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PART 6: POST ELECTION WRAP-UP

How Adults Voted

Here's a quiz of the election results. Using today's and tomorrow's newspaper, answer the following questions about federal, state, and local elections.

Federal Elections

Winner of the presidential election

John McCain received _____% of the national vote.

Barack Obama _____% of the national vote.

How many of the states did the president-elect win? _____

Number of U.S. voters? _____

Number of Vermont voters? _____

Did voter participation increase nationally? _____

Did voter participation increase in Vermont? _____

Winner for the U.S. Representative from Vermont.

Top two finishers

1. _____ received _____% of the vote.

2. _____ received _____% of the vote.

President-elect's political party: _____

U.S. Senate's political party majority: _____

U.S. House of Representatives political party majority: _____

State Elections

Winner for Governor of Vermont

Top two finishers

1. _____ received _____% of the vote.

2. _____ received _____% of the vote.

Winner for Lieutenant Governor of Vermont

Top two finishers

1. _____ received _____% of the vote.

2. _____ received _____% of the vote.

Winner for State Treasurer of Vermont

Winner for Secretary of State of Vermont

Winner for Auditor of Accounts of Vermont

Winner for Attorney General of Vermont

Local Elections

Number of voters from your town _____

Your town elects _____ state representatives

The winners are _____

Your town elects _____ state senators

The winners are _____

Were there any special issues on your local ballot?

If so, what were they and what was the outcome?

Discussion: Were there any interesting or surprising outcomes in the federal elections, state elections, local elections?

35,000 Vermont Students K-12 Cast Mock Ballots on Election Day

How Students Voted



On Tuesday, more than 35,000 students from over 125 Vermont schools cast their ballots as part of the Vermont Votes for Kids Mock Election program. Election Day turned out record numbers of student voters. The results of those elections are in.

In the presidential election, students chose Barack Obama with 72 percent of the vote over John McCain, who received 24 percent.

As the incumbent candidate for both major parties, Peter Welch was decisively re-elected to Vermont's lone Congressional seat with 67 percent of the student vote.

In the three-way race for Governor, students re-elected Governor Jim Douglas with 51 percent of the vote. Gaye Symington earned 21 percent, and Anthony Pollina trailed with 15 percent.

The race for Lieutenant Governor was a very close one. Students chose incumbent Brian Dubie over challenger Tom Costello, with respective margins of 40 percent over 39 percent of the vote.

In other statewide races, students picked incumbents across the board. Jeb Spaulding was chosen as Treasurer, Deb Markowitz as Secretary of State, Tom Salmon as Auditor of Accounts, and William Sorrell as Attorney General.

These results reflect the returns about 55 percent of the school communities that held mock election using the Vermont Votes for Kids model. Over 300 Vermont schools have participated in the Vermont Votes for Kids civics education program in some way during this historic presidential election year.



Secretary of State Deborah Markowitz spins the Vermont Votes For Kids elections wheel for students at Union Elementary School in Montpelier.

Response to the Vermont Votes for Kids and more specifically to the Mock Election program was overwhelmingly positive. About 7000 more students voted in the 2008 election than did in 2004, which is an increase of approximately 25%. Parents and educators around the state have commented on how pleasantly surprised they have been by the high level of interest kids have in the election this year. As a result, Vermont students have become increasingly knowledgeable about the electoral process, as well as the candidates and issues of this year's election. We know that student enthusiasm for voting increases adult voter turnout, because kids talk about the election, and make sure their parents vote. Therefore, kids can impact the outcome of the election even though they are not old enough to vote. The goal of the Vermont Votes for Kids civics education programs is to make the power of democracy clear to kids. From this year's results, it looks like they get it.

The table shown at right provides detailed information on the results from 40 randomly chosen schools and communities around the state that held mock elections for students.

School	President			U. S. Congress		Governor			Lieutenant Governor			
	McCain	Obama	Other	Welch	Other	Douglas	Pollina	Symington	Other	Costello	Dubie	Other
Alburch Public Library	26%	74%	-	88%	12%	66%	12%	22%	-	62%	38%	-
Bellows Free Academy - Fairfax	47%	49%	4%	70%	30%	56%	13%	21%	10%	50%	41%	9%
Calais Elementary School	9%	91%	-	68%	32%	21%	34%	37%	7%	52%	33%	14%
Central Vermont Catholic School - Barre	63%	34%	3%	61%	39%	82%	11%	5%	3%	24%	62%	14%
Charlotte Central School	21%	76%	3%	67%	33%	47%	13%	37%	3%	46%	34%	20%
Colchester High School	23%	73%	4%	79%	21%	66%	10%	16%	8%	29%	61%	10%
CVU	16%	77%	7%	73%	27%	59%	13%	18%	-	31%	53%	-
Derby Elementary School	25%	66%	9%	44%	56%	44%	4%	13%	39%	18%	36%	56%
Doty Memorial School	15%	80%	5%	75%	25%	37%	14%	40%	9%	57%	27%	16%
Edmunds Middle School	8%	85%	7%	73%	27%	35%	17%	30%	19%	57%	15%	28%
Folsom School	37%	52%	11%	63%	37%	70%	9%	11%	10%	16%	64%	20%
Green Mtn. Tech. Center	40%	60%	-	69%	31%	72%	11%	9%	8%	25%	68%	7%
Guilford Central School	19%	80%	1%	67%	33%	37%	17%	27%	19%	55%	26%	19%
Harwood Union Middle/High School	12%	85%	3%	84%	16%	54%	22%	24%	0	52%	37%	11%
Hunt Middle School	12%	85%	3%	70%	30%	54%	10%	23%	13%	40%	27%	33%
Lamotte Union Middle/High School	20%	76%	4%	69%	31%	59%	15%	13%	13%	28%	60%	12%
Lawrence Barnes School	18%	71%	11%	59%	41%	17%	52%	5%	26%	44%	-	56%
Lyndon Town School	38%	60%	12%	55%	45%	55%	13%	26%	6%	29%	37%	34%
Malletts Bay School	43%	55%	2%	69%	31%	77%	8%	10%	5%	34%	38%	28%
Mater Christi School	40%	59%	1%	84%	16%	67%	1%	18%	14%	34%	56%	10%
Middlebury Union Middle School	20%	77%	3%	84%	16%	56%	14%	23%	7%	46%	37%	17%
Montgomery Elementary School	31%	65%	4%	46%	54%	66%	10%	15%	9%	28%	41%	31%
Montpelier HS	19%	77%	4%	83%	17%	45%	27%	22%	6%	46%	44%	10%
Mount Mansfield Union High School	19%	77%	4%	80%	20%	48%	9%	36%	7%	36%	54%	10%
Peacham School	40%	60%	-	77%	23%	57%	21%	14%	8%	12%	50%	38%
Proctor High School	16%	79%	5%	73%	27%	60%	5%	22%	12%	48%	40%	12%
Rutland High School	24%	70%	6%	73%	27%	59%	10%	17%	14%	46%	40%	14%
Shelburne Community School	22%	76%	2%	78%	22%	62%	10%	22%	6%	46%	36%	18%
South Burlington High School	16%	80%	4%	-	-	58%	17%	22%	3%	35%	59%	6%
St. Albans Free Library	25%	75%	-87%	13%	-	54%	16%	28%	2%	30%	50%	19%
Theford Elementary	21%	78%	-	57%	43%	41%	10%	35%	14%	59%	20%	21%
Twitfield Union School	12%	78%	10%	68%	32%	57%	25%	13%	5%	47%	28%	25%
US2	20%	69%	11%	61%	39%	44%	25%	16%	15%	37%	35%	28%
Union Elementary School	15%	83%	2%	73%	27%	42%	26%	28%	4%	45%	31%	24%
Vergennes U.H.S.	25%	73%	2%	70%	30%	66%	13%	11%	10%	25%	57%	18%
Waterville Elementary School	27%	70%	3%	45%	55%	54%	22%	19%	5%	31%	35%	34%
Weybridge Elementary	8%	92%	-	45%	55%	54%	8%	25%	13%	36%	23%	41%
Whiting Elementary School	44%	48%	8%	57%	43%	14%	28%	14%	43%	57%	14%	28%
Williston Central School	15%	76%	9%	85%	15%	52%	16%	25%	7%	33%	63%	4%
Woodbury Elementary	19%	81%	-	59%	41%	43%	17%	27%	13%	41%	29%	30%