

Chapter 5 Section 2

The Two-Party System

What is a **minor party**?

How did our Framers of the Constitution feel about political parties?

Are political parties mentioned in the Constitution?

What is a **winner-take-all** election?

What does **plurality** mean?

Why do many voters think that a vote for a minor party is a “wasted vote?”

What does **bipartisan** mean?

How do election laws discourage minor parties?

Why are we considered a **pluralistic society**?

What does **consensus** mean?

Name two periods in our history when Americans were divided.

In which ways are the two main political parties very much alike?

List two regular disagreements between Republicans and Democrats.

What are the features of **multiparty** democracies, such as in Europe?

Why do some people favor multiparty systems?

Why are many multiparty societies have to build **coalitions** to form governments?

What are some problems with **multiparty** systems?

Why does your text argue that **one-party systems** are really a no-party system?

What regions of our country have been ruled for many decades by a single party?

What does your text mean when it says that membership in a party is purely **voluntary**?

Which groups have majorities that often align with the Democrats?

Which groups have majorities that often align with the Republicans?

How does a person's **family** influence their party affiliation?

Which **events** might influence a person's political affiliation?

How does **income** and wealth influence party affiliation?

What other factors may influence a person's party affiliation?