

Political Parties: Democrats vs. Republicans

We live in a country where we can vote for our leaders! Isn't that great? We have several political parties to choose from (Constitution, Green, Libertarian), but the two major ones that have lasted the test of time are the Democrats and Republicans. Please answer the following questions in this graphic organizers about these two parties.

Categories	Democrats	Republicans
Founding Year-Original Parties	1828-Anti-Federalists	1854-Federalists
Old Party Names	Democratic-Republicans	Whigs, Free Soil Party, "Grand Old Party"
Conservative/Liberal	Liberal	Conservative
Government Involvement	Lots of involvement (programs)	Very little involvement
Main Idea	Equality for all!	Self-Responsibility!
Taxes/Reason	Higher taxes for programs to help people	Lower taxes to encourage businesses to hire more people
Social Issues	Liberal	Conservative
Economics	More government involvement	Less government involvement
Examples of former Presidents	John F. Kennedy, Bill Clinton, Barack Obama	Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan
Presidential Candidates	Hillary Clinton	Donald Trump

Ultimately, both political parties want to help people live the many rights they have as Americans!