



Guide to the 2008 Elections



The last day to register for this election is October 20, 2008

You may download a registration form from

<http://www.sos.ca.gov/nvrc/fedform/>

This guide has been prepared to assist you in locating information on the 2008 elections at the national, state and local level.

Library Databases:

Find authoritative information using the Library's electronic resources (magazines, journals and newspapers) from on-campus and off-campus. When searching the following databases: OneFile, eLibrary, and ProQuest, search under the name of the candidate, presidential election, or presidential debate and add terms such McCain and Obama.

To access these databases from home:

1. Click the **eResources** link from the blue strip on the left side of the Moorpark College Library's homepage, then the **Remote Access Login** link.
2. Enter your WebSTAR student ID and the six-digit pin number. Click **Login**. A list of the Moorpark College Library's **Online Resources** will be displayed.

■ OneFile

A one-stop source for news and periodical articles on a wide range of topics: business, computers, current events, economics, education, environment issues, health care, humanities, law, literature and art, politics, science, social science, sports, technology and many general interest topics. Millions of full-text articles. Updated daily.

■ eLibrary

Articles from hundreds of popular magazines and scholarly journals, dozens of current newspapers and newswires, thousands of television and radio transcripts, photographs and maps, and numerous reference books

■ ProQuest National Newspapers

This database is searchable by subject and author. It provides full-text articles from five of the major U.S. Newspapers. The coverage of the papers is as follows: Christian Science Monitor, 1995+; Los Angeles Times, 1986+; New York Times, 1999+; Wall Street Journal, 1986+; and Washington Post, 1997+.

■ Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center

Access viewpoint articles, topic overviews, statistics, primary documents, links to websites, and full-text magazine and newspaper articles. Use the following subjects: Presidential Elections, Voting, Election Districts, Voting Machines, Election Reform, etc.

■ CQ Researcher

This database is useful in gathering in-depth information on topics of current social, economic, environmental, and political interest. Check the following articles: *Campaign Finance Reform* 6/13/2008, *Electing the President* 4/20/2007, *D.C. Voting Rights* 4/11/08, *Voting Controversies* 9/15/2006, *Changing the U.S. Electorate* 5/30/2008, and *Democrats in Congress* 6/8/2007.

■ **Issues and Controversies on File**

Current issues database that provides objective analysis of opposing points of view on topics of current and historical interest. It includes a full report on the 2008 Presidential Race.

Fact Checking Websites

■ **FactCheck.org**

<http://factcheck.org>

"A nonpartisan, nonprofit "consumer advocate" for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics." The site is a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. They "monitor the accuracy of what is said by major U.S. political players in the form TV ads, debates, speeches, interview and news releases."

■ **PolitiFact.com from St. Petersburg Times and CQ**

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/>

General Voting Information

■ **Registering to Vote**

http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_vr.htm

■ **Vote-By-Mail**

http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_m.htm

■ **Vote411.org – League of Women Voters Education Fund**

<http://www.dnet.org/bystateresult.php?state=CA>

■ **Voter FAQs**

<http://www.smartvoter.org/voter/faqvoter.html>

■ **Polling Place – League of Women Voters**

<http://vote411.org/pollingplacebystate.php>

■ **Project Vote Smart – The Voter's Self Defense System:** Enter your zip code in the search box to find the candidates on your ballot.

<http://www.votesmart.org/>

Election Information – National

■ **Barack Obama and John Biden Homepage**

<http://www.barackobama.com/index.php>

■ **John McCain and Sarah Palin Homepage**

<http://www.johnmccain.com/>

- **New York Times Election 2008: Candidates on the Issues of Abortion, Climate Change, Economy/Taxes, Education, Energy, Health Care, Housing, Immigration, Iran, Iraq, and Judges**
<http://elections.nytimes.com/2008/president/issues/abortion.html>
- **On the Issues – Every Political Leader on Every Issue**
<http://www.issues2000.org/>
- **NARA – The U.S. Electoral College**
This site includes information about the 2008 presidential election, and frequently asked questions about the Electoral College.
www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/2008/
- **U.S. Department of State. United States Elections: Guide to the 2008 Elections**
<http://uspolitics.america.gov/uspolitics/elections/index.html>
- **CQ politics: Presidential Election Maps, 2008**
<http://innovation.cq.com/prezMap08/?tab=2>
- **YouTube - You Choose 08: The Presidential Race**
<http://www.youtube.com/youchoose>

California Elections

- **District Maps from the California Voter Foundation. California Map Series**
<http://www.calvoter.org/voter/maps/index.html>
- **California Election Links. League of Women Voters**
<http://smartvoter.org/2008/11/04/ca/state/links.html>
- **California Voter Foundation**
<http://www.calvoter.org/>
- **California Voter Foundation. Polls, Surveys and Research**
<http://www.calvoter.org/voter/politics/research.html>
- **California Secretary of State**
Ballot measures, candidates, elections and voting systems
<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections.htm>
- **Who Are Your Representatives**
http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_r.htm
- **California Secretary of State Campaign Finance**
<http://cal-access.ss.ca.gov/Campaign/>
- **State Elections Voters' Guide from Stateline.org:** Includes 2008 interactive elections guide and details on major state races and ballot questions

<http://archive.stateline.org/flash-data/2008ElectionsGuide/ElexGuide08.swf>

- **GovTrack: Members of Congress and Congressional District Maps**
<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/findyourreps.xpd>

California Ballot Measures

- **California General Election**
<http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>
- **Directory of California State Propositions – League of Women Voters**
<http://smartvoter.org/2008/11/04/ca/state/prop/>
- **Ballot Propositions from the Legislative Analyst’s Office**
http://www.lao.ca.gov/laoapp/ballot_source/Propositions.aspx?d=11%2f4%2f2008
- **Easy Voter Guide**
http://lwvc.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=easyvoter_guide_about
- **Pros and Cons – League of Women Voters of California Education Fund**
<http://ca.lwv.org/lwvc/edfund/elections/2008nov/pc/index.html>
- **In Depth – Ballot Measure Analysis. The League of Women Voters**
<http://ca.lwv.org/lwvc/edfund/elections/2008nov/id/index.html>

Local - Ventura County

- **Ventura County Elections**
<http://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections.htm>
- **Ventura County Voter Information – League of Women Voters**
<http://www.smartvoter.org/ca/vn/>
- **Local Measures**
<http://recorder.countyofventura.org/MeasuresEng.pdf>
- **Candidate List**
<http://recorder.countyofventura.org/CandidateList.pdf>
- **Ventura County Election Results**
<http://recorder.countyofventura.org/elecoun.htm>

Selected Sites on the Elections and the Media

- **BBC**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/>

- **C-SPAN**
<http://www.c-span.org/>
- **CNN**
<http://www.cnn.com/>
- **Fox News**
<http://www.foxnews.com>
- **MSNBC**
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/>
- **National Public Radio**
<http://www.npr.org/>
- **PBS**
<http://www.pbs.org>
- **Yahoo News**
<http://news.yahoo.com/>