

Did You Know?

ELECTION DAY TRIVIA



Why is Election Day on a Tuesday?

Years ago, when voters travelled to their polling locations by horse, having an election on Tuesday allowed them time to worship on Sunday and ride over on Monday.

<http://www.cnn.com/2012/11/06/politics/fun-election-facts/>



How many US Presidents were elected to office for and served two terms?

Twelve. Bonus: Prior to the 22nd Amendment, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected to office for four terms.

<http://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/presidential-election-facts>



How many votes were cast for President in the 2012 U.S. Presidential election?

129.1 million votes were cast. That's a voter turnout of about 53.6%. In this category, the U.S. trails many other developed countries.

<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/05/06/u-s-voter-turnout-trails-most-developed-countries/>



What was the first election result to be broadcasted live?

In 1920, Warren G. Harding was elected president over James M. Cox. The results were broadcast live on KDKA in Pittsburgh. Later that year, Harding became the first President to speak on the radio.

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/harding-becomes-first-president-to-be-heard-on-the-radio>



How many elected officials are there in the U.S.?

There are over 500,000 elected officials in the United States including a President, Vice President, 435 US House Members, and 100 Senators.

http://www.census.gov/prod/2/gov/gc/gc92_1_2.pdf