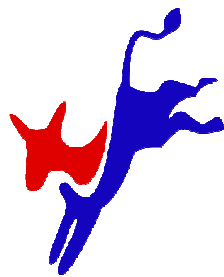




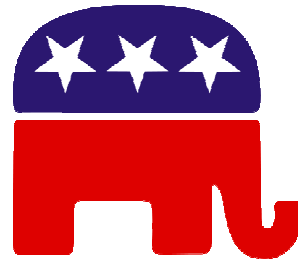
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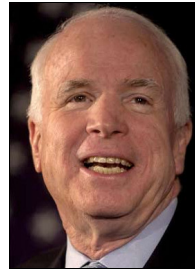
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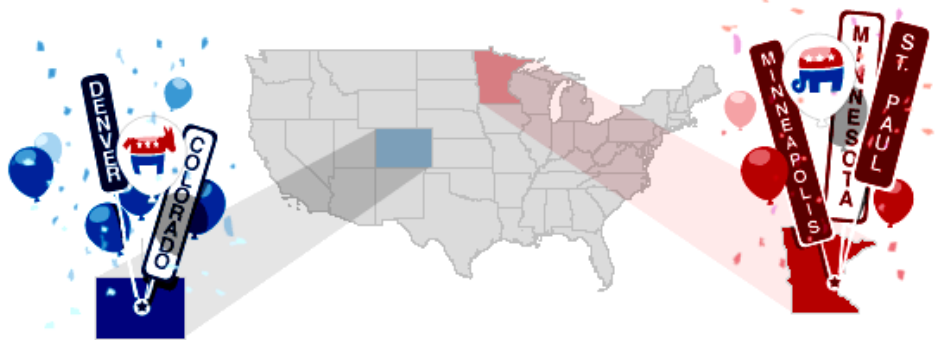
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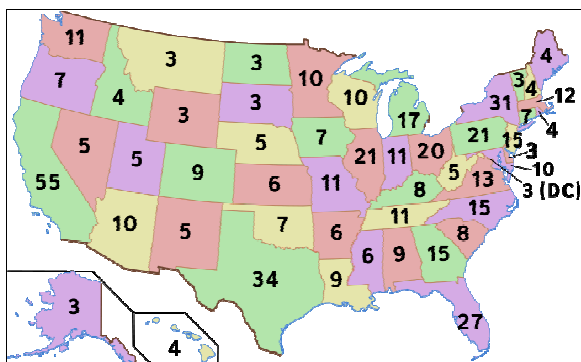
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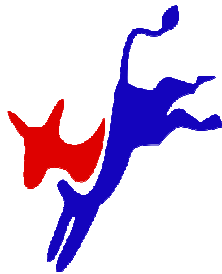
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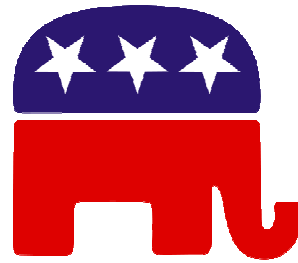
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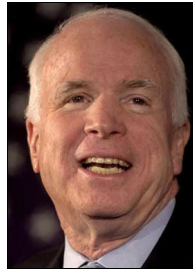
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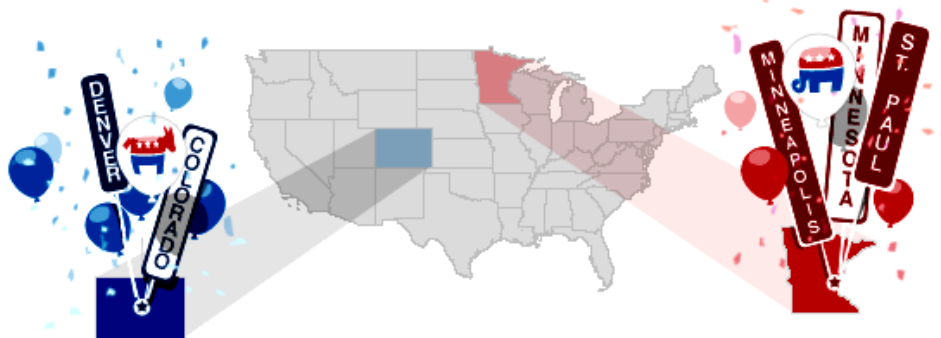
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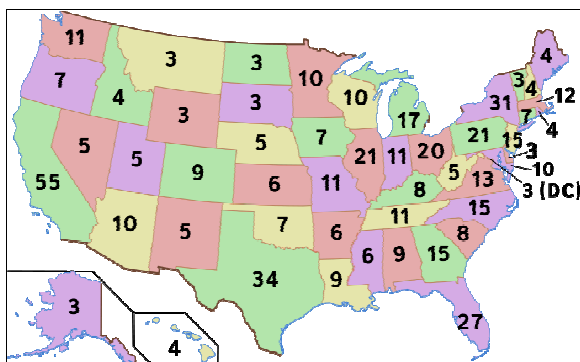
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  - 2 years
  - 4 years
  - 6 years
  - 8 years
2. The two main parties in US are
  - Republicans and Democrats
  - Whigs and Hats
  - Lords and Commons
  - Congress and Legislature
3. The US Government officially is
  - A Monarchy
  - A Dictatorship
  - A Oligarchy
  - A Democracy
4. If something happens to the President who assumes office?
  - Speaker
  - Vice President
  - Chief Justice
  - The First Lady
5. What is the minimum age limit for a person contesting for the post of President?
  - 18 years
  - 35 years
  - 21 years
  - 40 years
6. Where is the first primary held?
  - California
  - Texas
  - Little Rock
  - Iowa

**7.** What is the total number of electoral votes?

- 500
- 528
- 538
- 438

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- Elephant
- Ass (Donkey)
- Dove
- Rabbit

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- Elephant
- Donkey
- Tiger
- Dog

**10.** Which is the Election Day?

- The second Sunday of November
- The last Friday of November
- The first Monday of November
- The first Tuesday of November

**11.** When does the oath taking by the new President take place?

- 13th January, the next year
- 14 February, the next year
- 20th January, the next year
- The first Monday of the New Year

**12.** The President's wife is called

- Mrs. President
- Lady President
- The First Lady
- First President