

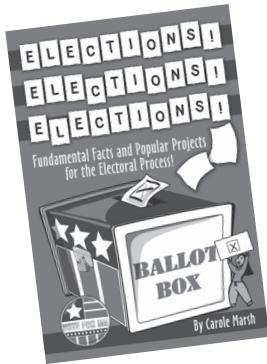
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America's Amazing Political Parties!

Understanding How We Choose, Elect, and Support Our Leaders!



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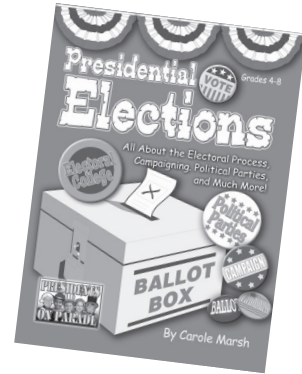
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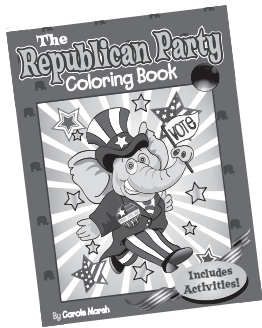
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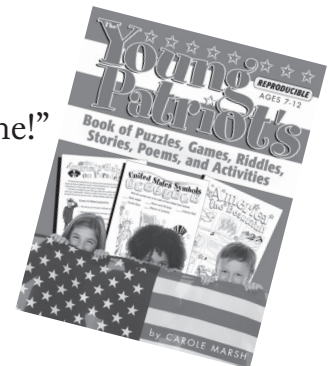
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Democratic Ideas and Issues



A **political platform** is the set of ideas and issues that define a political party. Each party has a different platform! People choose a political party because they agree with most things about that party's platform.

The **Democratic Party platform** calls for government to provide many programs and services. This platform includes support for equal opportunity, environmental protection, and health care for everyone.

- Democrats support having lots of government programs to help take care of the people.
- Democrats promote laws to make sure people of every sex, race, and religion have equal opportunities for jobs and education.
- Another Democratic belief is that every American has the right to health care. If people can't pay for health care, then the government should help provide it.



Fast Fact!

Democrats are often called "liberals" because they are usually in favor of change and new ideas about how to do things.

Read the following statements. Write T if it is true. Write F if it is false.

- _____ 1. The Democratic Party has the same political platform as every other political party.
- _____ 2. Democrats support lots of government programs to help take care of the people.
- _____ 3. In order to join a political party, you must agree with everything on that party's political platform.
- _____ 4. Democrats are often called "liberals."
- _____ 5. Democrats supports laws to ensure equal opportunities for jobs and education.



Republican Ideas and Issues



The **Republican Party platform** includes personal responsibility, free market, and strong national defense.

- Personal responsibility means people are expected to solve their own problems. People should not expect the government to solve their problems for them.
- In a free market, people and companies can buy, sell, and trade goods and services without too many government rules and restrictions.
- Republicans believe a strong national defense is the best way to protect our country. That means a large, well-trained, and well-equipped military!



Fast Fact!

Republicans are often called “conservatives” because their beliefs center around traditional values!

Fill in the blanks to answer the questions below.

1. Buying, selling, and trading goods and services without heavy government regulation is called...

2. Personal responsibility means _____ are expected to solve their own problems.

3. According to Republicans, a large, well trained, well-equipped military builds what?

4. Republican beliefs center around what kind of values?



Answer Key



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1. F; 2. F; 3. O; 4. O; 5. F; 6. O; 7. O; 8. F

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1. the Democratic Party; 2. the Republican Party; 3. Government;
4. Green

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1. F; 2. T; 3. F; 4. T; 5. T

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1. free market; 2. people; 3. strong national defense;
4. traditional

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George Washington

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1. Democrat; 2. Republican; 3. Answers will vary; 4. Democratic

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1, 3, 4, 5

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1. d; 2. c; 3. a; 4. b

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wise, intelligent, fair, articulate, decisive, brave

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Taxed Enough Already

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1. freedom; 2. flag; 3. voting; 4. country; 5. military; 6. justice;
7. peace

