



2012 E-Monitor: South Carolina Primary

Countdown to January 21, 2012

January 11, 2012

Since 1980, every winner of the Republican Primary in South Carolina since 1980 has gone on to win the nomination of his party.

The state has an open primary, which means that voters of any party affiliation may vote for the candidate of whatever party they choose. Bringing these voters to the polls, as well as heavy spending on advertising, will be the decisive factors for the candidates in this race.



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University of South Carolina: Faculty experts on South Carolina politics, the South Carolina republican Primary, and general election issues are available.

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Primary News

[The Greenville News >>](#)

Published in Greenville, this is one of the three largest newspapers in the state

[SCIWAY: Political Blogs >>](#)

Listing of South Carolina political blogs that are regularly maintained

[The Post and Courier >>](#)

Based in Charleston, this is one of the three largest newspapers in South Carolina and one of the oldest daily newspapers in the South

[The State >>](#)

Published in Columbia, this is South Carolina's largest daily newspaper

About South Carolina and the Primary

[Reuters: In South Carolina Primary, a Fundraising Showdown >>](#)

[Primary: South Carolina >>](#)

Polls, candidate information, and news about the primary election in South Carolina

[POLITICO 2012 LIVE >>](#)

In-the-weeds aggregator of New Hampshire Primary news, events, polls and analysis

[Newsmax: South Carolina is the Pivotal GOP Primary >>](#)

Analysis of the consequences of success and failure for each of the Republican campaigns in South Carolina

[P2012: Race for the White House >>](#)

2012 campaign information, including media contacts, interest groups involved, and analysis of the 2012 electorate. Curated by The George Washington University

[U.S. Census Bureau: Quick Facts About South Carolina >>](#)

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