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National

* For information on this year's election.

- [2008 Candidate Positions Chart](#)
Give details of the political positions of the many candidates in the 2008 election. From [procon.org](#).
- [* 2012 Candidate Positions Chart](#)
Gives details of the political positions of the many candidates in the 2012 election. From [procon.org](#). Also the Candidate quiz.
- [* 2012 Election Interactive Map](#)
It takes 270 electoral votes to win. This site has an interactive Electoral College map for 2012 and a history of Presidential elections in the United States.
- [Atlas of Presidential Elections](#)
Detailed national results of US Presidential Elections from 1789 through 2000. State and county results from 1892 through 2000.

Selected Web Resources

- [10 Dirtiest Political Races in U.S. History](#)
Ads, slogans, and campaign themes that stand out for sheer venom.
- [10 Elections That Changed America](#)
Sure, the outcome is remarkable. But did the '08 campaign hold up to history? Can any President shape a country like Lincoln? Save the U.S. like F.D.R.? From Washington to (surprise?) McKinley to Bush 43, these winners left an indelible legacy. Jackson Dykman and Sean Gregory, Time Magazine.
- [America Votes: Presidential Campaign Memorabilia](#)
Winners share the limelight with the defeated in this exhibit of U.S. presidential campaign memorabilia drawn primarily from the holdings of the Duke University Special Collections Library. The exhibit illustrates the nation's presidential elections in letters, sheet music, leaflets, buttons, and bumper stickers.
- [Ballot Measures Database](#)
Database of nearly 160 proposals or initiatives on November statewide ballots, searchable by state and/or topic. Courtesy of the National Council of State Legislatures.
- [Campaign Finance](#)
Guide from the Government Information Library at the University of Colorado, Boulder.
- [Color of Money](#)
A Public Campaign, non-profit, non-partisan organization devoted to campaign reform. The report analyzes who contributes to federal elections and who doesn't [and] paints a vivid and disturbing portrait of a society wherein white and wealthy voters make the majority of campaign contributions, in effect disenfranchising people of color.
- [Elections and Voting](#)
Guide from the Government Information Library at the University of Colorado, Boulder.
- [Electoral College](#)
From the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), it provides electoral college results from 1789, number of electoral college members by state and other information. This site also provides citations to the relevant portions of the Constitution and federal law, a procedural guide for the Electoral College, and a list of frequently asked questions.
- [Founding Fathers' Dirty Campaign](#)
Negative campaigning in America was sired by two lifelong friends, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. Back in 1776, the dynamic duo combined powers to help claim America's independence, and they had nothing but love and respect for one another. But by 1800, party politics had so distanced the pair that, for the first and last time in U.S. history, a president found himself running against his vice president.
- [The Hayes-Tilden Disputed Presidential Election of 1876](#)
An account over the controversy of the election of 1876. Google Books
- [Internet Public Library \(IPL\)](#)
Election and Voting Resources. ipl2 is the result of a merger of the Internet Public Library (IPL) and the Librarians' Internet Index (LII).
- [Living Room Candidate: Presidential Campaign Commercials 1952-2008](#)
The American Museum of the Moving Image is providing television commercials for each presidential candidate from the years 1952 to 2008, along with an analysis of each major party, their advertising campaigns, and a map showing the results of each election.

- [Election Statistics](#)
Created by the U.S. House of Representatives Office of the Clerk.
- [* Federal Election Commission](#)
Source for viewing federal candidates' campaign finance reports; also possible to search by contributor.
- [Historic Election Results](#)
From the Federal Archives, gives results from the Electoral College from 1789-1996
- [Living Room Candidate](#)
Web site of the Museum of the Moving Image that features more than 300 presidential campaign commercials, dating back to the 1950's.
- [* On the Issues](#)
Every political leader on every issue.
- [* Project Vote Smart](#)
Non-partisan site that provides access to biographical information, voting records, issue positions and interest group ratings of elected officials and political candidates across the country.
- [Purple America](#)
Maps of the 1960-2004 Presidential Elections showing Red and Blue states and how much of America is really purple.

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International

- [Comparative Study of Electoral Systems](#)
Allows cross-national research among election studies conducted in over fifty countries. Data is from public opinion survey questions as well as post election studies. Users must register.
- [ElectionGuide](#)
Results from around the world, 1998+, from the International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES), a Washington-based organization.
- [Elections and Electoral Systems Around the World](#)
One component of the extensive site created by Richard Kimber (United Kingdom).
- [Elections Around the World](#)
Updated monthly. Election results and links to major and minor parties, parliaments, and electoral institutes - site created by Wilfried Derksen (Netherlands).
- [Parties and Elections in Europe](#)
Parliamentary elections in the European countries since 1945 - site created by Wolfram Nordsieck (Germany).

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- [Mudslingers: the top 25 negative political campaigns of all time](#)
The Top 25 negative political campaigns of all time. Explores the 25 most negative campaigns in American history, including key mayoral races, especially nasty gubernatorial contests, divisive runs for the U.S. Senate, and presidential mudslinging. GoogleBooks
- [On-Line Campaign Literature Archive](#)
Collection of campaign web sites and scanned images of printed campaign literature, emphasizing California and Los Angeles elections, 1924 to present. Courtesy of UCLA Library.
- [Open Secrets.org](#)
Analyzes campaign finance filings in every imaginable way: by political party, zip code, state, individual donor, industry, and more. Although the front-page emphasis is federal, state-level data is available for more than half of the nation as well. The states with coverage are shown in green on the map under the Get Local! tab. The site offers profiles of state representatives, of political parties and their committees, and of the top individual donors in the current (or most recent) election.
- [The Presidential Campaign, 1896: Cartoons & Commentary](#)
Web site devoted to the pivotal election of 1896, based primary on newspaper accounts and cartoons.
- [Presidential Election Maps: 1860-1996](#)
Maps of the popular and electoral votes by state. Courtesy of the University of Virginia Library, Geospatial and Statistical Data Center.
- [Presidential Elections from 1860 to 1912](#)
This HarpWeek website features political cartoons from Harper's Weekly, Leslie's Illustrated Weekly, Vanity Fair, Puck, Judge, and the Library of Congress Collection of American Political Prints, 1766-1866. It provides explanations of the historical context and images of each cartoon, campaign overviews, biographical sketches, a review of the era's major issues, and other valuable information.
- [Presidential Election Results 1848-2008](#)
From the Texas Secretary of State's office.
- [Presidential Elections 1789-2008 : Printable Maps](#)
Courtesy of the nationalatlas.gov
- [Project Vote Smart](#)
Through a citizens' tool kit of free services, programs and materials, this national non-partisan, non-profit effort researches, tracks and provides to the public independent factual information on over 13,000 candidates and elected officials. Voting records, campaign issue positions, performance evaluations by special interests, campaign contributions, backgrounds, previous experience, and contact information are available.
- [Retrocampaigns](#)
Retro Campaigns, Inc. is a small, Los Angeles-based company that prints tees recalling memorable characters and moments from American political history. OK - it may be a tad commercial - but you can find campaign slogans and pictures, and find out a little more about the campaigns.
- [Transparency Data - State and Federal Campaign Contribution Data](#)
Transparency Data is a central source for federal lobbying disclosure, federal grants and contracts, earmarks and federal and state campaign contributions.
- [Voting America United States Politics, 1840-2004](#)
Voting America provides cinematic & interactive maps, and analysis, of the Presidential elections in the US from 1840-2004. This unique resource focuses on election data to the county level (rather than state), helping users understand the nuances of our electoral history. It allows for users to compare elections as well as recognize the significance of individual elections by geographic region, political party, voter turnout, voter demographics, and more in a stimulating, visual environment.

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