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The 2012 Republican Presidential Primaries

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Why do they exist?
 Both parties have several candidates who wish to get the nomination for their party in one in the general election
 • Only since Obama gets overrated it was early



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How do they work?
 Thecasesolutions.com is a website that provides information on the 2012 Republican Presidential Primaries. It includes a list of states and dates for the primaries, as well as a map of the United States showing the locations of the primaries.



If Connecticut had 8 total delegates, how would those delegates be allocated?
Proportional Allocation
 Allocation based on the number of votes each candidate receives. If Obama receives 50% of the vote, he would receive 4 delegates. If Clinton receives 30% of the vote, she would receive 2.4 delegates. If McCain receives 20% of the vote, he would receive 1.6 delegates.
Winner-Take-All Allocation
 The candidate who receives the most votes in the state receives all of the state's delegates. If Obama receives 50% of the vote, he would receive all 8 delegates.

Aren't there 2 types of delegates?
 There are two types of delegates: pledged delegates and super-delegates. Pledged delegates are elected by voters in a primary or caucus. Super-delegates are members of the party's national committee and members of each party's state committee who pledge their support for whoever they want.

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How many do you need to win?
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 • The total # you could win varies each year
 • You need to win a majority (half + 1) of the delegates (delegates & super-delegates)
 • Ex. In 2008, there were 4234 total delegates that Obama could win, so he needed to win at least 2118
 • Ex. In 2012, there were 2,286 total delegates that Romney could win, so he needed to win at least 1144

TOTAL DELEGATES

Democrats		Republicans	
Obama	2,201	Cantor	1,896
Palmer	1,405	Palmer	1,405
Stromwater	528	Stromwater	528
Total	4,606	Total	4,606

Delegates: 2,201
 Super-Delegates: 278

What happens at each Party's convention?
 The party's national committee meets to select the party's nominee for the general election. The nominee is the candidate who receives the most votes in the primary or caucus.

Primary vs. Caucus
 In a primary, voters cast a ballot for their preferred candidate. In a caucus, voters gather in person and vote by raising their hands or shouting out their preference.



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Why do they exist?

- Both parties have several candidates who wish to get the nomination for their party to run in the general election
- Only 1 candidate gets nominated from each party



How do they work?

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- Candidates from each party campaign across the country seeking to win an election in each state
 - 1st = Iowa; 2nd = New Hampshire
- Each state, depending on its population, receives a certain number of delegates it sends to the Democratic or Republican National Conventions
 - based on the popular vote of each state, delegates are allocated either proportionately or in a winner-take-all approach to candidates



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Proportional Allocation

Candidate A = 500,000 votes (5 delegates)

Candidate B = 200,000 votes (2 delegates)

Candidate C = 100,000 votes (1 delegate)

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Winner-Take-All Allocation

Candidate A = 500,000 votes (8 delegates)

Candidate B = 200,000 votes (0 delegates)

Candidate C = 100,000 votes (0 delegate)

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What happened at the Party's convention?

- 3 days of speeches, entertainment, and other activities
- The delegates from each state and territory meet to elect the winner
- If a candidate has surpassed the number of delegates needed to win the nomination months earlier, all delegates are bound to vote for the winner

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Aren't there 2 types of delegates?

Delegates: politically connected citizens chosen to represent a candidate who won the majority or part of their State's delegates that attend the convention

Super-Delegates: U.S. Reps, Senators, Governors & members of each party's National Committee also attend the convention & pledge their support for whoever they want

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Obama **2,201** Clinton **1,896**

Pledged: 1,763 Pledged: 1,640

Superdels: 438 Superdels: 256

Needed to Win: **2,118**



McCain **1,575** Huckabee **278**

Pledged: 1,490 Pledged: 275

Unpl. RNC: 85 Unpl. RNC: 3

Needed to Win: **1,191**

Delegate Key: ■ Pledged ▤ Superdelegates ■ Pledged ▤ Unpledged RNC

What happens at each Party's convention?

- 3 days of speeches, entertainment & bad dancing
- The delegates from each state cast their votes
- If a candidate has surpassed the majority # of delegates needed to win the nomination, even months earlier, all delegates switch their votes to the winner

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