

ARM YOURSELF with the FACTS

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The upcoming 2020 U.S. presidential elections are quickly approaching - less than one year away. If you are not yet registered to vote, now is the time. Cass County, NE residents can find registration information here:

<http://www.cassne.org/election.html>

It's also time to do some serious research on ALL the candidates. Please do NOT get your information from social media, friends and acquaintances. Why would you choose to vote based on what you've heard

'commentators' say on TV and social media?

'Commentators' are paid a lot of money to often distort the truth and offer their own opinions. While it can, at times, be entertaining, many times, their point of view is far different from that of trained journalists and experts who are supposed to be reporting the facts.

Get your useful, factual information directly from the source to help you make your ultimate decisions. You have the ability to do the research and the right to form your own opinions. Besides having the ability to vote

being a great privilege, it is also your duty to vote knowing all the facts available to you.

Go to the candidate's own official website where they each, along with their own staff, publish their own plans, information and ideas for our future. You can sign-up to receive their emails, volunteer to help with their campaign and donate there, too, if you wish. Then, when you see and hear them on TV, compare that to what you read and hear on his or her own webpages.

Here's the website for the Federal Election Commission, <https://www.fec.gov/>, so you can see how the campaign finance process works, along with other useful information. Type in your zip code and you can see who's running for office in your local area.

As of 2019-11-18, here are the current presidential candidates and their websites:

DEMOCRAT

Bennet, Michael, <https://michaelbennet.com/>

Biden, Joe, <https://joebiden.com/>

Booker, Cory, <https://corybooker.com/>
Bullock, Steve, <https://stevebullock.com/>
Buttigieg, Pete, <https://peteforamerica.com/>
Castro, Julian, <https://www.julianforthefuture.com/>
Delaney, John, <https://www.johndelaney.com/>
Gabbard, Tulsi, <https://www.tulsi2020.com/>
Harris, Kamala, <https://kamalaharris.org/>
Klobuchar, Amy, <https://amyklobuchar.com/>
Messam, Wayne, <https://www.wayneforusa.com/>
Patrick, Deval, <https://devalpatrick2020.com/>
Sanders, Bernie, <https://berniesanders.com/>
Sestak, Joe, <https://www.joesestak.com/>
Steyer, Tom, <https://www.tomsteyer.com/>
Warren, Elizabeth, <https://elizabethwarren.com/>
Williamson, Marianne, <https://www.marianne2020.com/>
Yang, Andrew, <https://www.yang2020.com/>

REPUBLICAN

De La Fuente, Roque, https://rocky101.com/en_us/en/

Trump, Donald, <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/>

Walsh, Joe <https://www.joewalsh.org/>

Weld, Bill, <https://weld2020.org/>