

The 2008 Campaign

Trial Heats

| | | McCain | Clinton |
|--------------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Gallup Track | May 18–20 | 44% | 48% |
| Quinnipiac | May 8–12 | 41 | 46 |
| ABC/Post | May 8–11 | 46 | 49 |
| NPR | May 7–8 | 46 | 45 |
| LAT/Bloom. | May 1–8 | 38 | 47 |

| | | McCain | Obama |
|--------------|-----------|--------|-------|
| Gallup Track | May 18–20 | 44% | 47% |
| Quinnipiac | May 8–12 | 40 | 47 |
| ABC/Post | May 8–11 | 44 | 51 |
| NPR | May 7–8 | 43 | 48 |
| LAT/Bloom. | May 1–8 | 40 | 46 |

Four-Way Trial Heats

| Zogby/Reuters | | | |
|---------------|-----|---------|-----|
| May 15–18 | | | |
| McCain | 37% | McCain | 40% |
| Obama | 47 | Clinton | 41 |
| Nader | 4 | Nader | 4 |
| Barr | 3 | Barr | 3 |

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States at this time?

| | May 2008 | Jul. 1979 |
|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Satisfied | 14% | 12% |
| Dissatisfied | 85 | 84 |

If the election for U.S. president were held today, would you be voting for the . . . ?

| Diageo-Hotline (RV) | | Apr.–May 2008 |
|----------------------|--|---------------|
| Republican candidate | | 35% |
| Democratic candidate | | 49 |

Your opinion of . . . ?

| CNN/ORC | | |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Late April 2008 | | |
| | Favorable | Unfavorable |
| Republican Party | 38% | 53% |
| Democratic Party | 56 | 35 |

Overall, which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you trust to do a better job coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

| ABC News/Washington Post | | |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| | May 2008 | May 2006 |
| Democrats | 53% | 50% |
| Republicans | 32 | 36 |

Partisan Identification—Yearly Averages

| | | Dem | Rep |
|------|--------|-----|-----|
| 2007 | Gallup | 51% | 40% |
| 2007 | Pew | 50 | 36 |

Note: These are the lowest numbers for the GOP since Gallup started compiling yearly averages twenty years ago and Pew started eighteen years ago. Gallup and Pew numbers include those who lean to one party or another.

Candidate Visibility

| Pew Research Center | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| May 9–12, 2008 | | |
| | Heard about the most | Actual coverage* |
| Barack Obama | 52% | 70% |
| Hillary Clinton | 36 | 67 |
| John McCain | 2 | 12 |

Note: * Actual coverage based on the Pew Project for Excellence in Journalism's Campaign Coverage Index for the week of May 9–12. Percentages show the number of stories where a candidate was a significant or dominant newsmaker.

Is your opinion of . . . ?

| Quinnipiac | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| May 2008 | | |
| | Favorable | Unfavorable |
| Barack Obama | 49% | 33% |
| Hillary Clinton | 47 | 44 |
| John McCain | 45 | 31 |

Would you prefer that the next president be . . . ?

| NBC/WSJ (RV) | | | |
|--------------|-----|--------------|------------------|
| Mar. 2008 | | | |
| Liberal | 18% | Moderate 41% | Conservative 34% |

Regardless of who you may support, who do you think . . . ?

ABC News/Washington Post

| | May 2008 | |
|--|----------|-------|
| | McCain | Obama |
| Is the stronger leader | 46% | 42% |
| Has the better experience | 71 | 18 |
| Would do more to bring change to Washington | 29 | 59 |
| Has a better personality and temperament | 32 | 56 |
| Better understands the problems of people like you | 35 | 54 |
| Has a clearer vision for the future | 34 | 54 |
| Has higher personal and ethical standards | 41 | 42 |
| Has better knowledge of world affairs | 65 | 24 |

Regardless of who you may support, who do you trust more to handle . . . ?

ABC News/Washington Post

| | May 2008 | |
|----------------------|----------|-------|
| | McCain | Obama |
| Gasoline prices | 28% | 48% |
| The economy | 38 | 48 |
| The war in Iraq | 45 | 46 |
| Immigration issues | 37 | 42 |
| Terrorism | 55 | 34 |
| Health care | 31 | 55 |
| Ethics in government | 39 | 46 |

Note: Both, neither, & no opinion responses are not shown.

Defections?

National Exit Polls

Percentage Defecting in Presidential Elections

| | Democrats | Republicans |
|------|-----------|-------------|
| 1980 | 26% | 9% |
| 1984 | 25 | 7 |
| 1988 | 17 | 8 |
| 1992 | 10 | 10 |
| 1996 | 10 | 13 |
| 2000 | 11 | 8 |
| 2004 | 11 | 6 |

Source: Network/AP Consortium Exit Polls.

If Obama is the nominee, how confident are you that Democrats will come together and support him against McCain . . . ?

ABC News/Washington Post

| | Asked of Democrats |
|---------------|--------------------|
| | May 2008 |
| Confident | 85% |
| Not Confident | 14 |

Which best describes your reaction in November to McCain getting the Republican nod?

Diageo-Hotline

| | GOP Primary Voters |
|--|--------------------|
| | Apr.–May 2008 |
| Vote for him enthusiastically | 34% |
| Vote for him but mainly as a vote against the Democrat | 42 |
| Vote for the Democrat | 11 |
| Stay home on Election Day | 2 |

If Obama/Clinton gets the Democratic nod, would you . . . ?

Diageo-Hotline

| | Democratic Primary Voters | |
|--|---------------------------|---------|
| | Apr.–May 2008 | |
| | ---If wins--- | |
| | Obama | Clinton |
| Vote for him/her enthusiastically | 56% | 50% |
| Vote for him/her but mainly as a vote against the Republican | 21 | 27 |
| Vote for the Republican | 12 | 9 |
| Stay home on Election Day | 6 | 8 |

Who would you like to see win the Democratic nomination for president this year?

ABC News/Washington Post

| | Asked of Democrats | |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | May 2008 | Apr. 2008 |
| Barack Obama | 53% | 51% |
| Hillary Clinton | 41 | 41 |

After I read all the names, please tell me which of those candidates you would be most likely to support for the Democratic nomination for president in 2008 . . . ?

Gallup/USA Today

| | Asked of Democrats | |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------|
| | May 18–20 | May 1–3 |
| Barack Obama | 53% | 44% |
| Hillary Clinton | 42 | 51 |

Regardless of who you may support, who do you think . . . ?

ABC News/Washington Post

| | Asked of Democrats | |
|--|--------------------|-------|
| | May 2008 | |
| | Clinton | Obama |
| Has a better chance of getting elected in Nov. | 26% | 62% |
| Is the stronger leader | 42 | 49 |
| Has better experience to be president | 65 | 24 |

Do you think having the race continue this long will . . . ?

ABC News/Washington Post

| | Asked of Democrats | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--|
| | May 2008 | |
| Help the Democratic Party | 15% | |
| Hurt the party | 27 | |
| No difference | 56 | |

If you honestly assessed yourself, thinking in general about _____ is that something you'd be . . . ?

ABC News/Washington Post

| | May 2008 | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Comfortable | Uncomfortable |
| A woman president | 84% | 16% |
| An African-American president | 88 | 12 |
| Someone entering the office at age 72 | 60 | 39 |

Note: According to ABC News, the greatest risk of losing votes is among the "entirely uncomfortable" group which is 15 percent for a 72-year-old president and 6 and 7 percent for a black and female president, respectively.

Does _____'s association with _____ make you . . . ?

Gallup/USA Today

| | May 2008 | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | -----To vote for----- | | |
| | Obama & Wright | Hillary & Bill Clinton | McCain & Bush |
| More likely | 1% | 18% | 7% |
| Not affect | 64 | 48 | 54 |
| Less likely | 33 | 33 | 38 |

The President

Bush's Ratings

| | | Approve | Disapprove |
|-------------|----------|---------|------------|
| Quinnipiac | May 8–12 | 28% | 67% |
| Gallup/USAT | May 8–11 | 29 | 66 |
| ABC/Post | May 8–11 | 31 | 66 |
| NPR | May 7–8 | 33 | 65 |
| CBS/NYT | May 1–3 | 28 | 63 |

Four-Part Breakdown, Bush Approval

ABC News/Washington Post

| | May 2008 |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Strongly approve | 15% |
| Somewhat approve | 16 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 14 |
| Strongly disapprove | 52 |

Party Breakdown, Bush Approval

Gallup/USA Today

| | May 2008 |
|-------------|---------------------|
| Republicans | Approve of Bush 66% |
| Democrats | 7 |

Bush Approval—Yearly Averages

Gallup/USA Today

| | Approve |
|------|---------|
| 2007 | 33% |
| 2006 | 37 |
| 2005 | 46 |
| 2004 | 50 |
| 2003 | 60 |
| 2002 | 71 |
| 2001 | 68 |

Congress

Congress's Ratings

| | | Approve | Disapprove |
|---------------|---------------|---------|------------|
| Quinnipiac | May 8–12 | 16% | 76% |
| Gallup/USAT | May 8–11 | 18 | 76 |
| NPR | May 7–8 | 22 | 73 |
| Diag.-Hotline | Apr. 30–May 3 | 18 | 75 |
| Fox News/OD | Apr. 28–29 | 22 | 67 |

Four-Part Breakdown, Congressional Approval

NPR

| | May 2008 |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Strongly approve | 3% |
| Somewhat approve | 20 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 29 |
| Strongly disapprove | 44 |

Party Breakdown, Congressional Approval

Gallup/USA Today

| | May 2008 |
|-------------|---------------------|
| | Approve of Congress |
| Republicans | 20% |
| Democrats | 16 |

Congressional Approval—Yearly Averages

Gallup/USA Today

| | Approve |
|------|---------|
| 2007 | 27% |
| 2006 | 25 |
| 2005 | 36 |
| 2004 | 42 |
| 2003 | 47 |
| 2002 | 54 |
| 2001 | 56 |

What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections—a Congress controlled by . . . ?

NBC/WSJ (RV)

| | Late Apr. 2008 |
|-------------|----------------|
| Democrats | 49% |
| Republicans | 34% |

Please tell me whether you think each of the following political officeholders deserves to be re-elected, or not. How about . . . ?

Gallup/USA Today

| | My U.S. Representative Deserves re-election | Does not |
|----------------|---|----------|
| Feb. 2008 (NA) | 63% | 24% |
| Oct. 2006 (NA) | 53 | 31 |
| Oct. 2004 (NA) | 62 | 21 |
| Sep. 2000 (RV) | 66 | 19 |
| Oct. 1996 (LV) | 62 | 19 |
| Oct. 1994 (NA) | 54 | 30 |
| Oct. 1992 (RV) | 48 | 30 |

Most members of Congress

| | Deserve re-election | Do not |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|
| Feb. 2008 (NA) | 41% | 47% |
| Oct. 2006 (NA) | 39 | 51 |
| Oct. 2004 (NA) | 51 | 33 |
| Sep. 2000 (RV) | 54 | 30 |
| Oct. 1996 (LV) | 55 | 26 |
| Nov. 1994 (NA) | 39 | 45 |
| Oct. 1992 (RV) | 29 | 50 |

The Economy

How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

Gallup/USA Today

| | Excellent/Good | Poor |
|-----------|----------------|------|
| May 2008 | 17% | 42% |
| Jan. 2008 | 19 | 42 |
| Jan. 2007 | 52 | 15 |

Note: "Only fair" response not shown.

Right now, do you think economic conditions in the country as a whole are . . . ?

Gallup/USA Today

| | Getting better | Getting worse |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| May 2008 | 10% | 86% |
| Jan. 2008 | 15 | 76 |
| Jan. 2007 | 38 | 53 |

Six months from now, do you expect the nation's economy will be better than it is now, worse than it is now or about the same as it is now?

LA Times/Bloomberg

| | May 2008 |
|-------------------|----------|
| Better | 19% |
| Worse | 37 |
| Same as it is now | 40 |

Most Important Problem Facing the Country

Gallup/USA Today

| | May 2008 |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Economy in general | 35% |
| Fuel/oil prices | 17 |
| Situation in Iraq/War | 15 |
| Health care | 7 |
| Unemployment/Jobs | 5 |

Note: Only the top five shown.

Most Important Economic Problem Facing You and Your Family

ABC News/Washington Post

| | May 2008 |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Inflation/Rising prices overall | 32% |
| Price of gasoline | 20 |
| Health care costs | 13 |
| High taxes | 9 |
| Personal debt | 5 |

Note: Only the top five shown.

Would you support or oppose suspending the federal gasoline tax of 18 cents per gallon this summer?

ABC News/Washington Post

| | May 2008 | |
|---------|----------|------------|
| Support | 46% | Oppose 47% |

--(If support the gas tax holiday) Critics of the idea say suspending the gas tax might not reduce prices much, and would cut billions of dollars from the fund the federal government uses for highway improvements. Given these arguments, would you . . . ?

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Support | 33% |
| Oppose | 60 |
| Opposed at first | 47 |
| Now oppose | 13 |

Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the economy?

LA Times/Bloomberg

| | May 2008 | |
|---------|----------|----------------|
| Approve | 23% | Disapprove 72% |

Do you think we are in an economic recession, or not?

LA Times/Bloomberg

| | May 2008 |
|-----|----------|
| Yes | 78% |
| No | 17 |

Consumer Confidence Trend

University of Michigan/Reuters

| | Index of Consumer Sentiment |
|-----------|-----------------------------|
| May 2008 | 59.5 |
| Apr. 2008 | 62.6 |
| May 2007 | 88.3 |

How concerned are you about being able to maintain your current standard of living . . . ?

ABC News/Washington Post

| | May 2008 |
|-------------|----------|
| Worried | 68% |
| Not worried | 32 |

How would you rate the financial situation of your household . . . ?

CBS News/New York Times

| | Mar.- | Apr. 2008 | Feb. 2008 | Apr. 2007 |
|------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Good | | 72% | 78% | 83% |
| Bad | | 27 | 21 | 17 |

How would you rate your own personal financial situation?

PSRA/Pew

| | Late Apr. 2008 | Jan. 2008 |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| Excellent shape | 8% | 10% |
| Good shape | 35 | 39 |
| Only fair shape | 39 | 34 |
| Poor shape | 16 | 15 |

Would you describe the state of your personal finances these days as secure or shaky?

LA Times/Bloomberg

| | May 2008 | Jan. 2008 |
|---------------|----------|-----------|
| Very secure | 13% | 16% |
| Fairly secure | 44 | 51 |
| Fairly shaky | 21 | 19 |
| Very shaky | 16 | 12 |

Iraq

Do you think going to war with Iraq was . . . ?

Quinnipiac

| | May 2008 |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Right thing for the U.S. to do | 33% |
| Wrong thing | 62 |

What should the U.S. do in Iraq?

Quinnipiac

| | May 2008 |
|---|----------|
| Withdraw all troops as soon as possible | 22% |
| Set a timetable to withdraw gradually | 48 |
| Keep troops as long as needed | 28 |

Did you follow General David Petraeus's report to Congress about how things in Iraq are going?

Pew Research Center

| | Apr. 2008 | Sep. 2007 |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Followed very/fairly closely | 48% | 52% |

Note: Only 6 percent said they followed this story most closely during the week of April 7-13. Ten percent of overall news coverage was given to this event.

Do you think the United States is making significant progress toward restoring civil order in Iraq . . . ?

ABC News/Washington Post

| | Apr. 2008 | Dec. 2006 | Jun. 2004 |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Yes | 40% | 31% | 51% |
| No | 57 | 66 | 48 |

From what you have heard or read, would you say this troop increase [the surge] is making the situation in Iraq better, making it worse, or is it having no impact on the situation in Iraq so far?

CBS News

| | The surge is making the situation | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| | Better | No impact | Worse |
| Mar. 2008 | 42% | 34% | 13% |
| Jul. 2007 | 19 | 53 | 20 |

Do you think a _____ president would do a better job resolving the situation in Iraq?

ABC News/Washington Post

| | Apr. 2008 |
|------------------------|-----------|
| A Republican president | 35% |
| A Democratic president | 52 |

Social Issues

Do you think marriages between same-sex couples should be . . . ?

The Gallup Organization

| | May 2008 | Mar. 1996 |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|
| Recognized as valid | 40% | 27% |
| Not recognized | 56 | 68 |

Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, for each one, please tell me whether you personally believe that in general it is morally acceptable or morally wrong. How about . . . ?

The Gallup Organization

| | Acceptable | Wrong |
|----------------------|------------|-------|
| Homosexual relations | 48% | 48% |
| Abortion | 40 | 48 |

Do you believe . . . ?

The Gallup Organization

| | Feb. 2008 |
|--|-----------|
| Second Amendment guarantees the right of Americans to own guns | 73% |
| Guarantees members of state militias such a National Guard units the right to own guns | 20 |

2008 Senate Races

110th Congress Lineup: 49 Democrats, 49 Republicans, and 2 independents (who caucus with Democrats)

2008 Races: 23 Republicans, 12 Democrats

Democrats

| <i>State</i> | <i>Senator/First Elected</i> | <i>Results of Last Election</i> | <i>Bush's Margin over Kerry</i> | <i>Status</i> |
|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| AR | Mark Pryor-2002 | 54-46 | +9 | Running |
| DE | Joe Biden-1972 | 58-41 | -7 | Running |
| IA | Tom Harkin-1984 | 54-44 | +1 | Running |
| IL | Richard Durbin-1996 | 60-38 | -11 | Running |
| LA | Mary Landrieu-1996 | 52-48 | +15 | Running |
| MA | John Kerry-1984 | 80-18 | -25 | Running |
| MI | Carl Levin-1978 | 61-38 | -3 | Running |
| MT | Max Baucus-1978 | 63-32 | +20 | Running |
| NJ | Frank Lautenberg-1982 | 54-44 | -7 | Running |
| RI | Jack Reed-1996 | 78-22 | -20 | Running |
| SD | Tim Johnson-1996 | 50-50 | +22 | Running |
| WV | Jay Rockefeller-1984 | 63-37 | +13 | Running |

Republicans

| <i>State</i> | <i>Senator/First Elected</i> | <i>Results of Last Election</i> | <i>Bush's Margin over Kerry</i> | <i>Status</i> |
|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| AK* | Ted Stevens-1968 | 78-11 | +25 | Running |
| AL | Jeff Sessions-1996 | 59-40 | +25 | Running |
| CO | Wayne Allard-1996 | 51-46 | +5 | Retiring |
| GA | Saxby Chambliss-2002 | 53-46 | +17 | Running |
| ID | Larry Craig-1990 | 65-33 | +38 | Retiring |
| KS | Pat Roberts-1996 | 83-09 | +25 | Running |
| KY | Mitch McConnell-1984 | 65-35 | +20 | Running |
| ME | Susan Collins-1996 | 58-42 | -9 | Running |
| MN | Norm Coleman-2002 | 50-47 | -3 | Running |
| MS | Thad Cochran-1978 | 85-15 | +19 | Running |
| MS** | Roger Wicker-appointed 2007 | N/A | +19 | Running |
| NC | Elizabeth Dole-2002 | 54-45 | +12 | Running |
| NE | Chuck Hagel-1996 | 83-15 | +33 | Retiring |
| NH | John Sununu-2002 | 51-47 | -1 | Running |
| NM | Pete Domenici-1972 | 65-35 | +1 | Retiring |
| OK | Jim Inhofe-1994 | 57-36 | +32 | Running |
| OR | Gordon Smith-1996 | 56-40 | -4 | Running |
| SC | Lindsey Graham-2002 | 54-44 | +17 | Running |
| TN | Lamar Alexander-2002 | 54-44 | +14 | Running |
| TX | John Cornyn-2002 | 55-43 | +23 | Running |
| VA | John Warner-1978 | 83-10 | +9 | Retiring |
| WY | Michael Enzi-1996 | 73-27 | +40 | Running |
| WY^ | John Barrasso-appointed 2007 | N/A | +40 | Running |

* Sen. Stevens was appointed in 1968. He was first elected in 1970.

** Sen. Wicker is running to fill the remainder of former-Sen. Trent Lott's term (through 2012).

^ Sen. Barrasso is running to fill the remainder of former-Sen. Craig Thomas' term (through 2012).

Bold indicates an open seat in 2008.

2008 House of Representatives Open Seats

Current Lineup: 236 Democrats, 199 Republicans.

Democrats (8)

| <i>District</i> | <i>Representative/First Elected</i> | <i>Bush's Margin over Kerry</i> | <i>Reason for Leaving</i> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| ME-01 | Tom Allen-1996 | -12 | Seeking other office-Senate |
| NJ-01 | Robert Andrews-1990 | -22 | Seeking other office-Senate |
| AL-05 | Robert "Bud" Cramer-1990 | +21 | Retiring |
| OR-05 | Darlene Hooley-1996 | +1 | Retiring |
| NY-21 | Michael McNulty-1988 | -12 | Retiring |
| CO-02 | Mark Udall-1998 | -17 | Seeking other office-Senate |
| NM-03 | Tom Udall-1998 | -9 | Seeking other office-Senate |
| MD-04 | Albert Wynn-1992 | -57 | Lost in primary |

Republicans (26)

| <i>District</i> | <i>Representative/First Elected</i> | <i>Bush's Margin over Kerry</i> | <i>Reason for Leaving</i> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| WY-AL | Barbara Cubin-1994 | +40 | Retiring |
| VA-11 | Tom Davis-1994 | +1 | Retiring |
| CA-04 | John Doolittle-1990 | +24 | Retiring |
| AL-02 | Terry Everett-1992 | +34 | Retiring |
| NJ-07 | Mike Ferguson-2000 | +6 | Retiring |
| NY-13 | Vito Fossella-1997 | +10 | Retiring |
| MD-01 | Wayne Gilchrest-1990 | +26 | Lost in primary |
| OH-07 | David Hobson-1990 | +14 | Retiring |
| MO-09 | Kenny Hulshof-1996 | +18 | Seeking other office-Governor |
| CA-52 | Duncan Hunter-1980 | +23 | Retiring |
| IL-18 | Ray LaHood-1994 | +16 | Retiring |
| KY-02 | Ron Lewis-1994 | +31 | Retiring |
| LA-04 | Jim McCrery-1988 | +19 | Retiring |
| NM-02 | Steve Pearce-2002 | +17 | Seeking other office-Senate |
| PA-05 | John Peterson-1996 | +22 | Retiring |
| MS-03 | Chip Pickering-1996 | +31 | Retiring |
| OH-15 | Deborah Pryce-1992 | <1 | Retiring |
| MN-03 | Jim Ramstad-1990 | +3 | Retiring |
| OH-16 | Ralph Regula-1972 | +8 | Retiring |
| AZ-01 | Rick Renzi-2002 | +8 | Retiring |
| NY-26 | Tom Reynolds-1998 | +12 | Retiring |
| NJ-03 | Jim Saxton-1984 | +2 | Retiring |
| CO-06 | Tom Tancredo-1998 | +21 | Retiring |
| NY-25 | James Walsh-1988 | -2 | Retiring |
| FL-15 | Dave Weldon-1994 | +14 | Retiring |
| IL-11 | Jerry Weller-1994 | +7 | Retiring |
| NM-01 | Heather Wilson-1998 | -3 | Seeking other office-Senate |

Curtain Call for Clinton?

It is no longer possible for Hillary Clinton to surmount her deficit in pledged convention delegates with the remaining contests. Any dramatic change in fortunes—and a dramatic change it would need to be—would have to come from a shift among the superdelegates.

Remaining Democratic Contests

| State (date) | Type | Delegates | State population rank (out of 50) |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Puerto Rico (6/1) | Open Primary | 55 | 27 (if were a state) |
| Montana (6/3) | Open Primary | 16 | 44 |
| South Dakota (6/3) | Closed Primary | 15 | 46 |
| <i>Total remaining</i> | | 86 | |

Election Watch (7/31)

Democratic Convention (8/25-8/28)

GOP Convention (9/1-9/4)

Election Watch (9/18)

Delegate Count from Various Organizations (Including Kentucky and Oregon)

| | Democrats | |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|
| | Obama | Clinton |
| ABC News | 1956 | 1766 |
| <i>New York Times</i> | 1956 | 1776 |
| The Green Papers | 1959 | 1775 |
| CNN | 1953 | 1770 |
| Fox News | 1956 | 1775 |
| CBS | 1953 | 1770 |
| AP | 1956 | 1776 |
| MSNBC | 1954 | 1783 |
| <i>Washington Post</i> | 1956 | 1776 |

Note: Delegate counts exclude Florida and Michigan. Counts include superdelegates.
Last updated: May 21, 2008

Delegates needed to win: 2,026
Total delegates: 4,051

Upcoming Election Watch: July 31

AEI's Election Watch series, which began in 1982, is the longest-running election program in Washington. The 2008 presidential election campaign has unfolded in unexpected ways. At our next event, Election Watch panelists will shift focus from the long, bruising Democratic primary season to the upcoming party conventions and the general election. In addition, participants will consider how the presidential race is likely to affect the landscape for congressional and gubernatorial elections in 2008.

Other upcoming Election Watch dates:
September 18
October 23
November 6 (*Post-election Wrap-Up*)