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THE POLITICAL PROCESS

Election Center 2008  The Debates
Belmont University, Nashville TN – 7th October - 9pm ET
Hofstra University, New York NY- 15th October – 9pm ET

Where the Candidates Stand on the Issues
You Decide 2008  Blog For President
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
Politics1 – The Presidency 2008  Federal Election Commission

U.S. National Archives: U.S. Election & Voting Resources

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

The FEC and Campaign Finance Law

Issue Tracker: The Candidates on Immigration / Issue Tracker: The Candidates on Trade


PACronyms: Acronyms of Political Action Committees

THE DEBATES

Remembering Historical 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

OPINION POLLS

CBS News Polls PollingReport.com The Harris Poll
Los Angeles Times Poll RealClearPolitics Polls Gallup
The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press
Survey Research Links Zogby International

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 & CQ You Choose ’08
The Living Room Candidate: Presidential Campaign Commercials, 1952-2008
Presidential Election 2008 RealClearPolitics Videos - Elections 2008 – YouTube, etc.

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
Voting Rights in Perspective

Voting Rights Act and Amendments
Voting & Elections (FirstGov.gov)

Election Law
State election directors
Elected officials

Federal Voting Assistance Program

Project Vote Smart
The Electoral College & Presidential elections

Restrictive Voter I.D. Requirements
Electapress.com - The Road to the White House

MAINSTREAM MEDIA BLOGS - ELECTIONS

ABC News: The Note
CBS News: Politics
CNN: The Situation Room
MSNBC News: First Read
N.J’s The Hotline
Fox News
New York Times: The Caucus
Washington Post: The Fix
Elect News Archive
2008 Presidential Debates - Blog
You Tube – Elections Monitor

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)
Help America Vote Act of 2002
Federal Election Commission: Administering, Enforcing Federal Campaign Finance Laws
U.S. Constitutional Provisions (Click on "Constitutional Provisions")
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Voting Section: FAQs

Voting Rights Act
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
How E-voting Works
Vote: The Machinery of Democracy
Election Reform Information Project
The National Assoc. of State Election Directors
Voter Registration Verification Websites
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?
and More FAQs...

Election Trivia

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Most Approve of Wall Street Bailout and See Obama as Better Able to Address Crisis - By a margin of almost two-to-one the American public thinks the government is doing the right thing in investing billions of dollars to try to keep financial institutions and markets secure...

Cell Phones and the 2008 Vote: An Update - ...As the number of Americans who are reachable only by cell phones rises, interest continues to grow in the question of whether public opinion polls that do not include cell phones are accurately measuring the relative levels of support for the two candidates.

FOX/Rasmussen Swing State Polling - Polling this week in Florida and Ohio shows little net change from the previous week with McCain holding a very modest advantage in each state. McCain and Obama both increased their level of support slightly in each as the number of undecided/third party voters declined by three points in each.

What States Are Really in Play? - In terms of political momentum, when the topic being debated is national security or social issues and values, McCain benefits. When the topic is a souring economy or financial crisis, Obama wins. So this week, it is Obama's week to ride with the tide.

Shifts in Last Two Months of Election Not Uncommon - A question of keen interest to election observers is the following: To what degree do presidential elections change between the end of the political conventions and Election Day?
Meet the New Map – Same As the Old Map (Almost) - In early summer, the Crystal Ball took its first look at the likely November 4th Electoral College map...We based our map not just on current polling but also the recent historical record in presidential elections...As we revise it in this essay, we will once again add a dose of history to current trends, and at least tentatively, we will attempt to narrow the number of toss-ups.

Trust in Government Remains Low - Gallup's annual Governance poll finds a continued deterioration in public confidence in U.S. government institutions. Just 26% of Americans say they are satisfied with the way the nation is being governed.

Voting America: United States Politics, 1840-2008 - Voting America examines the evolution of presidential politics across the span of American history. The project offers a wide spectrum of cinematic visualizations of how Americans voted at the county level, from the beginning of the modern party system to the modern day. See historical developments in American voting patterns as they moved across the political landscape.

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.