

Workshop 5 Resources: Voting, Campaign Financing and 2012 Election

Election 2012 and Candidates

PBS Election 2012

<http://www.pbs.org/special/election-2012/>

Campaign 2012 – C-Span

<http://www.c-span.org/Campaign2012/>

Shortcut to presidential candidates on the issues

<http://campaign2012.c-span.org/issues>

The Road to the Whitehouse – traces the election from the first primaries to Inauguration Day

<http://campaign2012.c-span.org/road-to-white-house>

Project Vote Smart

<http://votesmart.org/>

2012 Presidential Election

ProCon.org <http://2012election.procon.org/>

Most major newspapers have sections devoted to the election on their websites: NY Times, LA Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, etc.

Senators - Voting Records

http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/vote_menu_112_2.htm

Representatives - Voting Records

<http://clerk.house.gov/legislative/legvotes.aspx>

Fact Checking

FactCheck.org

www.factcheck.org

Politifact

www.politifact.org

Elections in General

Improving Politics, Elections and Government

Article series from the Atlantic Monthly.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/special-report/america-fixable/>

Brennan Center for Justice - Elections 2012

<http://www.brennancenter.org/content/election2012>

Oregon Votes

<http://oregonvotes.org/>

Federal Election Commission - FAQ

<http://www.fec.gov/ans/answers.shtml>

Tax Policy Briefing Book: A Citizen's Guide for the 2012 Election and Beyond. Tax Policy Center.

<http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/briefing-book/>

Ace Electoral Knowledge Network

<http://aceproject.org/>

Election Advertising

The Living Room Candidate provides for viewing more than 300 commercials from every presidential election since 1952.

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

Re-districting and Gerrymandering

Brennan Center

<http://www.brennancenter.org/content/section/category/redistricting/>

State of Oregon

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/redistricting/>

Presidential Debates and Party Platforms

American Presidency Project – transcripts of Presidential Debates from 1960 on

<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/debates.php>

Party Platforms – All - from 1840 on

<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/platforms.php>

Tax Policy Center – analysis of tax reform proposals

http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/taxtopics/Tax_Reform_Proposals.cfm

Campaign Financing

Follow the Unlimited Money

<http://reporting.sunlightfoundation.com/outside-spending/>

****Campaign Finance Reform Interactive Timeline**

http://www.cbsnews.com/elements/2003/10/21/in_depth_politics/timeline579267.shtml

Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002

http://www.fec.gov/pages/bcra/bcra_update.shtml

Citizen's United Decision

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/cert/08-205>

MoneyLine from CQ [Congressional Quarterly]

<http://pml.cq.com/>

Big Campaign Spending: Government by the 1%. Lawrence Lessig. July 10, 2012.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2012/07/big-campaign-spending-government-by-the-1/259599/>

How Much Will Money Matter? Jamelle Bouie. July 11, 2012

<http://www.theatlantic.com/special-report/america-fixable/>

Federal Election Commission Campaign Finance Disclosure Portal

<http://fec.gov/pindex.shtml>

Campaign Finance in the 2012 Elections: The Rise of the Super Pacs. March 1, 2012. Brookings Institution.

http://www.brookings.edu/events/2012/03/01-super-pacs#ref-id=20120301_pacs_full

Available as video, audio or transcript

Open Secrets – Center for Responsive Politics

<http://www.opensecrets.org/influence/>

Center for Public Integrity

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

SourceWatch

<http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=SourceWatch>

Campaign Legal Center – 2012 Election Center

http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1586&Itemid=67

A Guide to the Current Rules for Federal Elections [referenced in class].

http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1187%3Aa-guide-to-the-current-rules-for-federal-elections&catid=48%3Amain&Itemid=59

Chart of Current Rules: http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/attachments/CLC_501c_disclosure_chart.pdf

Campaign Finance Disclosure Portal – Federal Election Commission

<http://www.fec.gov/pindex.shtml>

SuperPACS

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2012/01/31/us/politics/super-pac-donors.html>

<http://www.opensecrets.org/pacs/superpacs.php>

http://www.fec.gov/portal/super_pacs.shtml

Follow the Money [geared to states]

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

Multnomah County Resources on Campaign Financing

<http://web.multco.us/elections/campaign-finance>

Campaign Finance, Oregon Secretary of State's Office

http://oregonvotes.org/pages/cand/campaign_finance/index.html

Oregon Campaign Finance Manual

<http://www.oregonvotes.org/doc/publications/CampaignFinance.pdf>

ORESTAR Info

http://www.oregonvotes.org/pages/orestar_help.html

ORESTAR Public Search

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/CommitteeSearchFirstPage.do?startup=2>

The following are efforts to change the way elections are held and/or campaigns are financed:

Democracy 21 - Founded by Fred Wertheimer in 1997, Democracy 21's efforts have been recognized by The Wall Street Journal which observed that Wertheimer is "perhaps the capital's longest-toiling advocate of reducing the role of money in politics" and by Washington Post columnist E. J. Dionne, who has described Wertheimer as "the eminence grise of the campaign reform movement."

<http://www.democracy21.org/>

Public Campaign

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

Fair Vote – Center for Voting and Democracy

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

Fair Elections Now

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

Americans for Campaign Reform - supports Fair Elections Now Act

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

“Open Government” Information and general government improvement:

Center for Responsive Politics

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

Common Cause

www.commoncause.org

Tracking Down Info on Nonprofit Organizations*[I just find these generally useful, especially when asked for a donation. I can see what % of revenue actually goes to services v management/admin.]*

Guidestar

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

Charity Navigator

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

Corporations as People

Is The Corporation The Person? Joel Seligman. May 6, 2012.

<http://www.rochester.edu/president/memos/2010/citizens-united.html>

Full analysis of the Citizen’s United decision and history of recent campaign finance reform and court cases. Seligman is the President of the University of Rochester.

Move to Amend [the Constitution]

<http://movetoamend.org/>

Voting

League of Women Voters – Oregon is a grassroots, nonpartisan political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government.

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

League of Women Voters – Oregon – Voter Resources

<http://voteoregon.org/voter-information/>

One in Eight Voter Registrations is Inaccurate. L.A. Times. Feb 14, 2012

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/nationnow/2012/02/pew-report-one-in-eight-voting-registrations-inaccurate.html>

Inaccurate, Costly and Inefficient: Evidence that America’s Voter Registration System Needs and Upgrade. Issue Brief.

http://www.pewstates.org/uploadedFiles/PCS_Assets/2012/Pew_Upgrading_Voter_Registration.pdf

The U.S. Should Require All Citizens to Vote. By Norman Ornstein. Jul 17 2012

<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2012/07/the-us-should-require-all-citizens-to-vote/259902/>

Voter Rights. CQ Researcher. May 18, 2012. Online proprietary database available via Multnomah County library and other libraries. Very thorough report.

Democracy Class in Action Video 4 minutes [as an idea of something we can encourage in the schools]

<http://democracyday.com/history-of-voting-video.html> [geared to new, young voters]

Electoral College Information from the Secretary of State of Oregon

http://oregonvotes.org/doc/cand/2012_electoral_college_information.pdf

Electoral College FAQs from the National Archives

<http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/faq.html>

Voting Rights Bills in Congress [can also track bills]

http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/subjects/voting_rights/5912

Multnomah County – Voter Resources [in general, not just for county]

<http://web.multco.us/elections/voter-resources>

Here are links to some great **maps showing voting districts** for various offices

<http://web.multco.us/elections/election-maps>

Should Felongs Be Allowed to Vote? ProCon.org <http://felonvoting.procon.org/>

And State Felon Voting Laws <http://felonvoting.procon.org/view.resource.php?resourceID=286>

Multnomah County – Voting Rights for Incarcerated Individuals

http://web.multco.us/sites/default/files/elections/documents/voting_rights.pdf

Oregon Votes [Secretary of State's website on Voter Resources]

<http://oregonvotes.org/>

Voter Rights

Voter Rights. CQ Researcher. May 18, 2012. Access via CQ Researcher online, Multnomah County Library.

Voting Rights and Elections. Brennan Center for Justice.

http://www.brennancenter.org/content/section/category/voting_rights_elections/

Frontline: Restrictive Voting Laws

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/government-elections-politics/unprecedented-number-of-restrictive-voting-laws-being-introduced/>

Voter Suppression Returns. Alexander Keyssar. Harvard Magazine. July-Aug 2012

<http://harvardmagazine.com/2012/07/voter-suppression-returns>

Rick Scott: Florida Suing Federal Government Over Voter Purge. Janell Ross. Huffington Post. June 11, 2012.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/06/11/rick-scott-florida-suing-government-voter-purge_n_1588012.html?utm_source=DailyBrief&utm_campaign=061212&utm_medium=email&utm_content=FeaturePhoto&utm_term=Daily%20Brief

An Analysis of Voter Fraud in the United States. Demos. Dec 19, 2007.

<http://www.demos.org/publication/analysis-voter-fraud-united-states-adapted-2003-report-securing-vote>

Women have come a long way, maybe? Portland Tribune. June 14, 2012.

http://www.portlandtribune.com/news/story.php?story_id=133962479928044000

1912 Womens' Suffrage Proclamation [upon the State of Oregon giving women the vote]

<http://bluebook.state.or.us/state/elections/elections06b.htm>

One Hundred Years toward Suffrage: An Overview

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/naw/nawstime.html>

Votes for Women's Suffrage, Pictures 1850-1920

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/vfwhtml/vfwhome.html>

Emerge Oregon

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

Encourages women to run for elected office. " In the 153 years since its statehood, Oregon has elected a total of five women to the U.S. House of Representatives, one woman to the U.S. Senate, and one woman as Governor of Oregon. Currently, less than 30% of Oregon State legislators are women."

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