



# FOLLOWING THE 2016 ELECTION

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Are you a political junkie? Do you like the presidential election process, but the endless debates have you looking elsewhere for information? Do you want to know more about presidential elections in general? Let's look at some options. While there are hundreds of websites, blogs, and other online sources covering politics and the 2016 election, I'm not including the mainstream sources here (e.g., network and cable news, party committee sites, and candidate sites). However, I am including several magazines that cover politics, both on the conservative and liberal sides (many of their editors appear frequently on the Sunday morning shows):

**New Republic** - <https://newrepublic.com/>

**The Weekly Standard** - <http://www.weeklystandard.com/>

**National Review** - <http://www.nationalreview.com/>

**The Nation** - <http://www.thenation.com/>

**Politico** - [www.politico.com](http://www.politico.com) *Politico* is an online-only magazine whose staffers came mostly from traditional news magazines or major newspapers.

**Election Law at Moritz** (The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law)  
[Moritzlaw.osu.edu/election-law/](http://Moritzlaw.osu.edu/election-law/)

As stated on their front page:

*Election Law at Moritz is a nonpartisan research, education, and outreach program conducted by faculty and staff of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. As a center of election law expertise, Election Law at Moritz is a resource for lawyers, academics and educators, journalists, policymakers and other civic leaders, election administrators and citizens interested in election law issues. Formed in 2004, Election Law at Moritz represents a collaboration among the many Moritz faculty members with expertise in election law and related fields.*

**Election Law at Moritz is your source**

of information about election laws, election litigation, and election news from around the nation. The focus of the Election Law at Moritz web site is election administration – laws dealing



with voter registration, voter ID, early and absentee voting, provisional balloting, poll workers and polling place procedures, recounts and election contests, and other related issues. Our mission is to help the public, lawyers, academics and educators, journalists, policymakers and other civic leaders, and election administrators better identify and understand issues confronting the world of election administration.

This site includes a newswire for current events as well as links for current litigation at both the state and Federal level.

**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION** – [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov) - In addition to information about campaign laws and regulations, this site also includes a wealth of downloadable data about campaign contributions.

**Elections A to Z** (4<sup>th</sup> ed., CQ Press 2012). Although the list price for this title is \$150, new copies are available from Amazon for \$18. A Kindle edition is \$96. It is also available through Google Books. This title is in encyclopedic form with entries for just about any topic you can think of related to elections. However, the best feature is the wealth of charts and graphs throughout. CQ Press (formerly Congressional Quarterly Press) publishes high quality reference books on a variety of topics related to government and politics.

**America Votes! Challenges to Modern Election Law and Voting Rights** (3<sup>d</sup> ed., ABA 2016; ISBN 98-78-1-63425-422-9). This title was just recently

updated by the ABA. The list price is \$116.95 and was not yet available on Amazon as this article was written. The Chase Law Library does own a copy.

## PODCASTS

**The Politics Guys** – <http://politicsguys.com/> (in their own words):

The Politics Guys are Michael Baranowski and Jay Carson.

Michael is a bona-fide political scientist, with a Ph.D. and everything. He spends most of his time indoctrinating students at Northern Kentucky University.

Jay is an attorney specializing in commercial litigation - finding new and exciting ways to destroy The Little Guy on behalf of The Man.

**NPR Politics Podcast** - <http://www.npr.org/podcasts/510310/npr-politics-podcast> (in their own words):

The NPR Politics Podcast is where NPR's political reporters talk to you like they talk to each other. With weekly roundups and quick takes on news of the day, you don't have to keep up with politics to know what's happening. You just have to keep up with us.

How does the rest of the world see our presidential election? There are numerous foreign and international sources – here's a sample:

**BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation)** – [www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com)

**Al Jazeera America** - [http://america.aljazeera.com/?utm\\_source=aje&utm\\_medium=redirect](http://america.aljazeera.com/?utm_source=aje&utm_medium=redirect)

**The Guardian (U.S. edition)** - <http://www.theguardian.com/us>

**Le monde diplomatique (English edition)** - <http://mondediplo.com/>

**Pravda Report** - <http://www.pravdareport.com/world/>

There are, of course, numerous cases, statutes, and regulations dealing with elections. Each year our first year

Legal Research classes do a "Process Problem" in lieu of a final exam. The students are required to research a problem that makes them use Federal and state cases, statutes, and regulations. Election law is a perfect topic for this and many of our students go on to run for office or work on campaigns. A few years ago, one of our problems involved a lawyer being asked to be the campaign manager for their law partner who was running for Congress in Kentucky's Fourth Congressional district. Students had to research the duties of a campaign manager and treasurer, filing deadlines, how deployed military personnel vote, in-kind contributions, campaign ads, and laws related to contesting an election.

The conventions are over and the campaigns are in full swing with ads bombarding you at every turn. If you can't bear the thought of another three months of coverage, switch to satellite or custom-designed radio and streaming movies and television. After November 8, it will all be over – until the posturing for the 2020 election begins.

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