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at info@cpapracticeadvisor.com or call us at 800-840-0800. We're here for you at your fingertips, not just about the upcoming election but about political issues in general,

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[October, 2018] – It's election time again, and so we've decided to update the Apps We Love: Election & Politics article. If you want to have the latest news and information at your fingertips, not just about the upcoming election but about political issues in general, these apps should arm you with talking points for any conversation in which you land.

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independent news, app reviews, commentary, polling data, news, and more to keep you up-to-date on political information.

How honest are the politicians? Fact checking app **Politifact** provides a truth index and monitors flip-flops. Originally operated by the *Tampa Bay Times* and acquired in 2018 by the Poynter Institute, the app helps you “find out who’s telling the truth and who’s stretching it,” and can be the clincher in political arguments. With ratings on the app’s Truth-O-Meter from “True” all the way down to “Pants on Fire,” the app provides the background information supporting or defeating statements made by our politicians.

Choose your side and then choose your app. Here is a grab bag of partisan apps (please don’t read anything into the order in which they are presented – *something* has to be first and last!) to help you keep up with the candidates you support. **Democratic Daily News & Podcasts (\$2.99)**, **CNR Conservative News Reader**, **All Voices: Progressive News**, **Conservative Talk Radio**, **Drudge Report**, **NPR**.

Hoping to have your voice heard? **Countable** is the app that *Wired* magazine says “gives you a simple and concise overview of the bills your national representatives are debating, and it lets you instantly send emails to these representatives, telling them how you would like them to vote.”

If you don’t mind forking over a bit of pocket change, **Congress+** from Cohen Research Group is probably the most in-depth app you’ll find providing biographical information on each member of the U.S. House and Senate as well as updates on bills each legislator is sponsoring. In related apps, you can read the daily *Congressional Record* with the app of the same name. Presented by the Library of Congress, the **Congressional Record** app also provides the daily schedules for the House and Senate and provides search functionality.

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If you're a true political junkie, you know it's all about the Electoral College. The **270toWin** iPad app costs \$.99 and contains voting history of each state from the date of admission to the present. You can create your own maps populated with your predictions and share them on social media.

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If you like to keep your purchases in line with your political leanings, you'll want to check out **BuyPartisan**, the app that lets you know the parties and causes to which the leaders of a particular company have donated. Scan by barcode or enter a company name. Reviews are mixed but it's fun to play with.

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