

The End

Democratic National Convention will be held
in Milwaukee from July 13-16.

Will have 3,979 delegates.

Need a majority – 1,990 – to win the
nomination.

Republican National Convention will be held
in Charlotte, North Carolina from August
24-27.

Will have 2,552 delegates.

Need 1,227 to win the nomination

How Are Democratic Convention Delegates Selected?

1. Presidential primaries
2. Caucuses
3. Superdelegates

Most delegates are selected via primaries

	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
2000	37	42
2004	35	30
2008	38	38
2012	34	38
2016	37	38
2020	47	39

The Iowa System

of

delegates

selected

Number

Feb. 3	Precinct caucuses	0
March 21	County conventions	0
April 25	Cong. district conventions	27
June 13	State conventions	9

What are the Differences between Caucuses and Primaries?

1. Caucuses are a more complicated procedure
2. Caucuses take a lot longer
3. Caucuses have much lower participation rates than primaries

Primary and caucus participation rates in 1988 and 1992

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1988</u>
Average primary turnout	30	25
Average caucus turnout	3	2

4. Lots of concern about how representative caucuses are

Effect of the New Democratic Rules on Attendance of Party Leaders at the National Conventions

Democratic Governors

1968 96% were delegates

1976 44% were delegates

Democratic Senators

1968 61% were delegates

1976 14% were delegates

Since 1996, all of the following have been automatic delegates to the Democratic national convention:

All members of the Democratic National Committee

All Democratic members of the House and Senate

All Democratic governors

The Democratic president and vice president (if applicable)

Former Democratic presidents, vice presidents, and speakers of the House

Presence of Superdelegates at Recent Democratic National Conventions

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
2004	802	18.6
2008	853	19.3
2012	721	14.2
2016	712	14.9

The Road Ahead

- Feb. 3 Iowa caucuses
- Feb. 11 New Hampshire primary – 24 delegates
- Feb. 22 Nevada caucuses – 36 delegates
- Feb. 29 South Carolina – 54 delegates

And then the primaries come in a deluge

March 3 – Super Tuesday, 14 primaries, including Massachusetts, California, Texas, and North Carolina, selecting 1,338 delegates

March 10 – 7 more primaries, selecting 365 delegates

March 17 – 4 more primaries, including
Illinois, Ohio, and Florida, selecting 365
delegates

Who Can Participate in the Primaries? Four types of rules

1. Strict party registration
2. Partial party registration
3. No party registration
4. Open primary

How Exactly Do Primaries Choose Delegates?

Proportional representation with a 15 percent threshold

Proportional Representation: Whatever percentage of the vote a candidate receives, he or she wins that percentage of the delegates

Example: New Hampshire has 24 delegates.

Current poll average is:

<u>Delegs</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Delegs</u>	<u>Vote</u>		
Sanders	26%	6	Steyer	2%	0
Biden	17%	4	Bennet	1%	0
Buttigieg	15%	4			
Warren	14%	3			
Klobuchar	7%	2			
Gabbard	5%	1			
Yang	4%	1			

Proportional Representation with a 15 Percent Threshold

	<u>Vote</u>	Reperc. <u>Vote</u>	<u>Delegates</u>
Sanders	26%	45%	11
Biden	17%	29%	7
Buttigieg	15%	26%	6
Warren	14%	---	0
Klobuchar	7%	---	0

