

Voter Registration



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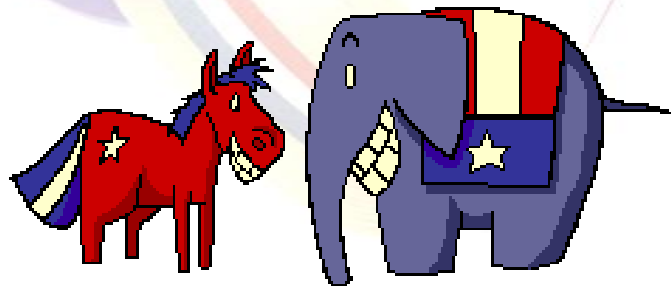
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If you don't agree with a Party's Platform?

- ★ Why would you register as a voter in that Party?
- ★ Why would you vote for a candidate in that Party?
 - *Educate others about both parties' platforms!*
 - *Be sure your friends and family know which party best reflects their values!*

It *DOES* matter...

- ★ Which party you support through your voter registration!
- ★ Which party a candidate belongs to.
- ★ Who you vote for in the Primary
 - *Oklahoma has closed primaries*
 - *Only registered voters in a party can vote in that party's primary*
 - *Only democrats and Republicans are recognized political parties*



Why do people register to Vote?

★ Never registered to vote

- ✓ Just turned 18
 - ✓ *Be sure the High School graduates in your family and community know how to register to vote AND which party represents their values.*
- ✓ New to the State
 - ✓ *State has been given names of individuals who may not be registered in Oklahoma BUT were registered Republicans in another State*
 - ✓ *Contact them (personally if possible) to register them to vote*
- ✓ *Never took time to register to vote*
- ✓ *Never knew how to register to vote*
- ✓ *Never been asked to register to vote*

Why do people register to Vote?

★ Change of name

- ✓ Marriage
 - ✓ Provide 2 voter registration forms with your Wedding Gift and/or Card (*also reminds the couple to change their address*)
- ✓ Divorce (*woman is changing name back to maiden name*)

★ New address

- ✓ New neighbors
- ✓ New members of your church

Why do people register to Vote?

★ Issues

- ✓ “*democrat party left them*” – the other party doesn’t represent their values
- ✓ Pro-Life (abortion, embryonic stem cell, abstinence)
- ✓ Pro-Family (traditional marriage, homosexual agenda, etc)
- ✓ Fiscal conservative (tax policies, government too large)
- ✓ Other specific issues

★ Specific Candidate in Primary

- ✓ Who do you want to vote for?
 - ✓ *Presidential Primary (February 5, 2008)*
 - ✓ *Republican candidate who is in a Primary*

How to Increase Voter Registration

★ Voter Registration Opportunities

- Parades and community events
- Churches *(at least once a quarter, or more often)*
 - ▶ *Does not jeopardize the tax-exempt status for a church*
 - ▶ *Must accept registrations from any party*
- If allowed, in front of a business
- New citizenship ceremonies
- Family reunions
- Work *(keep forms in your desk)*

How to Increase Voter Registration

★ Voter Registration Opportunities

- Going away to college - *Registered to vote AND has completed an Absentee Ballot application*
- Military – *be sure they know how to vote in Oklahoma elections*
- Fair booth (*county or state fairs*)
- Rodeos
- Football Games
- Campaigning for a Candidate

Any opportunity where people gather!

Number of Voter Registrations Does Affect Funding and Votes!

- ★ Greater the number of registered Republican voters in a District AND County:
 - Republicans will more likely have a Primary
 - ▶ *Helps get Republican message out*
 - ▶ *Must be sure all Republican candidates WILL SUPPORT the Nominee in the General Election*
 - Republican candidate has a greater chance to receive more votes in the General election

Number of Voter Registrations Does Affect Funding and Votes!

- ★ Greater the number of registered Republican voters in a District AND County:
 - Greater possibility that a democrat will not run for that office, especially if:
 - ▶ *Republicans are more than 60% registration*
 - ▶ *Voters have consistently voted for a Republican*
 - Republican nominee is more likely to receive some funds from Party organizations (*State Party, OFRW, etc.*)
 - Republican nominee is more likely to receive funds from PACS

Obstacles to A Voter changing Party

★ “Can’t vote for county offices”

- If a Republican files for the office, the voter has a choice.
- If no Republican files, the voter will never have a choice!
- It is important that Republicans work to elect (re-elect) good conservatives to:
 - ▶ *U.S. Senate*
 - ▶ *Congress*
 - ▶ *Statewide Offices*
 - ▶ *State House*
 - ▶ *State Senate*
 - AND*
 - ▶ *County Government*

Obstacles to A Voter changing Party

★ “I vote for the man, not the party”

- Voter Registration IS voting for the PARTY!
 - ▶ *If you don't agree with that party's platform, why would you VOTE for them with your Registration?*

★ I vote for the 'worst' democrat candidate

- Your vote in a democrat primary doesn't help the BEST Republican candidate get to the General Election!
- What if the 'worst' candidate gets elected (*especially if there is no general election*)?

Be able to vote for the BEST, not the worst!

Obstacles to A Voter changing Party

★ Registering as an Independent

- You only get to vote in General Election and on Bond Issues
- You are unable to determine WHO will be on the general election ballot
- Why let someone else (*those registered in a party*) determine who you get to choose between?
- Difficulties if you ever want to run for office
 - ▶ Less likely to be elected
 - ▶ No party structure to help in an election
 - Harder to raise funds
 - Fewer volunteers to help in campaign

Begin NOW to GROW your County's Voter Registration

★ Register NEW Voters

★ Re-Register voters

- *Get your Voter Rolls updated and as current as possible*
- *Voters will begin to pay attention to the election*
- *Voters with current information are MORE likely to vote in the next election*
- *Your candidate(s) can find the voter*

Be ready!

Election 2008

★ **Presidential Primary** *(February 5, 2008)*

- Filing period for Presidential Preferential Primary Election
 - ▶ Monday, December 3, 2007 - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 - ▶ Tuesday, December 4, 2007 - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 - ▶ Wednesday, December 5, 2007 - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Election 2008

The background of the slide features a stylized American flag with stars and stripes. Overlaid on the flag is a large, semi-transparent 'VOTE!' sign in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the sign, there are several colorful balloons in shades of blue, red, and yellow, with streamers trailing behind them. The overall theme is patriotic and celebratory.

★ Filing period for federal, state and county offices

- Monday, June 2, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, June 3, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, June 4, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

★ Primary Election

- Tuesday, July 29

★ Runoff Primary Election

- Tuesday, August 26

★ General Election

- Tuesday, November 4