

Elections 2008

Visit this web page at <http://www.rlc.dcccd.edu/library/elections.htm>

Government and Civic Sites

📖 [League of Women Voters of Dallas](http://www.lwvdallas.org/index.html) <http://www.lwvdallas.org/index.html> - The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. The league never supports or opposes any political party or candidate. Also, see:

[League of Women Voters of Richardson](http://lwvrichardson.org/) <http://lwvrichardson.org/>

[League of Women Voters or Plano/Collin County](http://www.lwvcollin.org/) <http://www.lwvcollin.org/>

📖 [Texas Secretary of State](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/index.shtml) <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/index.shtml>

This site has complete voter information for the State of Texas. As the official elections office for Texas, the Secretary of State posts sample ballots by county, an elections result archive, election laws and procedures, voting rights and registration, and a listing of incumbent state officials. This is where the vote tallies will come in on Election Day, and the secretary's office will post voting results as they arrive from county election centers across the state.

📖 [U. S. Electoral College](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/) <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/>

The National Archives and Records Administration's Electoral College Home Page has assembled a variety of information and statistics on presidential elections, past and present.

Special Sites for Election Coverage

Subscription Database Available to All DCCCD Students:

📖 [Guide to the 2008 Presidential Election from Facts.com](http://0-www.2facts.com.library.dcccd.edu/stories/digest-menu-elections-2008.asp) <http://0-www.2facts.com.library.dcccd.edu/stories/digest-menu-elections-2008.asp> (This may load faster with the Firefox Browser.) - This subscription database has updated coverage of the hopefuls from both major U.S. parties who are exploring their prospects for success in the 2008 presidential election. In 2008 we will probably have the first presidential election in 80 years in which neither the incumbent president nor vice president runs. Both Democrats and Republicans are fielding several popular, well-known candidates. Note: You must enter your name and student ID# if you access this link from an off campus location.

Web Sites:

📖 [InfoToday.com: The 51st State - The State of Online](http://www.infotoday.com/searcher/nov07/Gordon-Murnane_51stState.pdf) http://www.infotoday.com/searcher/nov07/Gordon-Murnane_51stState.pdf - Laura Gordon-Murnane has created this excellent pdf with hundreds of live links to sites and blogs. Its emphasis is on the reality that the 2008 presidential election will be our first "Presidential Internet Election" in which the Internet and its technologies will play an integral part.

📖 [Politics 1.com: Presidency 2008](http://www.politics1.com/p2008.htm) <http://www.politics1.com/p2008.htm>

The Politics1 web site and the Politics1 Report newsletter are published as a non-partisan public service to promote fully informed decision-making by the American electorate. Democrats, Republicans, third party candidates and Independents ...if they're running for President in 2008 (or even thinking about running) you can find them ALL here ... plus other P2008 resources!!

📖 [Politics1.com](http://www.politics1.com/states.htm) <http://www.politics1.com/states.htm>

Here you will find links to current election information for the individual state races. This site describes itself as the most comprehensive guide to online politics. It is a non-partisan public service to promote fully-informed decision making by the American electorate.

📖 [Project Vote Smart](http://www.vote-smart.org/) <http://www.vote-smart.org/>

This site describes itself as the "voter's self-defense system" against muddled political rhetoric. At this site, the actions and records of the politicians do the talking. Coverage includes thousands of Congressional, gubernatorial and legislative candidates and their positions on issues, voting records and campaign finances. Viewers have a chance to compare candidates' stances on a multitude of issues.

📄 [Congress.org](http://www.congress.org) <http://www.congress.org>

This site is a service of two private, nonpartisan companies that specialize in facilitating civic participation. It allows users to identify and contact elected leaders in Congress, the White House, and state legislatures, as well as have your representative's votes sent to you weekly via e-mail, and more.

📄 [The Center for Responsive Politics](http://www.opensecrets.org) <http://www.opensecrets.org>

This organization is a non-partisan, non-profit research group based in Washington, D.C. that tracks money in politics, and its effect on elections and public policy. The Center conducts computer-based research on campaign finance issues for the news media, academics, activists, and the public at large. The Center's work is aimed at creating a more educated voter, an involved citizenry, and a more responsive government.

📄 [On The Issues](http://ontheissues.org/) <http://ontheissues.org/>

The mission of this site is to provide non-partisan information for voters in the Presidential election, so that votes can be based on issues rather than on personalities and popularity. Information is drawn daily from newspapers, speeches, press releases, and the Internet.

Media Sites

📄 [NPR: Election 2008](http://www.npr.org/templates/topics/topic.php?topicId=1102) <http://www.npr.org/templates/topics/topic.php?topicId=1102>

This site has coverage of the 2008 presidential election, with profiles of major candidates and a primary and caucus calendar. Stories cover campaigns in specific states, issues and debates, campaign spending, voting, etc. It features a series on candidates' first campaigns for political office.

📄 [PBS: Vote 2008 - The Online NewsHour](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/vote2008/) <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/vote2008/>

This site features coverage of the 2008 presidential elections with in-depth interviews with candidates (video, audio, and transcripts), a blog with campaign updates, news and analysis, and candidate profiles. It also includes a primary and caucus calendar, lesson plans, and links to other PBS programs covering the election. Additionally, it provides podcasts and specific newsfeeds (RSS) for states and candidates.

📄 [CNN.com: America Votes 2008](http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008/) <http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008/>

CNN covers the polls, the election timeline, the money, the issues, the primaries, and biographies of the candidates.

📄 [C-SPAN: Campaign 2008](http://www3.capwiz.com/c-span/e4/) <http://www3.capwiz.com/c-span/e4/>

This site provides campaign 2008 coverage, including information about candidates, contributions, and the elections calendar.

📄 [BBC: Vote USA 2008](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/in_depth/americas/2008/vote_usa_2008/) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/in_depth/americas/2008/vote_usa_2008/

This British site covers the 2008 presidential election from the British perspective. It provides news stories, background about presidential elections, candidate profiles, presidential primary and caucus dates, and analysis of issues that will shape the presidential race, such as the Iraq war, national security, immigration, and health care reform.

Political Parties

📄 [ALL POLITICAL PARTIES](http://dir.yahoo.com/Government/U_S_Government/Politics/Parties/) http://dir.yahoo.com/Government/U_S_Government/Politics/Parties/ This page from the Yahoo directory lists all the political parties with links to each of them. Links for the major parties are listed below:

📄 [Democratic Party](http://www.democrats.org/index.html) <http://www.democrats.org/index.html>

📄 [Republican Party](http://www.gop.com/) <http://www.gop.com/>

📄 [Reform Party](http://www.reformparty.org/) <http://www.reformparty.org/>

📄 [Libertarian Party](http://www.lp.org/) <http://www.lp.org/>

📄 [Green Party](http://www.gp.org/) <http://www.gp.org/>