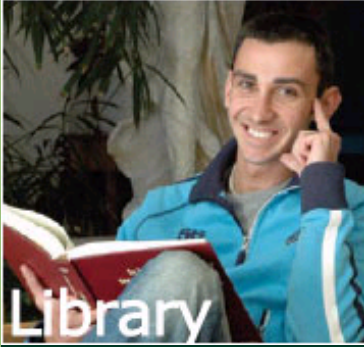




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Register to Vote!



Register to Vote at LSC!

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Student Center on the following days:

Monday and Tuesday, October 6 and 7

Monday and Tuesday, October 13 and 14

Tuesday through Thursday, October 21 to 23

Register Online!

The National Voter Registration Act

- The [National Mail Voter Registration Form](#) can be used to register to vote, to update your registration information due to a change of name, make a change of address or to register with a political party.
- The national form also contains voter registration rules and regulations for each state and territory. For more information about registering to vote, [contact your state election office](#).
- Read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information about the national form.

Vermont

- [Everything You Need to Vote in Vermont!](#)
- Voter registration deadline: October 29, 2008
- A voter may vote at the Town Clerk's office in person any time 30 days before a general election.
- Absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's office before the close of the office on the day before the election OR to the polling place before 7 p.m. on the day of the election.

New Hampshire

- [How to Register to Vote in New Hampshire.](#)
- Voter registration deadline: Last day to register at Town Clerk's - October 25, 2008. Voters may register at the polling place on the day of the election with proof of age, citizenship, and domicile.
- Absentee ballots must be submitted in person until 5:00 p.m. the day before an election or until 5:00 p.m. on election day if received through the mail.

Massachusetts

- [Massachusetts Election Division](#)
- Deadline: Mail-in voter registration forms must be postmarked by October 15, 2008.
- Absentee ballots must be received by noon on the day before the election.

Maine

- [Maine Voter Guide](#)
- Deadlines: To register by mail registration must be received by the close of business day on October 14, 2008. In person, you can register to vote until, and including, Election Day.
- [A Guide to Absentee Voting in Maine](#)

Other State Voting Information

- [Connecticut](#)
- [Rhode Island](#)
- [New York](#)
- [New Jersey](#)

Understand the Issues



Before you can decide how you want to vote, you need to know what you want a candidate to do once they are in office. And that means understanding the issues that are important to you, like the environment, financial aid, health care, your job, or education.

FactCheck.org

[FactCheck.org](#) monitors the factual accuracy of what is said by major U.S. political players in the form of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews, and news releases.

Project Vote Smart: The Voters' Self-Defense System

[VoteSmart.org](#) provides biographical information, voting records, issue positions, interest group ratings, public statements, and campaign finances of the candidates.

OpenSecrets.org

The Center for Responsive Politics' [OpenSecrets.org](#) is a nonpartisan guide to money's influence on U.S. elections and public policy. Track donations, lobbying, etc.

Public Opinion Polls

[PollingReport.com](#) is "an independent nonpartisan resource on trends in American public opinion."

ProCon.org

[ProCon.org](#) presents the 2008 Presidential candidates' views on 65 issues ranging from abortion to global warming to the war in Iraq.

Public Agenda for Citizens

"The Voter's Survival Kit helps get you past the spin with key facts, differing points of view, and some potential tradeoffs - because every plan has both pros and cons. Public Agenda isn't pushing a particular solution, so whatever you choose is okay with us. But it'll be easier to make that choice if you've considered what you're willing to do to get there."

- [Voter's Survival Kit: The Smart Citizen's Guide to What the Politicians Won't Tell You](#)

Issue by Issue

These pages contain links to advocacy groups on all sides of critical issues before us: abortion, the economy, energy, the environment, free trade, gun control, health care reform, homeland security, immigration, Iraq, political reform, same sex marriage, Social Security, stem cell research, and taxes. Compiled by Missouri Western Library.

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[Democratic Party](#)

[Republican Party](#)

[Green Party](#)

[Libertarian Party](#)

[A Comprehensive Listing of American Political Parties](#)

Know the Candidates

[Senator Barack Obama](#)

[Senator Joseph Biden](#)

[Senator John McCain](#)

[Governor Sarah Palin](#)

[Ralph Nader & Matt Gonzalez \[Independent\]](#)

[Bob Barr & Wayne Allen Root \[Libertarian Party\]](#)

[Cynthia McKinney & Rosa Clemente \[Green Party\]](#)

[Chuck Baldwin & Darrell Castle \[Constitution Party\]](#)

Electing a President -- The Process

"The U.S. presidential election is the biggest event in American politics. It's an exciting and complicated process that begins immediately after the preceding election and doesn't end until the voters have their say. What happens during this extended campaign is a quest not just for votes, but also for political contributions, favorable media coverage, Internet attention, endorsements, and all the other makings of a winning candidacy for the highest elected office in America. Key events along the way include the primaries and caucuses, the party conventions, and the debates—not to mention all the speeches, polls, and focus groups, plus the barrage of radio and television commercials imploring you to vote this way or that. It's easy to be overwhelmed."

[Electing a President: a Guide to the Process](#)