



SOUTH CAROLINA BLUES FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

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Difference between Primaries and Caucuses

Both the Republican and Democratic parties have national conventions before the general election where they will officially choose their party's nominee for President. Most know who their nominee will be going into the convention because each state has their own selection process for picking a candidate.

Presidential elections start with primaries and caucuses that are staggered between January/February and end mid-June before the general election in November. State and local governments run primary elections and political parties run private events called caucuses.

The most popular primaries are open and closed. An open primary allows voters to vote for the nominee of any party. In a closed primary, only voters registered with that party can vote.

Five states use a caucus; Maine, Nevada, North Dakota, Wyoming, and Iowa. While its purpose is essentially the same, to figure out how many delegates each candidate is going to receive, the process is somewhat confusing. Caucuses are not run by state governments so there's more flexibility in determining the rules, like who can vote. Ballots are not cast; however, votes are determined by standing in groups around a room. Here's a chart that shows the caucus process in steps.

Caucus Process

1st Alignment: Caucus-goers form into groups with other supporters of a candidate, or an "undecided group".

1st Count: A headcount is taken for each group; candidates with at least 15% of the total are deemed "viable", and those supporters must remain in that group.

2nd Alignment: Supporters of non-viable candidates can join a viable group, try to persuade other non-viables to join their candidate, join the undecided group, or sit out.

Final Count: Each candidate who reaches the viability threshold receives at least one delegate, with remaining delegates allocated by formula.

State Delegate Equivalents (SDEs): The state party receives final count totals and uses a formula to calculate how many delegates each candidate has won at each precinct.

The **WINNER** is typically the candidate with the most SDEs, but this year the Iowa Democratic party also released the total first and second alignment figures.

At the Democratic convention, candidates are represented proportionately by delegates based on how many votes they received. On the Republican side, some states do it similar to the Democratic Party but other states give all their delegates to the winning candidate.

The Republican Presidential primary or caucus has been cancelled in Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Kansas, Nevada, South Carolina, and Virginia for the 2020 elections.



Primary and Caucus Results To-Date

*only top four candidates reported for each state

Iowa Caucus			California Primary			Oklahoma Primary		
Candidate	Delegates	Vote %	Candidate	Delegates	Vote %	Candidate	Delegates	Vote %
Pete Buttigieg	13	26.20%	Bernie Sanders	155	33.80%	Joe Biden	21	38.70%
Bernie Sanders	12	26.10%	Joe Biden	93	25.10%	Bernie Sanders	13	25.40%
Elizabeth Warren	8	18%	Michael Bloomberg	14	14.10%	Michael Bloomberg	3	13.90%
Joe Biden	6	15.80%	Elizabeth Warren	9	12.20%	Elizabeth Warren	0	13.40%
New Hampshire Primary			Colorado Primary			Tennessee Primary		
Candidate	Delegates	Vote %	Candidate	Delegates	Vote %	Candidate	Delegates	Vote %
Bernie Sanders	9	25.70%	Bernie Sanders	20	36.10%	Joe Biden	29	41.70%
Pete Buttigieg	9	24.40%	Joe Biden	9	23.60%	Bernie Sanders	15	25%
Amy Klobuchar	6	19.80%	Michael Bloomberg	9	20.50%	Michael Bloomberg	8	15.50%
Elizabeth Warren	0	9.20%	Elizabeth Warren	1	17.30%	Elizabeth Warren	1	10.40%
Nevada Caucus			Maine Primary			Texas Primary		
Candidate	Delegates	Vote %	Candidate	Delegates	Vote %	Candidate	Delegates	Vote %
Bernie Sanders	24	46.80%	Joe Biden	11	34.10%	Joe Biden	81	34.50%
Joe Biden	9	20.20%	Bernie Sanders	9	32.90%	Bernie Sanders	72	30%
Pete Buttigieg	3	14.30%	Elizabeth Warren	4	15.70%	Michael Bloomberg	5	14.40%
Elizabeth Warren	0	9.70%	Michael Bloomberg	0	12%	Elizabeth Warren	1	11.40%
South Carolina Primary			Massachusetts Primary			Utah Primary		
Candidate	Delegates	Vote %	Candidate	Delegates	Vote %	Candidate	Delegates	Vote %
Joe Biden	39	48.40%	Joe Biden	36	33.60%	Bernie Sanders	9	34.60%
Bernie Sanders	15	19.90%	Bernie Sanders	29	26.70%	Michael Bloomberg	2	16.70%
Tom Steyer	0	11.30%	Elizabeth Warren	23	21.40%	Joe Biden	1	17.40%
Pete Buttigieg	0	8.20%	Michael Bloomberg	0	11.80%	Elizabeth Warren	0	15.50%
Alabama Primary			Minnesota Primary			Vermont Primary		
Candidate	Delegates	Vote %	Candidate	Delegates	Vote %	Candidate	Delegates	Vote %
Joe Biden	40	63.20%	Joe Biden	38	38.60%	Bernie Sanders	11	50.80%
Bernie Sanders	7	16.60%	Bernie Sanders	26	29.90%	Joe Biden	5	22%
Michael Bloomberg	1	11.70%	Elizabeth Warren	10	15.40%	Elizabeth Warren	0	12.60%
Elizabeth Warren	0	5.70%	Michael Bloomberg	0	8.30%	Michael Bloomberg	0	9.40%
Arkansas Primary			North Carolina Primary			Virginia Primary		
Candidate	Delegates	Vote %	Candidate	Delegates	Vote %	Candidate	Delegates	Vote %
Joe Biden	17	40.50%	Joe Biden	65	43%	Joe Biden	66	53.20%
Bernie Sanders	9	22.40%	Bernie Sanders	35	24.10%	Bernie Sanders	31	23.10%
Michael Bloomberg	5	16.70%	Elizabeth Warren	2	10.50%	Elizabeth Warren	2	10.70%
Elizabeth Warren	0	10%	Michael Bloomberg	1	13%	Michael Bloomberg	0	9.80%

Election Spotlight

- March 3 – Super Tuesday – R & D Primaries in AL, AR, CA, CO, MA, ME, MN, NC, OK, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA
Republican Primary in AK
Democratic Primary in American Samoa
- March 7 – Republican Primary in KY
- March 8 – Republican Primary in Puerto Rico
- March 10 – R & D Primaries in ID, MI, MS, MO, WA
Republican Primary in HI
Democratic Primary in ND
- March 12 – Republican Primary in Virgin Islands
- March 14 – Republican Primary in DC, Guam, WY
Democratic Primary in N. Marianas
- March 17 – R & D Primaries in OH, FL, IL
Democratic Primary in AZ
Republican Primary in > Marianas
- March 24 – R & D Primaries in GA
Republican Primary in American Samoa
- March 29 – Democratic Primary in Puerto Rico



Wednesday, March 25, 2020
Segra Park
Gates Open at 5 PM.

PAC members and their families are invited to attend our 27th Annual Legislative Softball game between the Senate Filibusters and House Amenders at Segra Park. Join us for a great night of family fun and good food. The gates open at 5 pm and first pitch is at 6pm. Event is rain or shine.



SC BLUES FEDPAC
POLITICAL BOOK CLUB

Becoming by Michelle Obama

Meeting Date: 4/23/20 @ Noon
Tower Private Dining

Upcoming PAC Events

- Lunch 'n Learn @ Pipeline - 3/5/20
- Lunch 'n Learn @ Percival - 3/6/20
- Lunch 'n Learn @ Florence - 3/18/20
- Lunch 'n Learn @ Surfside - 3/19/20
- "Back the PAC" Campaign in April - TBA