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
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
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
Find a boundary map - Congressional districts, data profiles of current Members of Congress
THE CAMPAIGN
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 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

MEDIA COVERAGE: breaking political news
Election news resources Televised 2008 Debates - ABC ABC News: Politics
BBC News - Politics CBS News: Politics Fox 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
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  Elected officials
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
2008 Presidential Debates - Blog  YouTube - 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


FEC Final Rule on Campaign Finance & the Internet


ELECTORAL COLLEGE

The Electoral College and How It Works LoC: Who Really Elects the President?


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


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.


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.


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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