

Utah's Caucus Convention System Sources Summary

Here are the sources for this inquiry at a glance!

Bold: if you only have time for students to analyze a few sources, we recommend starting with the bolded ones below. See our [ideas for teaching](#) page for more ways to pare the lesson down.

Source	Type/Sourcing Info	Main points
Two Problems with Caucuses	Online article from <i>The Salt Lake Tribune</i> August 2023 Robert Gehrke	Caucuses exclude voters and produce more extreme candidates
Utah Needs Caucuses	Online article from the Utah County Republican Party No date (probably 2024) Gunnar Thorderson	Caucuses ensure quality candidates, protect from money-driven campaigns, and encourage community political engagement
Caucus Chaos	Online article from <i>AP</i> March 2024 Hannah Schoenbaum	Caucuses went poorly in 2024. Things were disorganized and engagement varied.
GOP Caucus Booklet	Booklet from the Utah Republican Party 2024	The direct primary years were dark. Caucuses promote participation and accountability. Utah will become California if it uses a direct primary.
“You Have an Appointment”	Newspaper article, <i>Provo Daily Herald</i> March 2006	Special-interest groups can manipulate the caucus. The best option is a direct primary.
Social Media Posts	Posts from X and Instagram 2024 Diedre Henderson, Utah Republican Party	Post #1: Convention is a bad environment. Post #2: Delegates are amazing. Post #3: There was controversy over Cox’s nomination.
2024 Caucus Day Promotion	Online article, <i>Herald-Journal</i> March 2024 Geoff Cox	Caucuses ensure that candidates are committed to party values and thoroughly investigated. Encouragement to attend.
GOP Pledge	From the Utah Republican Party website June 2024	Caucuses protect Constitutional rights, encourage engagement, increase government accountability, and align with American values.