

Presidential candidates face election frenzy

U.S. political parties select candidates for president and vice-president through a series of state primaries and caucuses, culminating in their national conventions. The frenzied 2008 primary schedule – 27 states vote in 32 days – will benefit candidates able to finance massive TV campaigns

Primary war chests

Democrats

Republicans



Hillary Clinton
\$35.0m

Barak Obama
\$32.0m

John Edwards
\$12.4m

Rudy Giuliani
\$11.6m

Mitt Romney
\$9.2m

John McCain
\$1.6m

Caucuses in *italic*

Date

JAN

Iowa, Wyoming (R) 3

New Hampshire 8

Nevada, 12

Michigan 15

South Carolina 19

Hawaii (R) 25

Florida 29

Traditionally ***Iowa*** caucuses kick off presidential nominations in January, followed by the **New Hampshire** primary eight days later. **Frontloading the primary calendar** means that both presidential candidates will likely be chosen on February 5

"Super Duper" Tuesday:

Alabama, *Alaska*, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, *Idaho (D)*, Illinois, *Minnesota*, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico (D), New York, *North Dakota*, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah

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FEB

1 *Maine (R)*

9 Louisiana

10 *Maine (D)*

12 District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia

19 *Hawaii (D)*, Washington, Wisconsin



Massachusetts, Ohio, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont

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MAR

8 Wyoming (D)

11 Mississippi

Pennsylvania 22

22

APR

MAY

6 Indiana, North Carolina

13 Nebraska, West Virginia

Montana, New Mexico (R), South Dakota

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JUN

20 Kentucky, Oregon

27 *Idaho (R)*

AUG 25-28:
Democratic
National Convention,
Denver, Colorado



SEP 1-4: Republican
National Convention,
Minneapolis-St. Paul,
Minnesota

NOV 4, 2008: United States presidential election