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## **Foreign Press Center at Political Conventions**

The Foreign Press Center (FPC) will have working spaces for the foreign media at both the Republican Convention in Tampa, Florida and the Democratic Convention in Charlotte, NC. The spaces will have tables and chairs to accommodate 80 journalists; also, we will provide Internet access and information/research services.

In order to facilitate your coverage of the conventions, the FPC will hold briefings by party officials, delegates, American journalists, pollsters, and political analysts who will provide background and analysis of convention events. The Office of Broadcast Services (OBS) will work alongside the FPC to support visiting broadcasters and will have an Audio/Video Mult Box and Mini DVs upon request.

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- House Candidates Raise More Than \$566 Million Politico
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- Why Neither Candidate Can Move the Polls Real Clear Politics
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