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Important note: This is a just-for-fun, unofficial poll. Your answer will remain anonymous and will not be used in any way.

Faith has no role in matters of public policy.

Faith plays an important role in public policy.

Faith plays a role, but a candidate for President should not promote the views of one particular religion.

Our country was founded on Christianity and it's a Christian country - let's face it!

There are more important things to be talking about than faith.

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Introduction

NOTE: This guide was created in 2008 to support a Visions & Voices event. Some of the material in this guide must be considered in that context. It may be outdated and/or irrelevant to today's political climate.

Visions & Voices and the USC Libraries have collaborated to create a series of resource guides that allow you to build on your experiences at Visions & Voices events.

[Generation "Next" Votes: Does Faith Matter?](#) Examines whether the millennial generation will be an important "swing vote" in the election and, if so, how their values, use of technology, and worldviews could change the direction of American politics. **The panel discussion** is part of the Millennials, Religion, and the 2008 Election series organized by Don Miller of USC College and Diane Winston of the USC Annenberg School of Communication.

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Social Networking

Just for fun! Compare your positions to others in your peer group.

- [MySpace My Debates](#)
- [Facebook Election '08](#)

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Recommended Databases for Elections Research

- [CQ Electronic Library](#) -- provides full text access to the CQ Weekly, known as the pre-eminent resource for Congress-watchers who need nonpartisan information on Capitol Hill, and the CQ Researcher, which provides analysis of current public policy topics.
- [LEXIS/NEXIS Congressional Universe](#) -- indexes and abstracts a broad spectrum of Congressional publications, including hearings (testimony), committee prints, reports, documents, and full text of bills and public laws.
- [LEXIS/NEXIS State Capital Universe](#) -- provides comprehensive access to state bills and laws, constitutions, proposed and enacted, regulations, newspapers of record articles about legislative issues affecting the states
- [National Journal Group's Policy Central](#) -- provides full text access to news and information about Congress, including bills status reports, an archive of campaign ads, daily analysis and commentary on Congress, campaigns, and the media, and a fully searchable database of the latest national opinion polls on campaigns, national figures, and key issues.
- [Public Affairs Information Services \[PAIS\]](#) -- indexes selective subjects and bibliographic access to periodicals, books, hearings, reports, gray literature, government publications, Internet resources, and other publications from 120 countries.

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Reports on the Issues

Use this box to search for reports on the issues (e.g. "Abortion"). Reports include: an overview of the issue, pro/con viewpoints, and background information, including a timeline.

The following sources are being searched:

- [CQ Researcher](#) 

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Candidates' websites

Note: As links become inactive, (e.g. the Barr-Root campaign website), they will be removed.

- [Baldwin-Castle](#)
- [McCain-Palin](#)
- [McKinney-Clemente](#)
- [Nader-Gonzalez](#)
- [Obama-Biden](#)
- [See All The Candidates \(State-by-State ballot searching\) at Project Vote Smart](#)

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Find The Candidate's Record

If a candidate was (or is) a member of the Congress (House or Senate), you can use [Lexis-Nexis Congressional](#) to look at their record. See the file below for 2-step instructions!


[Two-Step Instructions for Congressional Record Search](#)
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Voting the Gender Gap - edited by Lois Duke Whitaker

Call Number: VKC Library

HQ1236.5.U6V67 2008

ISBN: 0252075250

This book concentrates on the gender gap in voting--the difference in the proportion of women and men voting for the same candidate. Evident in every presidential election since 1980, this polling phenomenon reached a high of 11 percentage points in the 1996

Recommended Reading



Millennial Makeover: MySpace, YouTube, and the Future of American Politics - Morley Winograd and Michael D. Hais

Call Number: VKC Library JK1764.W635

Written by two of the panelists, Millennial Makeover offers unique insights on generational and technological change that will impact the 2008 Presidential election and the government and politics of the coming decade.



Passing on the Faith: Transforming Traditions for the Next Generation of Jews, Christians, and Muslims - Edited by James Heft

Call Number: Doheny Library BL221.P37

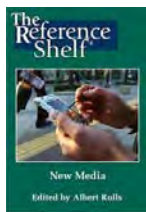
Passing on the Faith explores the continuity of religious traditions as they are passed down from generation to generation, including questions of psychology, sociology, and the cultural identity of younger believers.



From Angels to Aliens: Teenagers, the Media, and the Supernatural - Lynn Schofield Clark

Call Number: Doheny Library BL2527.S68C57

Harry Potter, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, and the Left Behind series are but the latest manifestations of American teenagers' fascination with the supernatural and the paranormal. In this book, Clark explores the implications of this fascination for contemporary religious and spiritual practices.



New Media - Edited by Albert Rolls

Call Number: Doheny Library QA76.575.N477

Contains a series of short essays about the ways in which the digital revolution has an impact on our social & political lives. Includes chapters such as "Bloggers: the light at the end of the newspaper's tunnel," and "The rise of open-source politics."



Religion and Politics in the Contemporary United States - Edited by R. Marie Griffith and Melani McAlister

Call Number: VKC Library BL65.P7R455

This collection of essays explores the complex ways that religion matters in contemporary public life. The contributors explore the modes through which religious faith has mobilized political action, using a variety of examples ranging from lobbying by religious leaders to the political impact of popular culture.



The Future of Democracy: Developing the Next Generation of American Citizens - Peter Levine

Call Number: Doheny Library HQ799.2.P6L48

We need young people to be civically engaged. Their participation is important for democracy, for institutions such as schools, and for young people themselves, who are more likely to succeed in life if they are engaged in their communities. In this book, Peter Levine sounds an alarm: in recent years, young Americans have become dangerously less engaged. They are tolerant, patriotic, and idealistic, and some have invented novel forms of civic engagement, as blogs, "buycott" movements, and transnational youth networks. But most lack the skills and opportunities they need to participate in politics. Levine

election. The contributors discuss the history, complexity, and ways of analyzing the gender gap; the gender gap in relation to partisanship; motherhood, ethnicity, and the impact of parental status on the gender gap; and the gender gap in races involving female candidates.



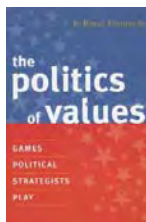
Inside the future : surviving the technology revolution - Henry C. Lucas

Call Number: Doheny Library
HC79.I55L834 2008

From iPods to EZPass technology to YouTube to eGovernment initiatives, the impact of technology is changing our lives more and more each day. This book, a counterpart to a Maryland Public Television documentary, chronicles how and why and shows ways people can take advantage of the "revolution" in their personal and professional lives. As technology expert Henry C. Lucas, Jr., argues, the fundamentals of business and the economy--not to mention the details of daily life--are changing in every market, in every industry, and in every nation. This book explores the most significant of these technology-enabled transformations to help readers understand and appreciate the opportunities and threats presented by a new, technology-driven global economy.

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clearly explains the causes, symptoms, and repercussions of this damaging trend, and the means whereby America can confront and reverse it.



The Politics of Values: Games Political Strategists Play - Jo Renee Formicola

Call Number: VKC Library BR517.F577

This book examines the emergence, climax, and gradual erosion of the symbiotic relationship between the Republican Party and evangelicals from 1998 to 2008.

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Movies worth watching

DVDs can be checked out at [Leavey Library](#), Circulation Desk.

[New Media, Religion, and Their Impact on Elections \[DVD\] - By Bill Moyers](#)

Call Number: [Leavey Library LUYDVD 2607](#)

No one can dispute the importance of new media in the battle to win the White House in 2008. But what does it all mean for American democracy? Bill Moyers gets perspective on the impact of blogs, YouTube, and social networking on the election process from Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center.

[Election day: One Day to Make It Count \(DVD\) - directed by Kathy Chevigny](#)

Call Number: [Leavey Library LUYDVD 2554](#)

Forget the pie charts, color-coded maps and hyperventilating pundits. What's the street-level experience of voters in today's America? In a triumph of documentary storytelling, Election Day combines eleven stories--all shot simultaneously on November 2, 2004, from dawn until long past midnight--into one. Factory workers, ex-felons, harried moms, Native American activists, and diligent poll watchers, from South Dakota to Florida, take the process of democracy into their own hands. The result: an entertaining, inspiring and sometimes unsettling tapestry of citizens determined on one fateful day to make their votes count.

[Recount: The Story of the 2000 Presidential Election \(DVD\) - written by Danny Strong; directed by Jay Roach](#)

Call Number: [Leavey Library LUYDVD 2530](#)

Starring Kevin Spacey, Bob Balaban, Ed Begley, Jr., Laura Dern, John Hurt, Denis Leary, Bruce McGill, and Tom Wilkinson, Recount brings viewers behind the scenes at the controversial Florida recount. This illuminating, hugely entertaining film pulls back the veil on the headlines to explore the human drama surrounding the most controversial presidential election in U.S. history.

[Election \(DVD\) - directed by Alexander Payne](#)

Call Number: [Leavey Library LUYDVD 1080](#)

A high school teacher's personal life becomes complicated as he works with students during the school elections. The film received an Academy Award nomination for Best Adapted Screenplay, a Golden Globe nomination for Witherspoon in the Best Actress category, and the Independent Spirit Award for Best Film in 1999.

It stars Matthew Broderick, Reese Witherspoon, and Chris Klein.

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Selected Journals

- Campaigns & Elections**
 A professional and trade journal publishing news, advice and commentary for modern political campaigns. Provides broad coverage of contemporary American elections and political processes. Articles, written by academic and political insiders, offer advice
- Journal of Political Ideologies**
 The Journal of Political Ideologies is dedicated to the analysis of political ideology both in its theoretical and conceptual aspects, and with reference to the nature and roles of concrete ideological manifestations and practices.
- Perspectives on Politics**
 A journal of broad interest to scholars across many fields, in addition to professional political scientists, political analysts, policy makers, and the informed public.
- American Journal of Political Science**
 One of the most widely-read political science journals in the United States. AJPS is a general journal of political science open to all members of the profession and to all areas of the discipline of political science.

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Selected Resources for Election Research

- CQ Researcher Plus Archive**
 Reports on the most controversial issues of the day. Each report features a background of the issue; a pro-con section that presents opposing viewpoints; a chronology; and annotated bibliographies to point the way to additional research. 1923-present.
- Congressional Record**
 The official transcript of debates of the House and the Senate, printed and distributed by GPO and available on Congressional Universe in the daily edition.
- PAIS International**
 Indexes public affairs journals, documents, pamphlets, books and yearbooks.

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Sociology Databases & Collections

To explore cultural differences between generations, try these sources.

- Sociological Abstracts**
 A primary resource for the latest research in sociology and related disciplines in the social sciences. The database draws from an international selection of over 2,600 journals, plus conference papers, books, and dissertations. 1963-present (indexing).
- ProQuest**
 One of the world's largest collections of information, including summaries of articles from over 5,000 publications, many in full text, page image format (pdf). Includes historical newspapers (custom search settings).
- Wilson Social Sciences Full Text**
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Religion & Psychology

- ATLA Religion**
 The ATLA Religion Database is a comprehensive database designed to support religious and theological scholarship in graduate education and faculty research. 1949-present.
- PsycInfo**
 Psychology abstracts and many full-text articles. Includes the psychology of religion. 1887-present day.
- Encyclopedia of religious and spiritual development**
 The first reference work to focus on the developmental process of religion and spirituality across the human life span. Spiritual development is an important part of human development that has links to identity, moral development, and civic engagement.

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Reference Resources in Ethics

Ethics has always been the discipline where philosophy, religion & public policy intertwine. These are selected reference resources from the Philosophy Library. Click on the title to see a Homer record.

[A Companion to Ethics - Peter Singer, editor](#)
 Call Number: Philosophy Library BJ1012.C62

[Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics - Ruth Chadwick, editor](#)
 Call Number: Philosophy Library BJ63.A66

[Encyclopedia of Ethics. 2nd edition - Lawrence C. Becker and Charlotte B. Becker, editors](#)
 Call Number: Philosophy Library BJ63.E45

[The Oxford Handbook of Free Will - Robert Kane, editor](#)
 Call Number: Philosophy Library BJ1461.F74

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