

Introduction to Political Parties

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**The United States should
bomb the Middle East to
destroy the origin of most
terrorists.**

American citizens should be
REQUIRED to have health
insurance

*All illegal immigrants
should be deported*

**Same Sex Marriage should
be banned**

**The government should
place strict regulations on
the sale of guns**

**I know and am confident in my
political affiliation.**

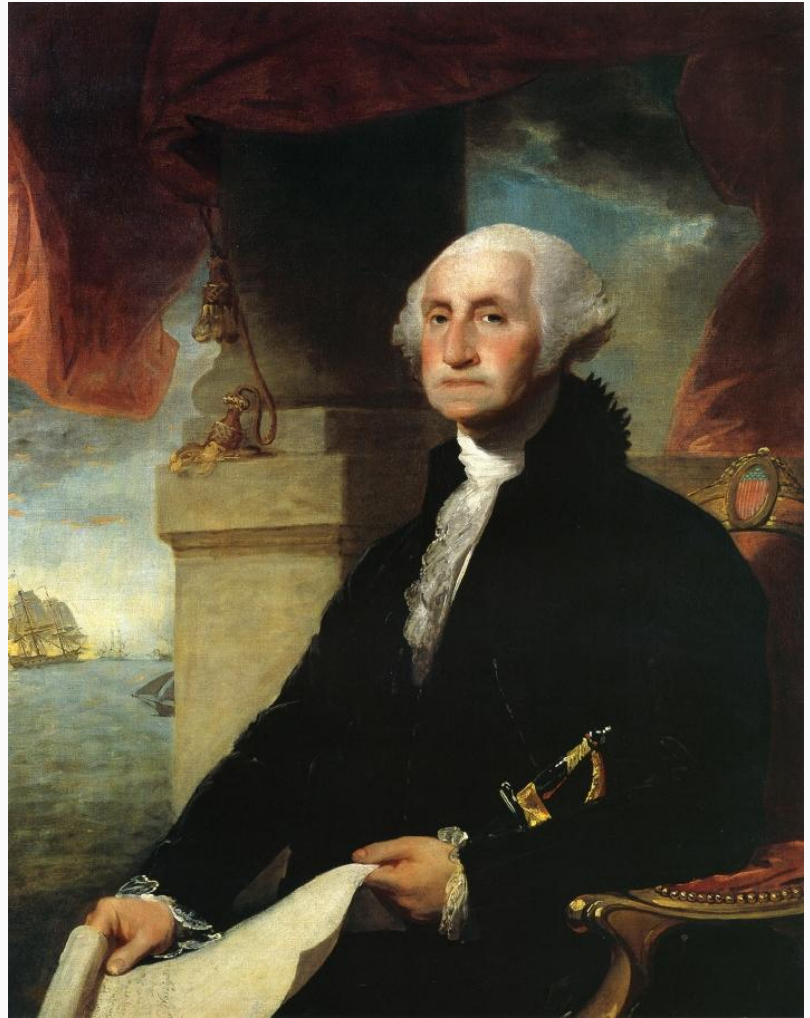
What are *Political Parties*?

Political Parties

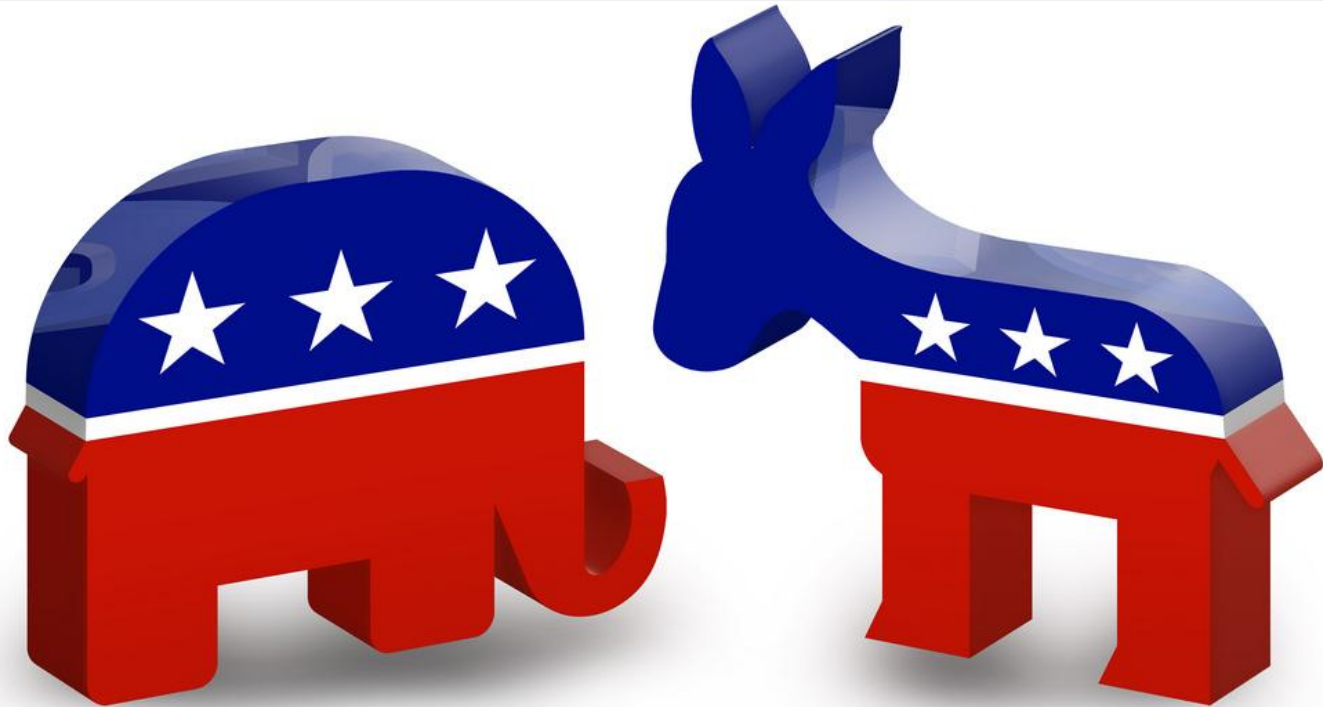
1. An organization that possesses a certain set of morals or “stances” on topics that impact the citizens of a nation or area.
2. Their beliefs make up the “public opinion” of that area
 - a. What is *Public Opinion*?
3. These values have NOT remained constant throughout history...
 - a. Feds. v. Anti-Feds
 - b. Feds v. Democratic Republicans
 - c. Add some Whigs and members of the Bull Moose Party
 - d. Finally...Abe Lincoln becomes the first true “Republican”
 - i. Modern changes...JFK was a democrat but is that the same as a democrat today?!

George Washington

What does he have to do
with Political Parties in
our nation???



America's Modern Political Parties



The American Political Spectrum



D

i

R

Where Do You Belong? ...*Before*

Republican

Independent

Democrat

No Idea

Info Search

Republicans v. Democrats

- With a partner, complete the *Republicans v. Democrats* WebQuest.
- You are looking for the stance that each party takes on the issues that I have listed in the chart.
 - Make sure you find definite stances, not generalities.
- After you find the stances of each party, go down through the chart and decide which party you agree with on each issue.
 - Mark either a **D** or **R**.
 - *There is a chance that you do not agree with either side.*
 - In that case, mark an **I**

Review

Where Do You Belong? ...After

Republican

Independent

Democrat

No Idea

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Record your results in your notes...

Where Do You Belong? ...*After I Side With*

Republican

Independent

Democrat

No Idea