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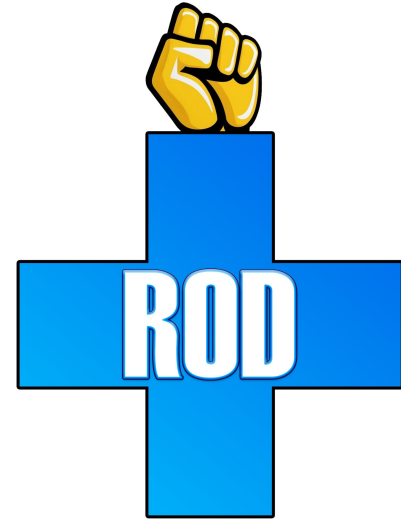
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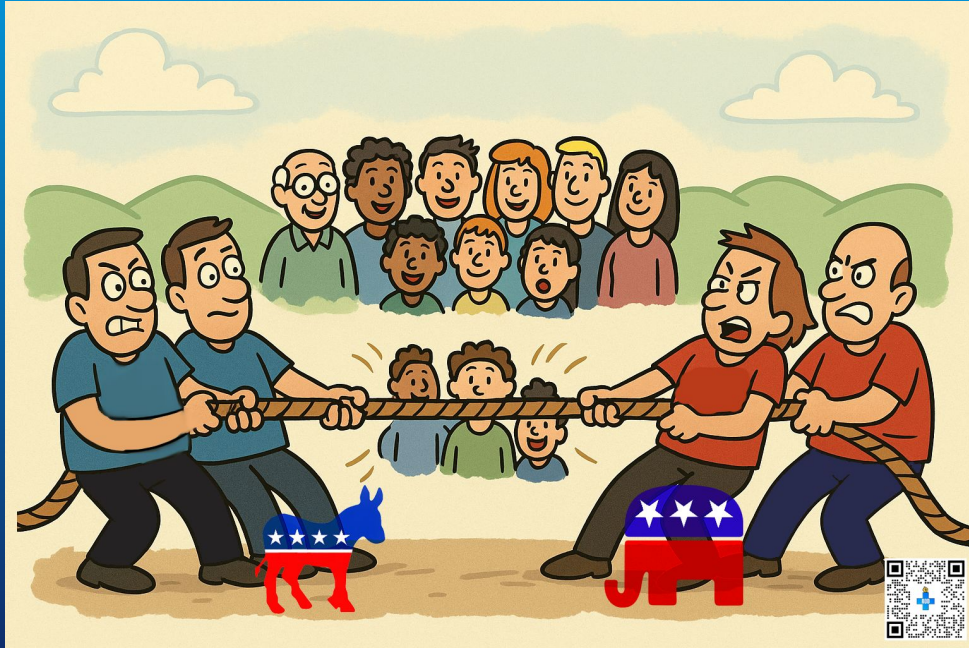
What Are Political Parties and What Do They Represent?

Understanding Parties, Power, and the People

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What Is a Political Party?



A political party is a group of people who share **similar ideas** about how the government should run.

They work together to get candidates elected who will support those ideas.

Example: Some believe in smaller government. Others want more programs to help people.

Why Do We Have Parties?

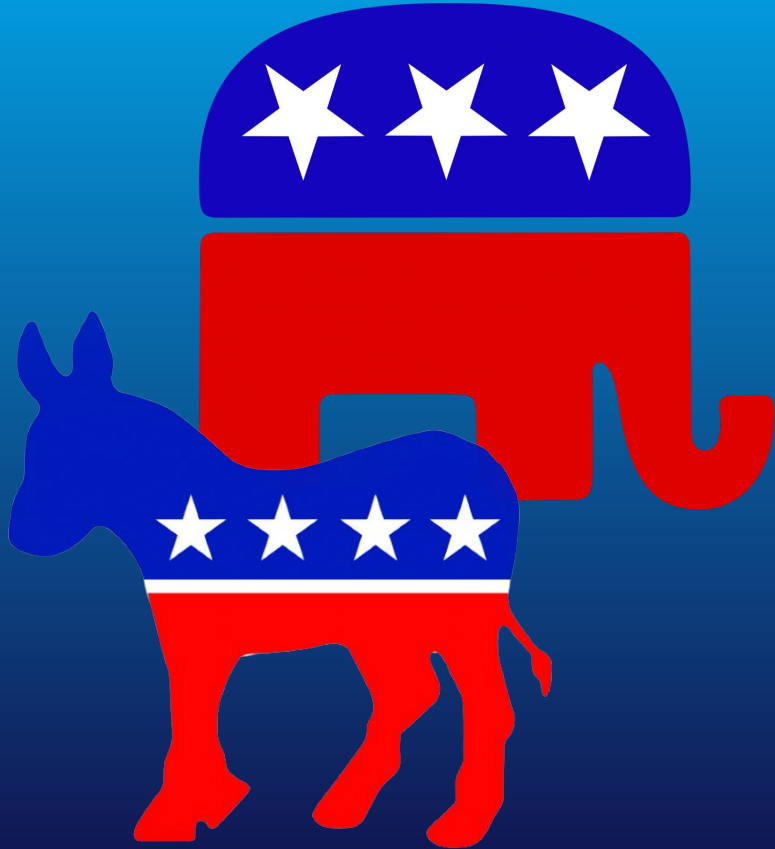
Political parties make it easier for voters to know what a candidate stands for.

Instead of learning about every issue, you can understand a party's general beliefs.

Also, they organize campaigns, raise money, and help pass laws.



The Two Main Parties in the U.S.



America mainly has two big political parties:

- Democratic Party
- Republican Party

Other smaller groups exist too, like the Green Party or Libertarians, but they rarely win major elections.

What Do Democrats Believe?

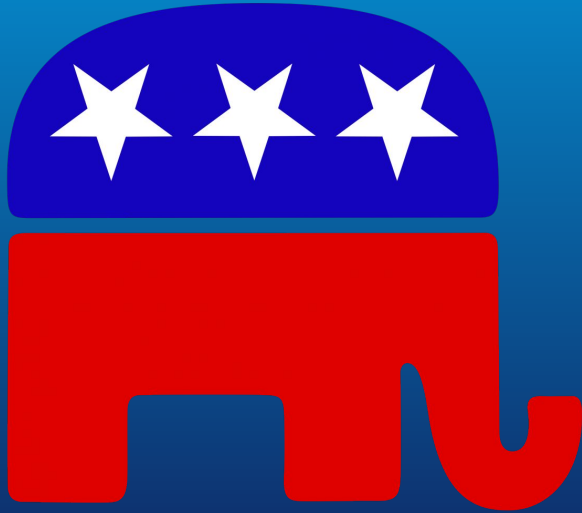
While people within a party may not agree on everything, generally:

- They support stronger government programs to help people
- They believe in workers' rights and civil rights
- They often focus on healthcare, education, and climate action

Color: Blue
Symbol: Donkey



What Do Republicans Believe?



Republicans usually support:

- Lower taxes and less government involvement
- More power for businesses and local governments
- Traditional values and strong national defense

Color: Red

Symbol: Elephant

Are There Only Two Choices?

No!

Even though Democrats and Republicans are the biggest, there are other options:

- Green Party: Focuses on the environment
- Libertarian Party: Wants less government in all areas
- Independents: Don't belong to any party

These parties don't win often, but they can influence ideas and raise awareness.



Green Party



Why Do Parties Matter?



- Political parties shape our laws, our schools, our rights, and our economy.
- They decide which issues get attention.
- Most importantly, they affect our daily lives.

Can Parties Change?

Yes!

Over time, political parties can shift their goals and values.

For example, the parties of 100 years ago were very different from today.

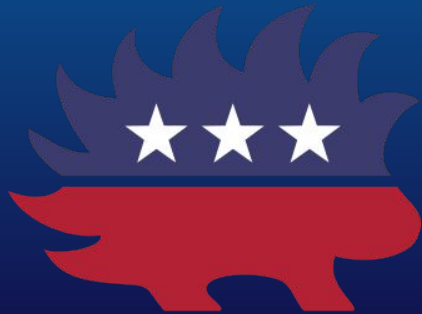
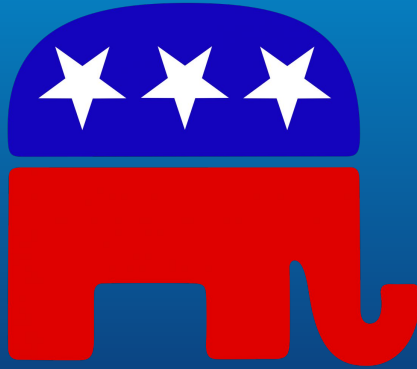
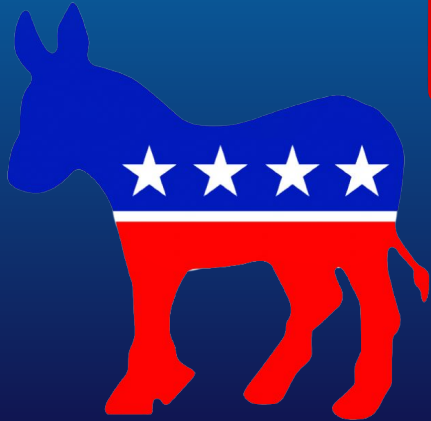
Voters like you help shape what they stand for by speaking up and voting.



How Can You Choose a Party?



Green Party



Ask yourself:

- What issues matter most to me?
- Which party supports those things?
- Do I agree with their actions, not just their words?

You can join a party — or none at all.
What matters is being informed.

Final Thoughts

Political parties are tools — not teams.

You don't have to pick one forever.

But understanding what they represent helps you vote wisely and speak up for what you believe.



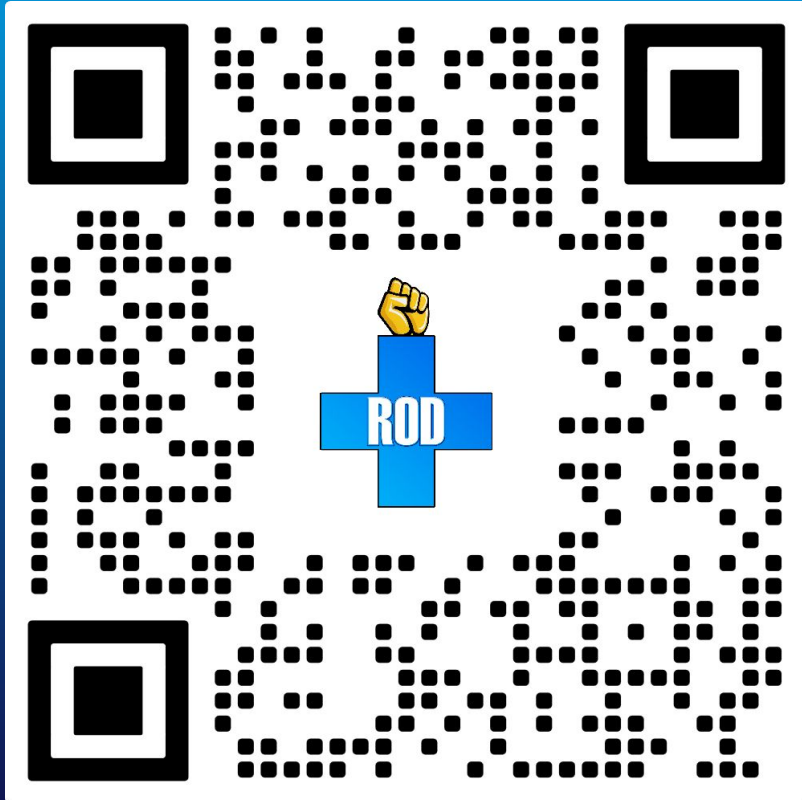
Let's Review



- Political parties are groups with shared ideas
- Democrats and Republicans are the two biggest in the U.S.
- Each party has different priorities
- You have choices — and power

Call to Action: Stay informed. Ask questions. Vote your values.

Thank you!



"Thank you for your time and passion — we hope you'll be the heroes who come to our rescue and join the mission!"

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