Caucus	n. A meeting of the local members of a political party to select delegates to a convention or register preferences for candidates running for office. v. to assemble
Primary Election	n. an election conducted by the government on behalf of political parties in which voters select candidates for a subsequent election. It is a means by which a political party nominates candidates for the following general election.
General Election	n. elections that actually elect candidates to offices.
Election Day	n. the Tuesday after the first Monday in November on which general elections are held
Popular vote	n. the accumulated votes of the public
Delegate	n. a person on whom an individual or group confers the capacity to act on his or their behalf
National nominating conventions	n. a political convention held every four years by the political parties to select the party's nominee for President, adopt a statement of party principles and goals known as the platform and adopt the rules for the party's activities.
Super Tuesday	n. the Tuesday in February or March of an election year when the greatest number of states hold primary elections. In 2008, Super Tuesday was February 5; 24 states held primaries or caucuses on this date.

Sweep	v. to win overwhelmingly
Incumbent	n. the current holder of a political office
Electoral College	n. the 538 Presidential Electors who meet every four years to cast the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States
Republican Party	n. one of the two major contemporary political parties. It is often referred to as the Grand Old Party or the GOP. It was founded in 1854 by anti-slavery expansion activists and modernizers; the Republican Party rose to prominence with the election of Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican president. Today, this party supports a conservative platform.
Democratic Party	n. one of two major political parties. It is the oldest political party in the United States and arguably the oldest party in the world. In 2004, it was the largest political party, with 42.6 percent of 169 million registered voters claiming affiliation.
Voter turnout	n. the number of eligible voters that go to the voting polls on an election day
Cast Ballots	v. to give one's vote in an official voting center

Conservative	adj. political ideological stance including fiscal conservatism, free market or economic liberalism, social conservatism, libertarianism, bioconservatism and religious conservatism, as well as support for a strong military, small government, and states' rights.
Liberal	adj. political ideological stance including a combination of social liberalism, social progressivism, and mixed economy philosophy, and a view of the concentration of wealth and the destruction of the environment as threats to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness
Campaign	v. to support or take part in a political contest
Non-partisan	adj. a term to describe candidates or organizations who do not have formal alignment with a political party
Town meetings	n. a meeting where an entire geographic area is invited to participate in a gathering, often for a political or administrative purpose. It may be to obtain community suggestions or feedback on public policies from government officials, or to cast legally binding votes on budgets and policy
Cowboy diplomacy	n. a term used by critics to describe the resolution of international conflicts through brash risk-taking, intimidation, military deployment, or a combination of such tactics

Capitol Hill	n. a metonym for the United States Congress
Bible belt	n. an informal term for an area of the United States of America in which socially conservative; much of the Bible Belt consists of the Southern United States
Red states	n. those states whose residents predominantly vote for the Republican Party
Blue states	n. those states whose residents predominantly vote for the Democratic Party presidential candidates

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