

The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. Overlaid on the flag are several dark, semi-transparent silhouettes of people, possibly in a crowd or at a political event, adding a sense of movement and public gathering.

Origins of the Republican and Democratic Political Parties

Political Party:



an organization that tries to get political power by electing members to public office so that their political ideas can become laws or policies

Political Parties Background

- **The Founders were concerned that factions/ parties might divide and harm our constitutional republic. Because of this, they are not mentioned anywhere in the U.S. Constitution.**
- **Factions or parties were almost immediately formed from disagreements in Washington's cabinet. The two first parties were called the Federalists and the Democratic-Republicans.**
- **From 1816-1824, the United States only had one main party (Democratic-Republicans) because of the lack of division. This time is known as "The Era of Good Feelings."**

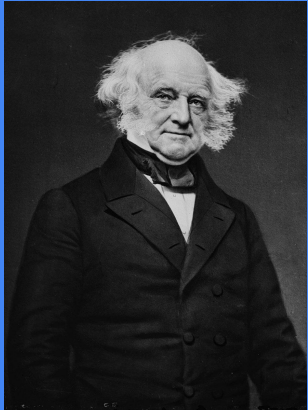
Why did the Democratic Party form?

- **Leading up to 1828, the "Era of Good Feelings" was ending as various issues began dividing Americans into factions again.**
- **The loss in the 1824 presidential election showed like-minded citizens that they needed to stop splitting their votes and unite behind one individual.**

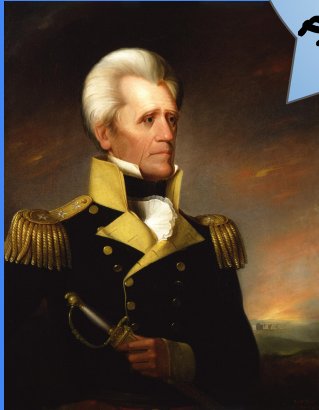
Democratic Party

Established 1828

Influential People



Martin Van Buren



Andrew Jackson

I WAS THE
FIRST
PRESIDENT
ELECTED FROM
THE
DEMOCRATIC
PARTY!

***Who did they
represent?:***

**At its inception, the
Democratic party
was the party of the
"common man"**

Why did the Republican Party form?

- **A conservative political party known as the Whig Party (1833-1856) began to divide over the issue of slavery.**
- **Those who did not want slavery to expand into new U.S. territories broke away from others and formed the Republican Party.**

Republican Party

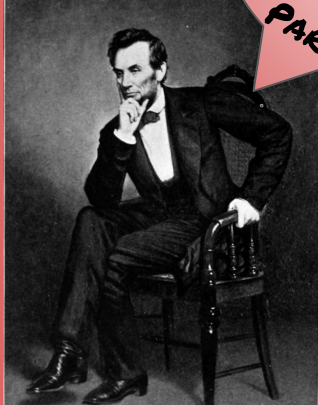
Established 1854

*Influential
People*

I WAS THE
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John C. Fremont

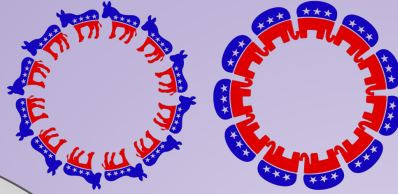


Abraham Lincoln

***Who did they
represent?:***

**Mainly
northern states**

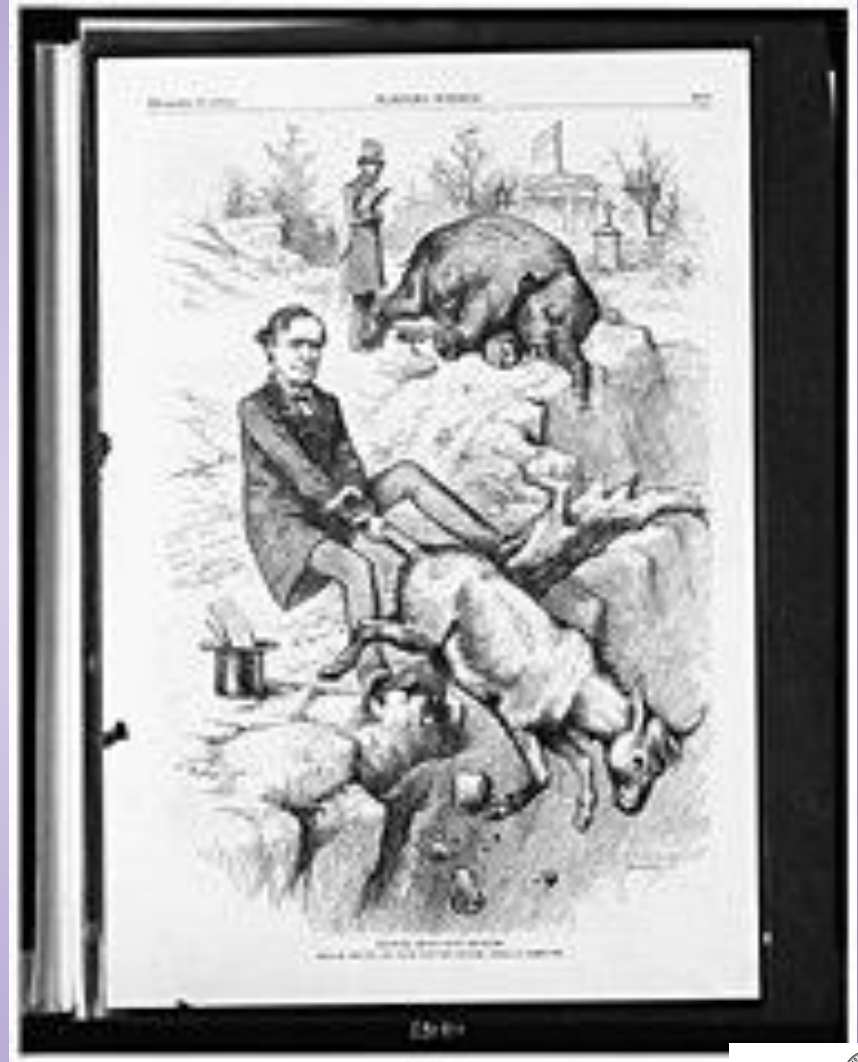
Party Symbols



SOME PEOPLE CALL ME
THE FATHER OF THE
AMERICAN CARTOON OR
THE PRESIDENT MAKER,



The originator of the political cartoon, Thomas Nast choose cartoon animals to represent the political parties that are still used to this day.



How have the parties changed over the years?

While the Democratic and Republican parties have stayed the two main political parties in this country since the 1850s, who they represent, their platforms...etc. have continued to change, evolve, even completely swap at times throughout the remainder of U.S. history!



WHAT?

The Old Switcheroo

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