

U.S. voters show 2008 campaign fatigue

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NEW YORK - A year and a half before the U.S. presidential election, voters said they are overwhelmed by the campaigning, The New York Times said Monday.

In interviews around the country, the newspaper found the majority of voters asked were keen on watching who would replace the Bush administration but already weary of campaigning.

"I don't ever remember it starting this early," Philadelphia-area writing teacher Kathy Hubbard told the Times. "It's bizarre. It's a shame that I have to begin paying attention to the presidential race now."

Colleen Gallagher, a school teacher said the list of would-be candidates has gotten too large.

"You just keep hearing about the big names," Gallagher said. "When Fred Thompson and those other names come up, I couldn't tell you the first thing about them."

Terry Lentz, a retired insurance company executive in Clear Lake, Iowa, agreed.

"They are just jumbled up all over the place," Lentz said to the Times. "You can't keep track whether it's a Republican or a Democrat, you don't know who is on one side or the other."

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