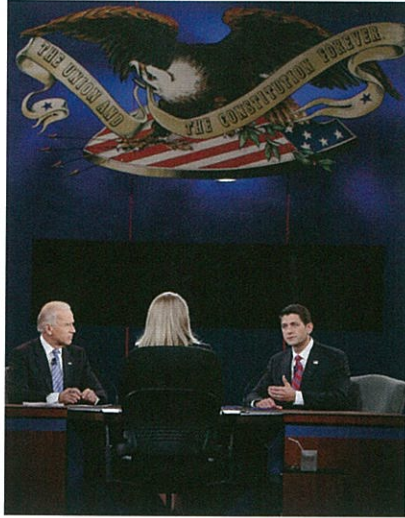


# Election

## Vice Presidential Candidates Debate

Vice President Joe Biden and Republican vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan debate a wide range of issues in Danville, KY.



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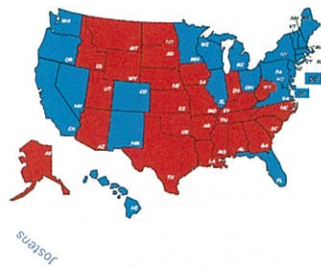


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## First Family Appears at DNC

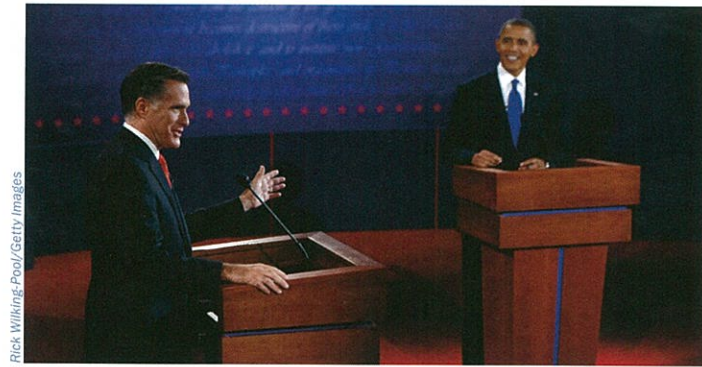
President Barack Obama accepts his party's nomination and addresses the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC.

Obama 332 Romney 206



## Election Map Shows Key State Wins

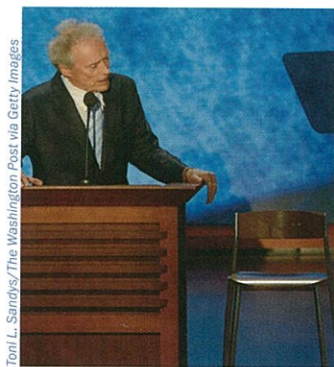
With a total of 332 electoral votes, Barack Obama easily exceeds the 270 electoral votes he needs to win the 2012 presidential election.



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## Obama and Romney Debate

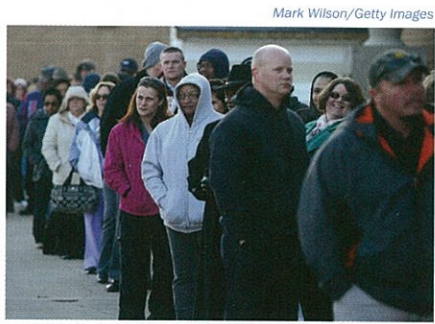
President Obama faces his challenger, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, in a debate about domestic policy at the University of Denver in Denver, CO.



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## Clint Eastwood Acts at RNC

Onstage at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, FL, Clint Eastwood pretends that the empty chair beside him is President Obama.



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## Voters Face Lines at Polls

Voters in the 2012 election faced long lines at the polls across the country, especially in key battleground states such as Virginia, Ohio and Florida.



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## Obama Claims Victory

Despite high unemployment and a slow economic recovery, President Barack Obama wins a second term in the White House.



Alex Wong/Getty Images

## Nation's Capital Celebrates Inauguration

In Washington, D.C., President Obama is sworn in for his second term at a public ceremony marking the nation's 57th presidential inauguration.

# Olympics

## U.S. Women Win Soccer Gold

Thanks to two goals by midfielder Carli Lloyd and a critical save by goalie Hope Solo, the U.S. women's soccer team defeats Japan for the gold.



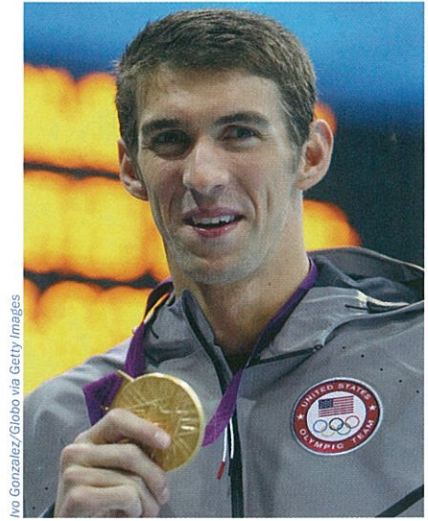
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## Missy Franklin Swims to Victory

After winning four gold medals and one bronze at the Summer Games, swimmer Missy Franklin still plans to swim for her high school in Aurora, CO.

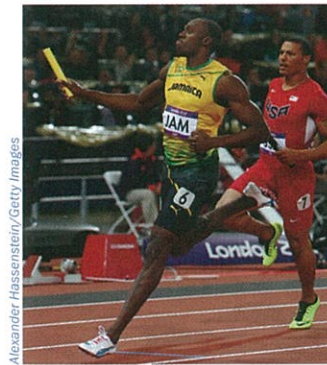


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## Michael Phelps Pools His Winnings

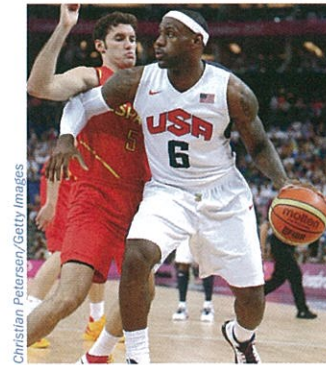
Michael Phelps swims to his 18th gold medal and his 22nd medal in total, making him the most decorated Olympic athlete in history.



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## Usain Bolt Sets Record

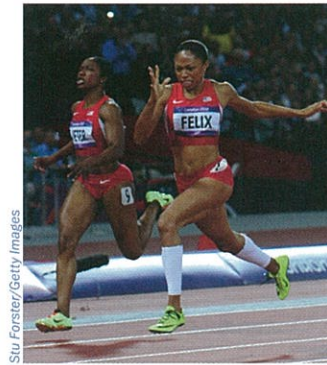
Jamaican Usain Bolt wins the 100-meter event in 9.63 seconds, setting a new Olympic record and cementing his reputation as the fastest man on Earth.



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## U.S. Defends Men's Basketball Title

The U.S. men's basketball team, led by NBA star LeBron James, defends their Olympic gold title by defeating Spain 107-100.



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## Allyson Felix Runs for Gold

Sprinter Allyson Felix wins the Women's 200-meter final. It is one of three gold medals she takes home from the Summer Games.



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## Oscar Pistorius Wins on Artificial Legs

South African sprinter Oscar Pistorius is the first double-leg amputee to compete in the Olympics. He took home two gold medals and a silver.



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## Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings Are Golden

The U.S. beach volleyball team of Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Wash Jennings win their third consecutive gold medal.



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## Paralympic Games Welcome More Athletes

For the first time in 12 years, people with intellectual challenges are invited to compete at the Paralympic Games for physical and intellectual disabilities.



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## Fab Five Grab Gymnastics Gold

The "Fab Five" (also known as the "Fierce Five") of the U.S. women's gymnastics team win the gold for the women's team competition.