

Resources for Beyond Voting: Elections / Campaign Financing

General

Oregon Secretary of State Elections Publications

<http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/manuals-tutorials.aspx>

How YouTube is shaping the 2016 presidential election. March 2016

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-switch/wp/2016/03/25/inside-youtubes-explosive-transformation-of-american-politics/?postshare=9571458991176324&tid=ss_tw

Fact-checking Presidential Candidates in Five Easy Steps

http://www.thenewsliteracyproject.org/sites/default/files/NLP_Fact-checking_0.pdf

Links to Media Political News Sites

<http://www.frankwbaker.com/mlc/media-politics-campaign-election-news-resources/>

Political Coverage 2016: Contempt on the Campaign Trail by Neal Gabler. Feb 18, 2016

<http://billmoyers.com/story/political-coverage-2016-contempt-on-the-campaign-trail/>

Negativity, focused on 'horse race' not issues [winning not governing], thus they all have the same story; Pew: 65% of people believe journalists focus on unimportant stories.

Common Cause Oregon [Money in Politics and Voting/Elections]

<http://www.commoncause.org/states/oregon/?referrer=http://www.commoncause.org/states/>

Campaign Legal Center

<http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/>

Right to Vote

Electoral Dysfunction – The Right to Vote [4 min. video]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMl0MHFGhE8>

Policy Brief on Constitutional Right to Vote Proposed Amendment to the Constitution

<https://fairvote.app.box.com/v/ConstitutionalRTVPolicyBrief>

Amendment introduced Jan 2015. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-joint-resolution/25>

Voter Turnout

Obama Expresses Support for Making Election Day A National Holiday

http://thinkprogress.org/politics/2016/05/12/3777843/obama-election-day-national-holiday/?utm_source=feedly&utm_medium=webfeeds

The U.S. Should Require All Citizens to Vote. Ornstein. July 2012.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2012/07/the-us-should-require-all-citizens-to-vote/259902/>

Millions to the Polls Demos. 2014.

<http://www.demos.org/sites/default/files/publications/m2p-Main.pdf>

Voting Systems

FairVote – Primary Elections

http://www.fairvote.org/primaries#open_and_closed_primaries

Ranked Choice Voting video created for San Franciscans <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rkx0e2Cduyk>

Reading List on Instant Runoff Voting from Workgroup of Portland City Charter Commission. 2009

<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/3501>

League of Women Voters – California <https://cavotes.org/>

League of Women Voters – Oregon <http://lwvor.org/>

Listing of **states and type of Presidential primary process** each has
<http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/primary-types.aspx>

Voting Rights

Does the U.S. Constitution Guarantee Americans an Affirmative Individual Right to Vote?

American Constitution Society. Sept 13, 2011.

<https://www.acslaw.org/acsblog/does-the-us-constitution-guarantee-americans-an-affirmative-individual-right-to-vote>

Voter Rights from CQ Researcher database. May 18, 2012. [online via Multnomah County Library].

Democracy Diminished: State and Local Threats to Voting, Post-Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder

Legal Defense Fund, NAACP.

http://www.naacpldf.org/files/publications/Democracy%20Diminished-State%20and%20Local%20Voting%20Changes%20Post-Shelby%20v.%20Holder_4.pdf

State Voter Identification Requirements: Analysis, Legal Issues, and Policy Considerations. Congressional Research Service. July, 2016.

<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42806.pdf>

The Country's Worst Anti-Voting Law Was Just Struck Down in North Carolina by Ari Berman. The Nation. July 29, 2016 <https://www.thenation.com/article/the-countrys-worst-anti-voting-law-was-just-struck-down-in-north-carolina/>

Who Can't Vote in U.S. Elections Feb 2016

<http://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Who-Cant-Vote-in-the-U.S.-Elections-20160218-0032.html>

Why Americans Can't Vote. Editorial. April 16, 2016.

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/17/opinion/sunday/why-americans-cant-vote.html?_r=0

Amid Long Voting Lines and Claims of A 'Rigged System,' Does My Vote Matter? NPR June 14, 2016

<http://www.npr.org/2016/06/14/481582413/amid-long-voting-lines-and-claims-of-a-rigged-system-does-my-vote-matter>

A Guide to The Big Photo ID, Early Voting and Other Voting Law Cases. Pam Fessler. June 30, 2016.

<http://www.npr.org/2016/06/30/484008893/a-guide-to-the-big-photo-id-early-voting-and-other-voting-law-cases>

Voting and the Criminal Justice System

Felony Disenfranchisement. The Sentencing Project

<http://www.sentencingproject.org/issues/felony-disenfranchisement/>

FAQ on Felons' Voting Rights in Oregon

<https://multco.us/elections/faq%E2%80%99s-felon%E2%80%99s-voting-rights-oregon>

State Felon Voter Laws [chart]

<http://felonvoting.procon.org/view.resource.php?resourceID=000286>

Voting Systems [the nuts and bolts]

Presidential Commission on Election Administration

<https://www.supportthevoter.gov/> List of Recommendations only: <https://www.supportthevoter.gov/files/2013/12/Voting-Recommendations.pdf>

Good resources from the PCEA on all the topics they covered <https://www.supportthevoter.gov/materials-research/>

GAO Report: **Elections: Issues Related to Registering Voters and Administering Elections.** June, 2016.

<http://www.gao.gov/assets/680/678131.pdf>

Electoral System Design: The New International IDEA Handbook 2008

http://www.idea.int/publications/esd/upload/Idea_ESD_full.pdf

Win or Lose No Voting System is Flawless. But some are less democratic than others. Anthony Gottlieb. The New Yorker. July 26, 2010. <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2010/07/26/win-or-lose>

City of Portland Election Process <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/citycode/?c=28158>

Multnomah County Elections <https://multco.us/elections>

State of Oregon Election Laws <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/laws-rules.aspx>

Voter Registration

“Inaccurate, Costly and Inefficient: Evidence That America’s Voter Registration System Needs an Upgrade”. Pew Center for the States. Feb, 2012.

<http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/electionlaw/documents/Pew-UpgradingVoterRegistration.pdf>

Automatic Voter Registration: Finding America’s Missing Voters Kennedy, Daley, Wright. Jan 20, 2016 Demos

<http://www.demos.org/publication/automatic-voter-registration-finding-americas-missing-voters>

Who Wins

Fair Vote <http://www.fairvote.org>

Fair Vote – Ranked Choice Voting / Instant Runoff <http://www.fairvote.org/rcv#rcvbenefits>

FairVote: National Popular Vote

http://www.fairvote.org/national_popular_vote#what_is_the_national_popular_vote_plan

National Popular Vote <http://www.nationalpopularvote.com/> Does away with Electoral College

About the Electors. National Archives <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/electors.html>

Electoral College https://ballotpedia.org/Electoral_College

Oregon’s Chance to Fix the Electoral College [How Oregon Can Help Change the Electoral College to a Popular Vote]. Sightline. 2015 <http://www.sightline.org/2015/04/24/oregons-chance-to-fix-the-electoral-college/>

Redistricting

Fair Vote – Gerrymandering http://www.fairvote.org/gerrymandering#gerrymandering_key_facts

Redistricting. Brennan Center <http://www.brennancenter.org/content/section/category/redistricting/>

Oregon Secretary of State <http://www.leg.state.or.us/redistricting/>

Campaign Finance

Campaign contribution limits in the states. National Conference of State Legislatures.

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/campaign-contribution-limits-overview.aspx>

Article about campaign finance reform efforts in Oregon this past legislative session. East Oregonian.

<http://www.eastoregonian.com/20150611/other-views-limiting-campaign-contributions-in-oregon>

Americans Say Money In Politics Is a Top Five Concern This November. IssueOne. June. 2016.

<https://www.issueone.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/issue-one-ipsos-polling-june-2016.pdf>

Blueprints for Democracy: Actionable Reforms to Solve Our Governing Crisis <http://www.blueprintsfordemocracy.org/>

One model reform: **Connecticut Citizens’ Election Program** <http://www.blueprintsfordemocracy.org/model-public-funding-system>

This would be a nice first step on campaign finance reform Editorial Wash. Post. June 10, 2016.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/this-would-be-a-nice-first-step-on-campaign-finance-reform/2016/06/10/745de05a-2e69-11e6-b5db-e9bc84a2c8e4_story.html

Lawmakers could do this to fight corruption. But they won’t. Dana Milbank. Wash. Post. May 16, 2016.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/an-isolated-crusade-to-clean-up-congress/2016/05/16/983a3264-1b9d-11e6-9c81-4be1c14fb8c8_story.html?tid=a_inl and

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/2931>

Four Surefire Tips for Following the Money in Your State. Andy Kroll. January 3, 2014

<http://billmoyers.com/2014/01/03/four-surefire-tips-for-following-the-money-in-your-state/>

Campaign Finance Regulation and the First Amendment

<http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/campaign.htm>

A 28th Amendment to Restore the American Promise [video] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6igolnTvqA>

Questions about 527 and 501(c) 4 orgs.

<https://www.opensecrets.org/outsidespending/faq.php>

Difference between SuperPACS and “dark money” [money from the non-profits]. Start at “Here’s a huge caveat”:

<https://sunlightfoundation.com/blog/2015/10/30/the-difference-between-super-pacs-and-dark-money-groups/>

Chart of Disclosure Rules from the Campaign Legal Center

http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/sites/default/files/CLC_501c_disclosure_chart.pdf

Secret Spending in the States. Brennan Center

https://www.brennancenter.org/sites/default/files/analysis/Secret_Spending_in_the_States.pdf

Citizens United Opinion [Be sure to check out the dissenting opinion, too. Starts on page 88.]

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/09pdf/08-205.pdf>

Campaign Finance Tracking

Center for Responsive Politics – Open Secrets All things \$ in politics.

http://www.opensecrets.org/outsidespending/nonprof_summ.php Info on non-profits acting in the political realm

Dark Money Basics <https://www.opensecrets.org/dark-money/dark-money-basics.php>

For just state level data, go to **Oregon’s Secretary of State, Elections Division, Campaign Finance databases**

Search for info on Measures: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/GotoSearchByMnP.do>

Oregon Campaign Finance Information - ORESTAR System Public Search

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/CommitteeSearchFirstPage.do?startup=2>

Open Secrets Guide to 990s [990 is the IRS form which non-profits file]

<https://www.opensecrets.org/assets/outsidespending/data/990-factsheet.pdf>

Project VoteSmart www.votesmart.org

MoneyLine <http://pml.cq.com/>

Public Financing of Elections

Public Financing of Elections brochure

<http://www.fec.gov/pages/brochures/pubfund.shtml>

Establish Small Donor Public Financing. Brennan Center. Feb 4, 2016

<https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/establish-small-donor-public-financing>

California Fair Political Practices Commission [responsible for implementation of Political Reform Act

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/> **Campaign Disclosure Manuals** <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/campaign-disclosure-manuals.html>

The Brief History of 'Voter-Owned Elections' in Portland, Oregon: If Public Financing Can't Make It There, Can It Make It Anywhere? Paul Diller. Willamette Law Review. 2013.

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2354762

In the Misinformation workshop I talk about using research guides from university libraries as starting points from which to find good resources. Here's one from Harvard University on **Campaigns and Elections**.

<http://guides.library.harvard.edu/c.php?g=310717&p=2072693>