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Note: BNA = Bureau of National Affairs Inc.
CBO = Congressional Budget Office
CRS = Congressional Research Service (Library of Congress)
DHS = U.S. Dept of Homeland Security
EAC = U.S. Election Assistance Commission
FEC = Federal Election Commission
FPC = Foreign Press Center, U.S. Dept of State
GAO = Government Accountability Office
IIP = U.S. Dept of State, Office of International Information Programs
MOU = memorandum of understanding
NARA = National Archives and Records Administration
NASS = National Association of Secretaries of State
NCSL = National Conference of State Legislatures
PAC = political action committee

U.S. Government Sites:

<http://www.fec.gov/> Federal Election Commission
<http://www.fvap.gov/> Federal Voting Assistance Program
<http://www.eac.gov/> U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Advertisements, campaign commercials:

<http://www.polisci.wisc.edu/tvadvertising/> Wisconsin Advertising Project – University of Wisconsin
<http://www.livingroomcandidate.org/> The Living Room Candidate: presidential campaign commercials 1952-2004
http://www.brookings.edu/papers/2008/0630_campaignnads_west.aspx A Report on the 2008 Presidential Nomination Ads: Ads More Negative than in Previous Years. By Darrell M. West. Brookings Institution, July 2, 2008
http://www.archive.org/details/election_2004 Election 2004 video archive

Ballot initiatives and referenda:

<http://www.iandrinstitute.org/> Referendum and Initiative Institute
<http://www.iandrinstitute.org/ballotwatch.htm> Ballot Watch
<http://www.ballot.org/> Ballot Initiative Strategy Center
<http://www.ncsl.org/programs/legismgt/elect/dbintro.htm> Ballot Measures Database – by National Conference of State Legislatures
<http://www.ballot.org/resources/history.html> History of the initiative and referenda process

Campaign financing, election cost & expenditure:

<http://www.fec.gov/> Federal Election Commission (FEC)
<http://aceproject.org/> ACE Electoral Knowledge Project, formerly Administration and Cost of Elections Project
<http://aceproject.org/ace-en/focus/core> Focus on Cost of Registration and Elections
<http://www.fec.gov/law/feca/feca.pdf> Federal Election Campaign Laws, Compiled by the Federal Election Commission. Revised edition, April 2008
<http://www.fec.gov/finance/images.htm> FEC disclosure reports
http://www.fec.gov/press/bkgnd/pres_cf/pres_cf.shtml Presidential Campaign Finance Summaries - via FEC
<http://www.campaignmoney.com/> Campaign Money.com
<http://moneyline.cq.com/pml/home.do> Searchable FEC information from CQ Money Line
<http://www.campaignfinancesite.org/> Campaign finance policy

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<http://www.bna.com/webwatch/527orgs.htm> "527" campaign fundraising organizations: BNA's annotated links to reports, analyses etc

<http://www.campaignfinance.org/> Campaign Finance Information Center

<http://www.cfinst.org/> Campaign Finance Institute

<http://www.commoncause.org/> Common Cause

<http://www.opensecrets.org/> Open Secrets

<http://www.followthemoney.org/> Follow the Money - Institute on Money in State Politics

<http://moneyline.cq.com/pml/home.do> CQ Money Line, formerly Political Money Line

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<http://www.fec.gov/press/press2007/20070522party/20070522party.shtml> Parties Raise Over \$120 Million Thus Far in 2007. FEC, May 22, 2007

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<http://fpc.state.gov/fpc/99455.htm> Presidential Debates. Links compiled by Foreign Press Center, U.S. Dept of State

<http://www.debates.org/> Commission on Presidential Debates

<http://www.debates.org/pages/history.html> Presidential Debate history (with highlights)

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http://www.msnbc.com/modules/tvguide_debate/ "Eight debates that rate"

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<http://johnedwards.com/> John Edwards for President – campaign web site

<http://www.hillaryclinton.com/> Hillary Clinton 2008 campaign web site

<http://www.barackobama.com/> Obama '08 – campaign web site

<http://www.mikehuckabee.com/> Mike Huckabee for President 2008

<http://www.johnmccain.com/> John McCain 2008 campaign web site

<http://www.presidentialbrands2008.com/> Presidential Brands 2008: A Brand Study of the 2008 Presidential Candidates

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<http://earc.berkeley.edu/> Election Administration Research Center, at University of California Berkeley

<http://www.american.edu/ia/cfer/> Commission on Federal Election Reform, American University

<http://www.factcheck.org/> FactCheck.org – evaluates the accuracy of campaign claims

<http://www.electionline.org/index.jsp> ElectionLine.org – Election Reform Information Project

<http://www.opensecrets.org/index.asp> Open Secrets: Center for Responsive Politics

<http://reforminstitute.org/> The Reform Institute for Campaign and Election Issues

<http://www.american.edu/ia/cfer/> Commission on Federal Election Reform, American University

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<http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/electionlaw/> Election Law @ Moritz – Moritz School of Law, Ohio State University; with latest litigation news

<http://electionlawblog.org/> Professor Rick Hasen's Election Law Blog – with links

<http://www.findlaw.com/election2008.html> FindLaw 2008 Presidential Election website – focus is substantially but not entirely on legal aspects of the 2008 elections. There is a press release (October 16, 2008) about the site at

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<http://www.whitehouse.gov/inaugural/> White House web site on inauguration

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<http://nationalatlas.gov/printable/congress.html#list> Printable Maps: Congressional Districts, 109th Congress (2005-2006)

<http://www.melissadata.com/lookups/mapCD.asp> Find a boundary map for any Congressional district, and a brief data profile of the current Member

<http://www.uselectionatlas.org/> Dave Leip's Atlas of U.S. Presidential Elections

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/elections/maps/> Presidential election maps, 1880-1996

<http://nationalatlas.gov/printable.html#elections> Printable maps: Presidential elections 1789-2000

<http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G04/President-1972-2000.phtml?format=winner> state votes in presidential election campaigns 1972-2000 sorted by how often a state has voted for the candidate who won the election nationally

<http://politicalmaps.org/electoral-map-predictions-june-18th-2008/> Electoral Map Predictions – June 18, 2008

News & media coverage of:

<http://www.politics1.com/news.htm> Election news resources

<http://www.realclearpolitics.com/> RealClearPolitics – polls, etc – detailed

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/NotedNow/story?id=156246> ABC News political news

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<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/politics/> Washington Post elections news

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<http://www.demconvention.com/assets/downloads/2008-Democratic-Platform-by-Cmte-08-13-08.pdf> Renewing America's Promise: report of the Platform Committee (Democratic Party), August 2008
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<http://www.gallup.com/poll/election2008.aspx> Gallup Daily Tracking Poll (2008)
http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/election_20082/2008_presidential_election/election_2008_electoral_college_update Electoral College projection update, 2008 Presidential election

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<http://www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/article.php?id=FRC2007082301> A Map in Flux? The 2008 Potential to Reshape the Electoral Landscape. By Rhodes Cook. Larry J. Sabato's Crystal Ball, August 23, 2007

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<http://www.fvap.gov/reference/links/index.html> links to web sites of state election administrations
<http://www.nased.org/> National Association of State Election Directors
<http://www.nacrc.org/> National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks
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