

Illustrate a comic strip depicting the path to the presidency. Include a caption describing what is going on at each point.

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**→4-STEP PATH TO THE PRESIDENCY:**

1. **Announce candidacy**: make it public that you are running and begin to build \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Caucuses**: Each \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ holds Republican and Democratic primaries or caucuses.
	* **Primary**: election where you vote for your choice to represent the party in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open or closed)
	* **Caucus**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on who should represent the party in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ election.
		+ Primaries can be open or closed. **Open** means \_\_\_\_\_\_ registered voters can participate. **Closed** means only\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can vote in the primary.

**→What is the difference between an open and a closed primary?**

1. **National Convention**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for each party report at the end of the summer. This is where each party \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ announces their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for president.
2. **General Election**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ following the first Monday in November. Big night where you must win those \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ electoral votes!
	* During the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you can vote on a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” or a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
		+ **Split**: voting for Dems and Republicans.
		+ **Straight**: just voting for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ party
* **Where does each party officially announce its candidate/nominee for the presidency?**
* **What is the difference between the Primaries and the General Election?**

**→On the campaign trail…*campaigning happens THROUGHOUT the entire election cycle.***

* **Canvassing**: where supporters go out and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and get people to vote.
* **TV Commercials**: reach the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people and can do good or bad.
* **Retail Politics**: REALLY meeting the voters and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* **Polls**: determine where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* **Debates**: a chance to meet opponent face to face and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the issues.
* **Political Action Committee (PAC)**: raise \_\_\_\_\_\_ for candidates. Can be set up by the party or by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or special \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* **Special Interest groups**: Ex=labor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, religious groups, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ groups, pro-environment, pro-guns etc. Raise \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for candidates who support their issues.