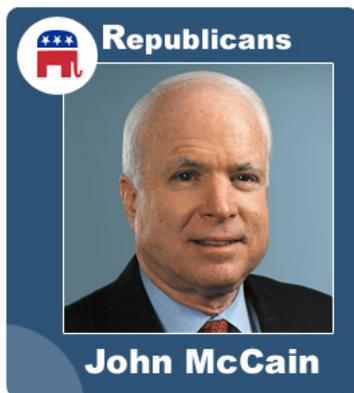


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3 Primaries & Caucuses - Results



Date	State	Democratic winner	Republican winner	
February 19	Hawaii Caucuses	Hillary Clinton	Republican Convention scheduled on May 18	
	Washington	Non binding primary	John McCain	
	Wisconsin Primary	Barack Obama	John McCain	
March 4	Ohio Primary	Hillary Clinton	John McCain	
	Rhode Island Primary	Hillary Clinton	John McCain	
	Texas	Primary	Hillary Clinton	John McCain
		Caucuses	Barack Obama	No Republican Caucuses
Vermont Primary	Barack Obama	John McCain		
March 8	Wyoming Caucuses	Barack Obama	Republican Caucuses held on Jan. 5	
March 11	Mississippi Primary	Barack Obama	John McCain	
April 22	Pennsylvania Primary	Hillary Clinton	John McCain	
May 6	Indiana Primary	Hillary Clinton	John McCain	
	North Carolina Primary	Barack Obama	John McCain	
May 13	West Virginia Primary	Hillary Clinton	John McCain	



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Date	State	Democratic winner	Republican winner
May 20	Kentucky Primary	Hillary Clinton	John McCain
	Oregon Primary	Barack Obama	John McCain
May 27	Idaho Primary	Democratic Caucuses held on Feb. 5	John McCain
June 1	Puerto Rico Primary	Hillary Clinton	Republican Caucuses on Feb. 24
June 3	Montana Primary	Barack Obama	Republican Caucuses on Feb. 5
	New Mexico Primary	Democratic Primary held on Feb. 5	John McCain
	South Dakota	Hillary Clinton	John McCain

4 Photo Gallery: The Candidates' Stories

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Barack Obama campaigns for a U.S. Senate seat at the Illinois state fair, August, 2004.



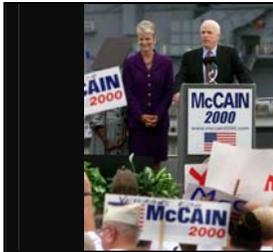
John McCain, front right, poses with his squadron in 1965. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, McCain was captured by the North Vietnamese during a bombing mission in October 1967.



Barack Obama, middle right, poses with a group of classmates in Punahou School's 1979 yearbook in Honolulu, Hawaii.



John McCain and his wife Cindy celebrate the Arizona senator's victory in the New Hampshire primary in January 2008.



John McCain and his wife Cindy attend a rally in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, September 1999.



Barack Obama and his wife Michelle stand before an audience of thousands following the Illinois senatorial candidate's speech at the Democratic National Convention, July 2004.



Barack Obama and Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai plant a tree in Nairobi, Kenya, in August 2006.



Democratic Senator Russ Feingold of Wisconsin talks with Republican Senator **John McCain** in March 2002.

5 Multimedia

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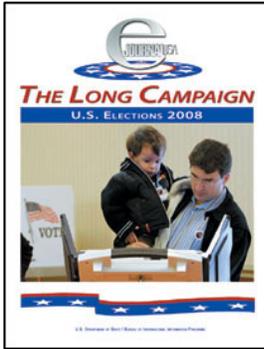


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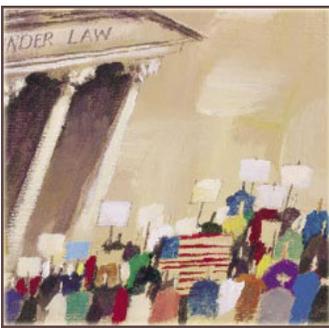
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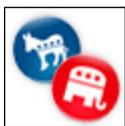
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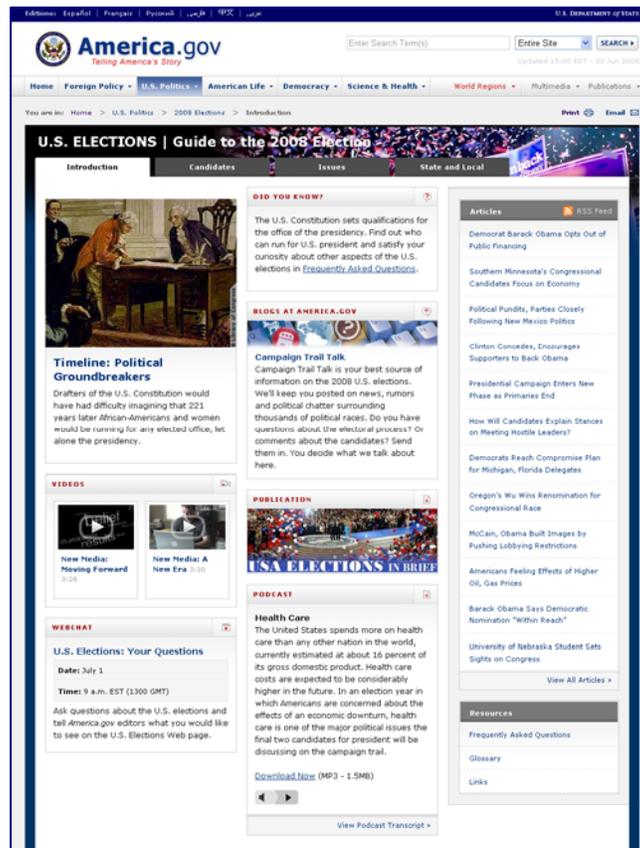
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