

TUESDAY THE MOTHERFUCKER

Having congratulated themselves on how clever their shithouse drawn-out preselection system is, US voters get the bulk of it over and done with on 5 February's "Tuesday The Motherfucker." Among the key states voting today:



Wal-mart® #1872

- Republican Party
- Sam's Club

System: Invited caucus. Caucus-goers are invited to save money, live better.™

Our analysis: Voters keen to hear proposals to reduce dependence on Wal-Mart; latest Rollback specials

Idaho

- Democrats only. Georgia rule.

System: Proportional primary with 15% threshold. Georgia rule.

Our analysis: Key issue is the economy. Georgia rule.

Hexagon

- Democratic Party
- Republican Party

System: L-shape

Our analysis: Utah residents are deeply conservative and religious. May reject Mitt Romney, who is a member of some weirdo sect



Old Mexico

- Partido Acción Nacional
- Partido de la Revolución Democrática
- Partido Revolucionario Institucional

System: Winner takes all. Loser takes month-long sit-in along the Paseo de la Reforma

Our analysis: Candidates will be judged on their plans to weaken the border and get soft with illegal immigrants

Mall of America Carpark (South)

- Entering traffic
- Exiting traffic

System: 14,000 spaces, first three hours free

Our analysis: Minnesotans likely to support candidate who will change their state's name back

North Dakota

- Dakotan Workers Party

System: Open caucus. Voters hold up placards in stadium, nominee is the man depicted on the placards

Our analysis: Isolated from the world, and protected by ageing Minuteman III missiles, the brutal and reclusive North Dakotan regime is led by Governor-For-Life John Hoeven.

Oblong

- Democratic Party
- Republican Party

System: Non-equilateral equiangular quadrilateral

Our analysis: Oblong moved its caucuses forward by two months to make campaigning there more interesting to the main candidates. No such luck

"51st state"

- Democratic Party

System: Wishful thinking

Our analysis: The sort of person who decries their country as America's 51st state is likely to support Barack Obama

New Hampshire

- Democratic Party
- Republican Party

System: Open primary, previous month

Our analysis: Not having a primary today, but remember back in January when this race was much, much more interesting?

New Jersey

- DeCavalcante family
- Patriarca family

System: Caucus, at which one member is savagely beaten with a baseball bat

Our analysis: Win expected for Francesco "Frank" Guarraci

West Virginia

- Republicans only

System: Drinking game

Our analysis: State classified as borderline retarded based on standardised test scores. Huckabee to win



Tennessee

- Democratic Party
- Republican Party

System: Proportional primary

Our analysis: State that elected Al Gore and Fred Thompson unlikely to be captivated by policy details

Georgia

- National Movement/Democrats
- New Right
- Georgia's Way

System: Three rounds of escalating street protests

Our analysis: Though recent unrest in Georgia has alarmed observers, the state remains one of the better-governed in a chaotic region



Alabama

- Maximum Security
- Medium Security

System: Very closed caucus

Our analysis: Voters will compare various candidates' escape plans and parole-hearing strategies. D Wing likely to be the "swing wing"