

In the United States of America, we have two political parties that dominate the way our government runs. Here are some simple facts about them. Do some further research and pick one that suits your political point of view.

	Republican	Democrat	
Symbol	Elephant	Donkey	
Also Referred to	Right Wing, Conservative	Left Wing, Liberal	
Past Presidents	Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Richard Nixon	Franklin Roosevelt (FDR), John F. Kennedy, Bill Clinton, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter, Barack Obama	
Core Values			
• Taxes	Everyone should be taxed the same amount: Rich, middle class, working class, poor	The amount of taxes you should pay should be based on your income, so rich people will pay higher taxes	
Healthcare	Believe private health companies can provide better healthcare than government run companies. They oppose Obamacare.	Support universal health care and government run programs such as Medicaid for all people who can't afford healthcare and Medicare for the elderly and disabled	





• Immigration	Against undocumented immigrants living in the U.S.A, they have stronger enforcements at the borders	More support to help undocumented immigrants on the pathway to citizenship.
 Military issues 	Increased spending	Decreased spending
Government involvement	Private companies to run freely, with less government regulation	Prefer more regulation and services to help more people

Questions:

1. Based on the different political parties, which one would you support, and why?	





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3. Choose 1 past president from each party, and write about their stances on some of their core values, and how they achieved them.

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