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[The Electoral College and How It Works / Library of Congress: Who Really Elects the President?](#)

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[CNN.com: Elections 2012](#)

[The Cook Political Report](#)

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[Generation Engage](#)

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[RealClearPolitics Videos](#) - Videos on elections 2012 from YouTube and other sources

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[How E-voting Works](#)

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[Vote: The Machinery of Democracy](#)

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

[U.S. Elections: Frequently Asked Questions / 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?"

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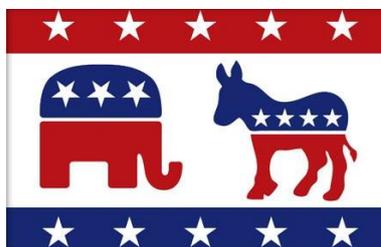
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