



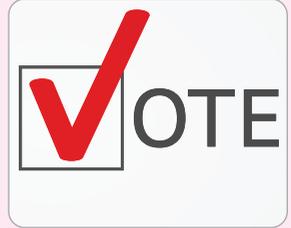
This week's big news

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Franklin D. Roosevelt was the longest-serving US President and the only one to be elected to the position four times.



The White House in Washington, DC, where the President lives and works

Big year for elections



This will be the largest election year in history, with more than half the world's population voting for presidents and state and local leaders. About 4 billion people will go to the polls in more than 60 countries, including India (the world's most populous nation), Indonesia, Taiwan, South Africa, and Mexico.

Nation gets set for elections

As the US gears up for a major election on November 5, candidates have begun making their case to voters. A President will be chosen, as will members of Congress and state leaders.

What is happening?

On January 6, President Joe Biden, a Democrat, gave a speech in Pennsylvania to kick off his effort to be reelected. In recent days, Biden's likely Republican opponent, former President Donald Trump, has given several speeches around the US. Meanwhile, US states are preparing to host Presidential caucuses or primaries. At these events, voters choose a single nominee from each major political party (Republican and Democrat) to compete against each other in November. The events will begin with the Iowa caucuses on January 15. In every Presidential election year since the 1970s, Iowa has been the first state to hold a caucus or primary.

Who is running for President?

Traditionally, an incumbent (candidate already in office) President is the nominee for their party. That means Biden has no serious challengers for the Democratic nomination and is expected to appear on the November ballot. Several

Republicans are competing to be their party's nominee. Trump, who served from 2017 to 2021 and lost to Biden in the last election, is seeking a second term. His rivals for the Republican nomination are Governor Ron DeSantis of Florida; Chris Christie, former governor of New Jersey; Nikki Haley, former governor of South Carolina and US ambassador to the United Nations; Asa Hutchinson, former governor of Arkansas; and Vivek Ramaswamy, an entrepreneur and author. Candidates in other parties are also running.

How are nominees chosen?



Over the next few months, candidates will continue presenting their views to voters. They will give speeches, participate in debates, and hold "town hall" events, where they answer questions posed by a moderator or the audience. In addition to Iowa, three other states—Nevada, North Dakota, and Wyoming—will hold caucuses, while the 46 others and Washington, DC, will hold primaries. At caucuses, people in the same political party meet, discuss candidates, and vote. Some caucuses let people vote in private. At others, voters raise their hands or gather in groups. A primary is similar to an election, where voters go to a polling place and select

a candidate on a private ballot. Each party will announce its official nominee for President at a big event called a convention this summer.

What other US races are taking place?

Elections for many seats in Congress (branch of government that makes laws) will be held in 2024. In the House of Representatives (one half of Congress), all 435 members are up for reelection. In the Senate (the other half of Congress), which has 100 members, 34 seats are opening up. In addition, 11 states—Delaware, Indiana, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia—will elect governors. Voters will also choose members of 85 of the nation's 99 state legislative chambers (state governments).

What will happen next?

After the Iowa caucuses, the New Hampshire primary will take place on January 23. Caucuses and primaries will continue through the spring, with several set for March, and will be done by early June. Typically, candidates who don't receive a significant percentage of votes in early primaries and caucuses drop out, which means the field of Republican candidates running for the Presidential nomination may narrow by March.