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It’s just politics

User instructions

## URL

http:ict.neit.edu/001434241/login

# Instructions

# Login Page

1. On the login page, click the link button below the “Login” button
2. Enter your email address
3. Choose a password
4. Confirm your password
5. Click the “Sign Up” button

You will be redirected to the Preferences page.

# Preferences Page

## Description

The Preferences page is where you customize your “It’s Just Politics” user experience. You can return here at any time by clicking “Preferences” in the navigation bar at the top of the page.

1. Enter your preferred name in the appropriate text box
2. Note that you can change your email or password in the “My Information” pane at any time
3. Select the appropriate radio button to describe your voter registration status
4. If you select yes, two dropdown lists will appear. Select the state you’re registered to vote in, then select your party affiliation. If you select no, feel free to visit the link that appears beneath the radio buttons.
5. Click anywhere on the “News Sources” header to expand the pane.
6. Click the “Edit News Sources” button.
7. Select all check boxes corresponding to your favorite news sources
8. Click either of the “Save Changes” buttons (one is located at the top of the list and the other is located at the bottom) to save you selections, or click either of the two “Cancel” buttons to disregard your selection(s).
9. Click anywhere on the “Keywords/Search Terms” header to expand the pane
10. Enter a keyword/search term you’d like to appear in your news dashboard drop down list. If there’s a particular topic or person you have a special interest in, adding them to your list of keywords/search terms will offer the convenience of not having to repeatedly type them into the news dashboard search bar manually. You can return and delete these keywords at any time if you decide they’re no longer relevant.
11. After you’ve entered a keyword/search term, click the “Add to Keywords” button.
12. Click “Edit Keywords” to delete keywords from your list. Then, you can select the keywords you’d like to delete and click “Delete from Keywords” to confirm deletion, or “Cancel” to disregard your selection(s).
13. You won’t yet have any saved articles, but note the bottom pane and be aware that once you do save articles on your news dashboard, you can revisit them or delete them here.
14. Select any of the site’s pages by clicking it in the navigation bar at the top of the page.

# Representatives

## Description

This page allows you view, by state, senator and state-level official information. **If you selected a state in your user preferences, the specified state will be your default search criteria.** As noted at the top of the page, keep an eye out for the senators with “Next Election” highlighted in gradient red/blue as those seats are up for grabs in the upcoming elections.

1. Select any state from the dropdown menu and the page will display the officials from that state.
2. Explore the representative data by expanding the various accordion panes in the senor containers.
3. Scroll down to see some of the state-level officials from the selected state.
4. Click on any of the state-level official containers to expand them and see their contact information.

# News Dashboard

## Description

Your news dashboard will present you with articles based on the news sources selected in your preferences. You will be redirected here every time you log in going forward.

1. To add a keyword to your saved search terms, you may do so here at any time as well. Simply enter a search term in the text box and click the “Add to Keywords” button. The page will display results for that keyword in addition to adding it to your saved ones. You will now be able to see this newly added keyword in your dropdown menu.
2. To search an existing keyword, simply expand the dropdown list and select the keyword. There is no button involved in firing the search.
3. If you’d like to search a keyword/search term on the fly without saving it for later use, enter it in the textbox and click the “Search Articles” button.
4. Clicking either an article image or the article URL included in the article container will open a new tab with the full article.
5. To add an article to your favorites, click the “Add article to favorites” checkbox at the bottom of the article container. **To view your saved articles, you may click the “Favorited Articles” link button at the top of the page or click “Preferences” in the navigation bar.**

# 2020 Presidential Polls

## Description

This page consists of eight charts, four democratic and four republican, displaying recent presidential primary polling data from different sources.

1. On a mobile device, tap a pie slice or any of the names listed in the pie chart legend for more information.
2. On a desktop, click a pie slice or any of the names listed in the pie chart legend for more information.

# Data Sources

* ProPublica Campaign Finance API
* ProPublica Congress API
* Google Civic Information API
* News API
* FiveThirtyEight Polling Data