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Selecting Candidates: How Political Parties Choose Their Nominees

Short Answer Key

1. In a closed primary, only registered members of a specific political party can vote for their party's candidates, while in an open primary, registered voters can choose to vote in either party's primary.
2. Delegates chosen during the primary election or caucus process represent their state or district at the party's national convention and are committed to supporting a specific candidate based on the primary or caucus results.
3. One factor that can influence the selection of candidates during the primary process is campaign strategy, including advertising, grassroots organizing, and voter outreach.
4. Fundraising is important because it allows candidates to finance their campaign efforts, including advertising, travel, and organizing events. Candidates with more funds have a competitive advantage.
5. Political parties officially nominate their presidential candidates at their national conventions. The candidate who receives the majority of delegate votes becomes the official nominee.

