election Blog Archive](#)

[2008 Presidential Debates - Blog](#)

[You Tube – Elections Monitor](#)

[Foreign Policy Association](#)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

[The Campaign Finance Institute](#)

[Federal Election Commission: Campaign Finance Law](#)

[Campaign Finance: Overview, CRS, 29 March, 2007](#)

[Party Financial Activity Summarized. 30 October, 2006](#)

[Project Vote Smart: Campaign Finance](#)

[Race for the White House: Banking on Becoming President](#)

ELECTION LAW RESOURCES

[The Campaign Legal Center](#)

[Commission on Federal Election Reform](#)

[Election Law @ Moritz \(College of Law\)](#)

[Federal Election Commission: Administering, Enforcing Federal Campaign Finance Laws](#)

[Help America Vote Act of 2002](#)

[U.S. Constitutional Provisions](#) (Click on "Constitutional Provisions")

[U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Voting Section: FAQs](#)

[Voting Rights Act](#)

[Voting Rights Act in Perspective](#)

[Electronic Rulemaking in the Federal Government](#) CRS, 16 October, 2007.

[FEC Final Rule on Campaign Finance & the Internet](#)

[H.R. 4844: Federal Election Integrity Act of 2006](#)

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

[The Electoral College and How It Works](#) [LoC: Who Really Elects the President?](#)

[U.S. Nat. Archives: U.S. Electoral College/U.S. Nat. Archives: Electoral College Calculator](#)

VOTING TECHNOLOGY

[Caltech-MIT Voting Technology Project](#) [Election Reform Information Project](#)

[How E-voting Works](#)

[The National Assoc. of State Election Directors](#)

[Vote: The Machinery of Democracy](#)

[Websites - Secretaries of State & Directors of Elections](#)

FAQs - including "What is a primary election? When is a general election held?"

Can anyone run for office?

What are the Democrat and Republican symbols?

[How did Republicans pick the elephant, and Democrats the donkey, to represent their parties?](#)

[More FAQs](#)

[and More FAQs...](#)

[Election Trivia](#)

[Just for Fun: Presidential Trivia](#)

See also:

[The Future of Red, Blue and Purple America](#) by Ruy Teixeira. *Brookings Institution, Issues in Governance*, January. 15p.

The cultural and geographical aspects of polarization in the changing political landscape of the United States.

[Presidential Candidates' Responses to State of the Union Address, January 2008](#) CFR, 28 January, 2008.

[Elections Reform: Overview and Issues](#) CRS, 4 September, 2007.

[Lobbying Disclosure: Themes and Issues, 110th Congress](#) CRS, 12 January, 2007.

[527 Political Organizations: Legislation in the 109th Congress](#) 31 March, 2006.

[Campaign Finance: Constitutional and Legal Issues of Soft Money](#) CRS Issue Brief, 4 February, 2004.

[Election Reform and Electronic Voting Systems \(DREs\): Analysis and Security Issues](#) CRS, 4 November, 2003.

ARTICLES

[Presidential Fundraising in 2007 Doubles 2003](#) *Campaign Finance Institute*, 11 February.

The presidential candidates raised a combined total of nearly \$552 million in 2007 for the 2008 primaries, according to year-end reports filed with the Federal Election Commission on January 31. This more than doubles the previous off-year record of \$273 million that the 2004 candidates raised in 2003.



[Women in Politics: Making a Difference in the U.S.A.](#)

U.S. Dept of State, Office of International Information Programs, 2008.

This e-journal showcases stories of women who believed that they could make a difference by participating in politics and government, and forged ahead to do so. They are not famous, like U.S. presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, and they are not serving at the top, like Presidents Michelle Bachelet of Chile or Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf in Liberia. But, just like Bachelet, Clinton, and Johnson-Sirleaf, they have overcome obstacles to get where they are. They have acquired experience in running for election, being an effective policy-maker, and in persuading elected officials to support their cause.

[Preliminary Analysis of the President's Budget Request for 2009](#) *CBO*, 3 March.

[2008: A Political Odyssey](#) - Experts in demography, politics, and public opinion spoke at a recent joint *American Enterprise Institute/Brookings Institution* conference about how demographic shifts may affect the 2008 election – and elections beyond.

[Contributions to Party Committees Rise for Democrats and Decline for Republicans](#) News release, *Federal Election Commission*, 6 March.

[The Caucus System in the U.S. Presidential Nominating Process](#) Backgrounder by Joanna Klonsky. *CFR*, 3 March '08.

[Youth Radio: Election 2008](#) - Youth Radio is following Election 2008 around the country, through the perspectives of young people who are getting a close-up view of the process. Check out their thoughts, and watch for more to come.

[A Primer on Voting-by-Mail](#) - Voting-by-mail is relatively new on the U.S. electoral landscape... Advocates for mail balloting argue that because of its strong democratic tradition, the United States should continue to eradicate barriers to the franchise, and make voting easier through mail-in elections.

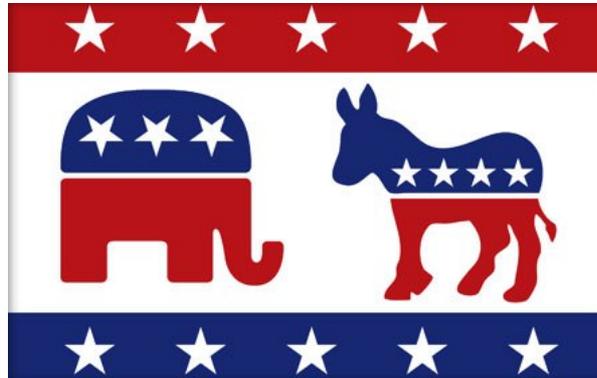
[Oregon's Vote-by-Mail Guide](#) - In 2000 Oregon became the first state in the nation to conduct a presidential election entirely by mail. This brochure includes general information on how vote by mail works, a list of frequently asked questions, vote by mail facts and figures, etc.

[Public Divided on Whether Obama Has Necessary Experience](#) - The most recent *USA Today/Gallup* poll finds 46% of Americans saying Barack Obama has the experience necessary to be President.

[Automated Political Telephone Calls \(Robo Calls?\) in Federal Campaigns: Overview and Policy Options](#) *CRS*, 7 February, 2008.

[More Than Half of Americans Never Read Political Blogs](#) - For every political persuasion, it seems like there is at least a handful of political blogs which chart attitudes and opinions on campaigns, issues and candidates relevant to that political leaning.

[Over Half of Americans Say They Tend Not to Trust the Press](#) - During this political primary season, the media, especially cable news networks, have seen a large increase in viewers, listeners and/or readers. But, do people actually trust the media?



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