

Finding the Party for You

Party Platforms and Planks

Chapter 9 Activity



Intro. to Political Parties

- Define: A group of people with broad common interests that organize to win elections and influence government.
- Are political parties in the Constitution?
- What is the source?



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	Thomas Jefferson	Alexander Hamilton
Name of Political Party		
Basic Views of Party		
Who supported the Party		

**Analyze George Washington's Farewell Address
on page 770**

Third Parties

- Outline types:
 - Splinter
 - Ideological
 - Single Issue
- Discuss quote. Answer #5!
 - Hard to get on the ballot
 - Hard to raise money

Political Systems

- 2-party:
 - Advantages?
 - Disadvantages?
- Multi-party
 - Advantages?
 - Disadvantages?
- 1-party
 - Advantages?
 - Disadvantages?

How do you know what party best fits your ideology?

- Study platforms. (A statement that summarizes the beliefs of a party)
- Prioritize planks. (One position in the platform)
- Review ideology test (This week's blog!)
- Understand and form an opinion about the role of government in our lives.
 - This opinion may change often with age and events that occur

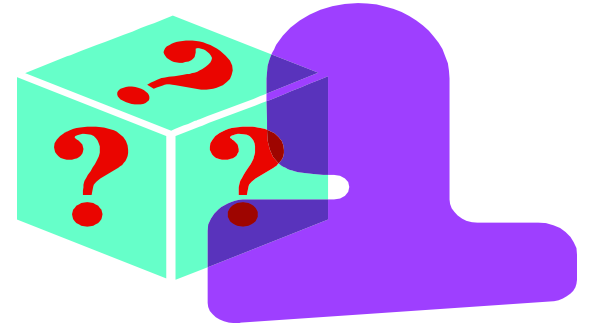
Liberal

- Believe the government should be actively involved with citizens to insure equity for all, especially in economic areas. Believe the government should preserve rights of minorities.
- Most Liberals belong to the Democratic Party.
- Examples include Barack Obama, Jon Stewart, Hilary Clinton, etc.

Conservative

- Believe that the government should stay out of the economy and that individuals are responsible for themselves. Believe that government should preserve traditional values and order.
- Most Conservatives belong to the Republican Party
- Examples include Donald Trump, Ben Carson, George W. Bush, etc.

Pick an issue



- **Pick a national topic about which the class feels strongly. Write the topic and your opinion to this topics under the title on p. 5.**
- **Go to the party platforms of each party and research their views. Summarize the party view under the party heading.**

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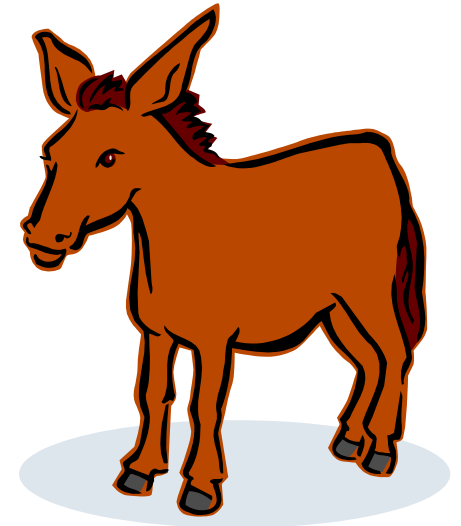
Class Topic: Democratic Party
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Your view on the Republican Party
topic:
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Libertarian Party
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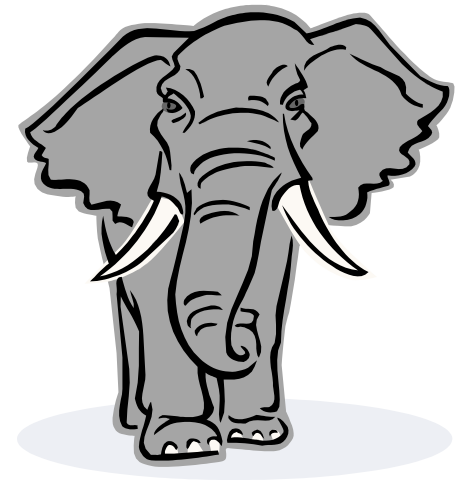


<https://www.democrats.org/party-platform>



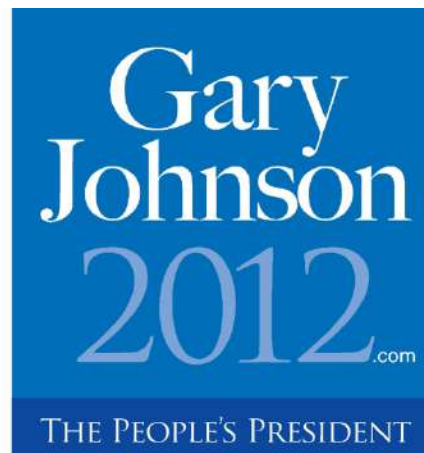


<https://gop.com/platform/we-the-people/>





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Exit Ticket 9

- What is the point of a political party?
- Name a benefit of the 2-party system.
- What is the symbol of the Democratic Party?
- What color is associated with the Republican party?
- Name a third party in the US today.