



Comparing Political Parties

Are you a Democrat or Republican?

Place a “D” or “R” next to each statement based on the idea that best represents each political party. You get bonus points for identifying the statement that describes a third party idea.

1. They are willing to raise taxes so that the government can provide needed services such as education and defense. (Democratic)
2. This party supports the expansion of business without government assistance or interference. (Republican)
3. This party calls for the reduction of big government and cutting the budgets of those agencies that have grown too powerful. (Republican)
4. This party controlled the presidency from the time of the Civil War until after the Stock Market crash, which signaled the start of the Great Depression. (Republican)
5. This party expanded the role of the federal government in the lives of ordinary people and in the economy when programs were created to fight unemployment and bad business practices during the 1930s. (Democratic)
6. This party's presidents were associated with every major military conflict of the 20th century. (Democratic)
7. This party called for respect for the environment, restrictions on big business and its ability to pollute, and a restructuring of the economy to preserve natural resources. (Third Party / Green Party)
8. Theodore Roosevelt formed this party to enter the 1912 presidential race since the nomination went to President Howard Taft. It was based on controlling the trusts and monopolies that had grown up as a result of the Industrial Revolution. (Third Party / Progressive Party)
9. This party supports restrictions on large insurance companies and health management organizations so that the poor and middle class Americans receive adequate health care. (Democratic)