

## A Parade of Presidential Elections

## **DEMOCRATIC TICKET ✓**

Presidential candidate: BARACK OBAMA, President

VP Candidate: **JOE BIDEN**, Vice President Popular votes: **65,915,796** (**51.1%**)

Electoral votes: 332

## **REPUBLICAN TICKET**

Presidential candidate: Mitt Romney, former Massachusetts Governor

VP candidate: Paul Ryan, Wisconsin Congressman

Popular votes: 60,933,500 (47.2%)

Electoral votes: 206

2012

**ELECTORAL MAP**How each state voted





## **Election Facts**

Major debate issues included job creation and economic recovery following the Great Recession of 2007-2009, and modest economic growth worked in Obama's favor.

Republicans promoted laissez-faire government and sought to repeal the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare"), a sweeping health care initiative signed into law by President Obama in 2010.

Counter-terrorism, U.S. withdrawal from Iraq, and the prospect of Iran as a nuclear power were foreign policy concerns raised during the campaign season.

For the first time, Super PACs, operating without legal limits to political spending, played a major role in presidential politics. The involvement of Super PACs contributed to unprecedented levels of fundraising and negative ads.

Paul Ryan of Janesville became the first Wisconsinite to appear on a major party presidential ticket.



Joe Biden speaks at a Democratic Election rally at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, October 12, 2012 Photo by David J. Marcou WHI 110034



Romney supporters at a Paul Ryan Rally Event in La Crosse, October 30, 2012 Photo by David J. Marcou WHI 110370

