

Unit 2: Linkage Institutions (Parties, Interest Groups, Media)

Topic 1: Political Parties

What are political parties, and how do they function in our two-party system?


Political Party	
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The Party as an _____

The Party in _____

The Party in the _____


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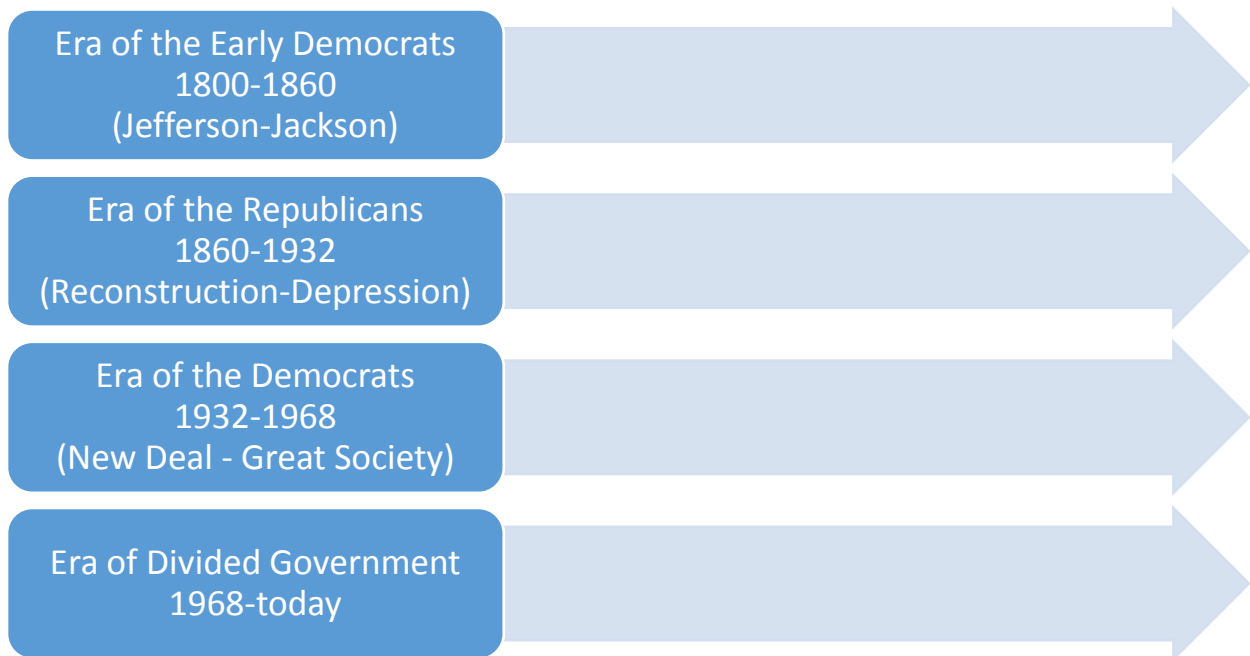
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-Party System with two major parties: _____ and _____ • Both parties have to try to appeal to voters in the _____ of the ideological spectrum to win 	Coalition:
Partisanship	Bipartisan
Multi-Party systems:	One-Party systems:
What did the Constitution say about political parties?	What did George Washington say about political parties?

Two-Party System in US History



Why a Two-Party System?

- _____
- Our Electoral System
 - _____
 - Each election only results in one winner for each office
 - The winner is the one who gets the most votes (plurality) – not necessarily a majority
- _____
- Our Governing System -- The major parties control the rules