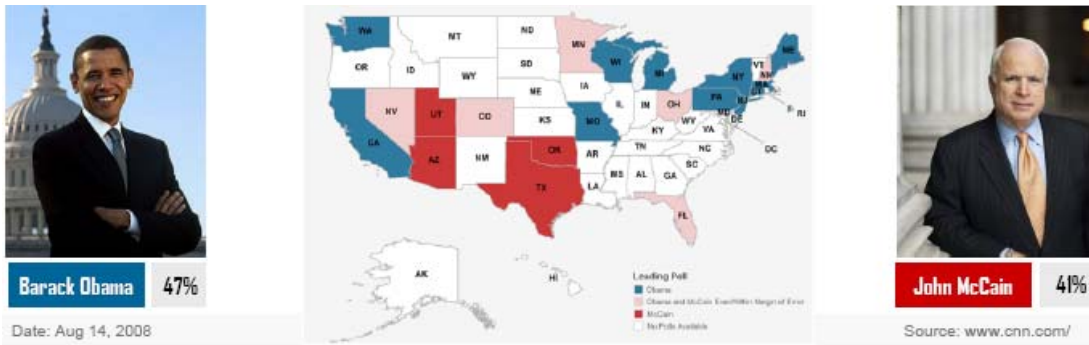


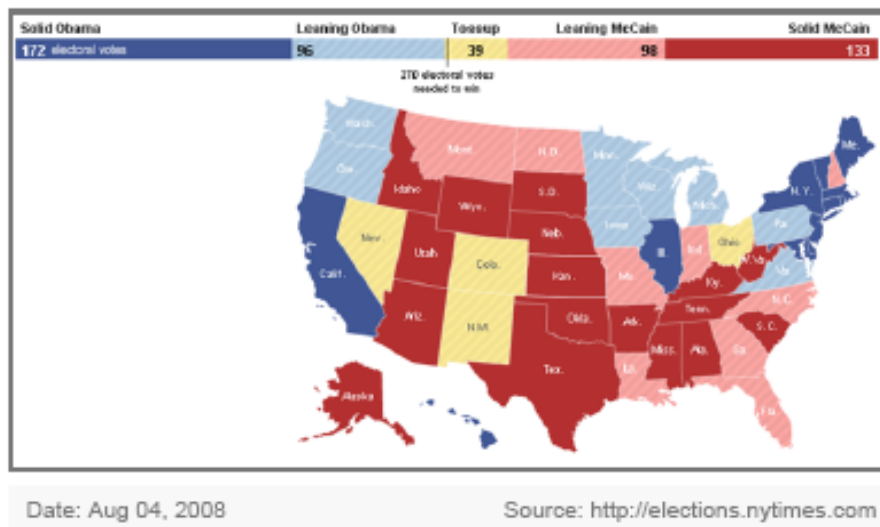
Esta es la primera entrega de nuestro alerta semanal sobre las elecciones en los Estados Unidos. En ella encontrará noticias, análisis, datos de encuestas y otros materiales que le permitirán seguir de cerca la campaña electoral. Si tiene inconvenientes para acceder a los documentos, comuníquese con nosotros a BuenosAiresIRC@state.gov

★ LAS ENCUESTAS

Los candidatos



El mapa electoral: estados clave



Daily Presidential Tracking Poll

Rasmussen Reports

The Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll for Friday shows Barack Obama attracting 44% of the vote while John McCain earns 41%. When "leaners" are included, it's Obama 47% and McCain 45%. [More...](#)

Latest State-by-State General Election Match-Ups

CQ Politics, August 14, 2008

Lots of updates in the last two days in our state match-ups between Barack Obama and John McCain. Today we update Texas, Washington State and Wisconsin, adding to yesterday's new polls on Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina Nevada, Florida and Kansas. [More...](#)

✪ ANÁLISIS

Close Presidential Elections: Not The American Norm

The Center for Politics - Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball

For those voters who have come of age in the 21st century, the extremely close presidential elections of 2000 and 2004 must seem like the norm. But that is hardly the case. Over the course of American history, there have been more presidential elections decided by landslide margins than have been determined by narrow margins. [More...](#)

Obama's Travels: Some Good News and Some Risks

Council on Foreign Relations

The positive is that Obama appeared "presidential" and that Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki seemed to parrot Obama's ideas on a timeline for U.S. troop withdrawal. But Senor worries that tying U.S. troops to a timetable will undermine progress made over the past year. [More...](#)

✪ TEMAS DE CAMPAÑA

Candidates Focus on Energy, Spar Over Oil Resources

The Online Newshour - PBS

Sen. Barack Obama delivered a major speech on energy Monday, which included a call to open the nation's strategic oil reserves, while his rival, GOP Sen. John McCain, urged Congress to call off its August recess and pass new energy legislation. Advisers to both campaigns discuss the two views. [More...](#)

A Fork In The Road: Obama, McCain, And Health Care

CATO Institute

Senator Obama's approach to health care reform relies heavily on government mandates, regulations, and subsidies. In contrast, John McCain emphasizes consumer choice and greater competition in the health care industry. [Full text](#)

★ LA CANDIDATURA VICEPRESIDENCIAL

Potential Running Mates

New York Times, August 13, 2008

Some possible vice-presidential picks for the Democratic and Republican tickets. [More...](#)

Barack Obama to announce running mate by text message

It is usually done at a major press conference, or announced on television. But Barack Obama will ignore conventional methods of announcing his running mate, instead decided to do it by text message, his campaign team has announced. [More...](#)

★ DOCUMENTOS

Democratic Platform Draft

The Democratic National Committee has released the party's national platform draft, titled RENEWING AMERICA'S PROMISE. The draft will be presented for consideration and approval at the upcoming national convention. The full text is available [here](#).