



U.S. Political Parties & Organizations

Below is an alphabetically arranged list of established political parties and organizations in the United States along with their platforms and/or values. Additionally, a Political Typology quiz from Pew Research Center for individuals to see where they fall on the political ideological spectrum. This guide serves as a non-partisan source of information for young voters to see a side-by-side comparison of the political parties and groups.

Determine Your Political Typology | Take the Pew Research quiz [here](#)

Do you know which political ideology you most closely identify with? This quiz will help you determine where on the political ideological spectrum you fall. These 23 questions have two options for you to select from. Pick the one that most closely matches your view and hit submit to find out your result.

[Constitution Party | http://www.constitutionparty.com](http://www.constitutionparty.com)

7 Principles:

- Life for all human beings from conception to natural death
- Freedom of conscience and actions for the self-governed individual
- One husband and one wife with their children, as divinely instituted
- Each individual's right to own and steward personal property without government burden
- The Founding Documents interpreted according to the actual intent of the Founding Fathers.
- Everything not specifically delegated by the Constitution to the federal government, nor prohibited by the Constitution to the states, is reserved to the states or to the people.
- American government committed to the protection of the borders, trade, and common defense of Americans, with no entanglement in foreign alliances.

Stay connected with the Constitution Party:    

[Democratic Party | http://www.democrats.org](http://www.democrats.org)

Platform:

- Defending Civil Rights
- Ensuring access to a quality education
- Transitioning to clean-energy
- Protecting the environment and fighting global warming
- Providing quality, affordable health care to all Americans
- Comprehensive immigration reform
- A tax system that benefits all Americans, especially middle-class families
- Ensuring our troops have training, equipment, and support while they are deployed and providing care for the members and their families when they return home
- Government that is open, transparent, and responsive to the needs of the people
- Protecting social security, strengthening Medicare, and helping American's save for retirement

- Investing in science and technology and increasing support for more advanced research, labs, and classrooms.
- Providing equal access to voting for all Americans

Democratic National Convention

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Date: July 25-28, 2016

Stay connected with the Democrats:    

Democratic Socialists of America | <http://www.dsausa.org>

About: “Democratic Socialists believe that both the economy and society should be run democratically to meet human needs, not to make profits for a few. We are a political and activist organization, not a party; through campus and community-based chapters DSA members use a variety of tactics, from legislative to direct action, to fight for reforms that empower working people.”

Stay connected with Democratic Socialists of America:   

Green Party | <http://www.gp.org>

Top 10 party values:

- Grassroots Democracy
- Social Justice and Equal Opportunity
- Ecological Wisdom
- Non-Violence
- Decentralization
- Community-Based Economics and Economic Justice
- Feminism and Gender Equity
- Respect for Diversity
- Personal and Global Responsibility
- Future Focus and Responsibility

Stay connected with the Green Party:    See the full platform of the Green Party [here](#).

Independent party | <http://www.independentamericanparty.org>

Standards:

- Judeo-Christian Heritage
- Traditional family values
- Patriotism, civic duty, and good character are essential to personal liberty and happiness for the people of America.
- It is the primary duty of government to protect unalienable rights
- Federal government has no constitutional authority to regulate, control or fund education; these rights belong to the states or the people.
- Free enterprise economy
- Government has no authority to ignore or control the U.S. constitution. States have the right to regulate anything not mentioned in the Constitution.

- Environmental protection should be a state, local and individual responsibility.
- The Constitution was created from inspiration from God. It was made by and for religious people in the States. It is the supreme law of the land.
- The sole function of government is to protect life, liberty, and property. It is the responsibility of the people to hold these elected and appointed officials accountable for their oaths.
- A strong defense establishment is needed for the preservation of our nation.
- A sovereign America is necessary.

Stay connected with the Independent Party:   See the full platform of the Independent Party [here](#).

[Libertarian Party | http://www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org)

Platform:

- **Personal Liberty**
“Individuals should be free to make choices for themselves and to accept responsibility for the consequences of the choices they make. Our support of an individual's right to make choices in life does not mean that we necessarily approve or disapprove of those choices. No individual, group, or government may initiate force against any other individual, group, or government.”
- **Economic Liberty**
“Libertarians want all members of society to have abundant opportunities to achieve economic success. A free and competitive market allocates resources in the most efficient manner. Each person has the right to offer goods and services to others on the free market. The only proper role of government in the economic realm is to protect property rights, adjudicate disputes, and provide a legal framework in which voluntary trade is protected. All efforts by government to redistribute wealth, or to control or manage trade, are improper in a free society.”
- **Securing Liberty**
“The protection of individual rights is the only proper purpose of government. Government is constitutionally limited so as to prevent the infringement of individual rights by the government itself. The principle of non-initiation of force should guide the relationships between governments.”

Stay Connected with the Libertarian Party:     See the full platform of the Libertarian Party [here](#).

[Reform Party | http://reformparty.org](http://reformparty.org)

Platform:

- Fiscal responsibility and accountability
- Fair taxation policies without prejudice or special interest exceptions
- Job creation that supports an “America First” position.
- Affordable and accessible healthcare based on informed decisions between doctor and patient.
- Equal access to and accountability for education
- Legislation and rules across all branches of government that enforce the highest ethical standards and effective oversight
- Safeguarding our nation’s natural resources balanced with the need for economic development
- Energy independence
- Policies that respect the sovereignty of all nations, support our allies, and are fiscally responsible.
- Policies and programs that best guarantee the security of our national borders, the safety of our citizens and the economic interests of our country.
- Principles established in the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence should be our guiding principles for the rights of our citizens and for defining the scope of our Government.

- No stance on issues such as abortion or gay marriage.

Stay Connected with the Reform Party:   

[Republican Party | https://gop.com](https://gop.com)

Member created platform:

- Country is exceptional
- Constitution should be honored, valued, and upheld
- Leaders should serve people, not special interests
- Families and communities should be strong and free from government intrusion
- Institution of traditional marriage is the foundation of society
- Government should be smaller, smarter and more efficient
- Health care decisions should be made by us and our doctors
- Paychecks should not be wasted on poorly run government programs
- Military must be strong and prepared to defend our shores
- Culture should respect and protect life
- Children should never be left in failing schools
- Veterans should have the best care
- Social programs should help lift people out of poverty
- America should be energy independent

See the full platform of the Republican Party [here](#).

Republican National Convention:

Location: Cleveland, Ohio

Date: July 18-21, 2016

Stay connected with the Republican Party:   

[Tea Party | http://www.teaparty.org](http://www.teaparty.org)

Core Beliefs:

- Illegal aliens are here illegally
- Pro-Domestic employment is indispensable
- A strong military is essential
- Special interests must be eliminated
- Gun ownership is sacred
- Government must be downsized
- The national budget must be balanced
- Deficit spending must end
- Bailout and stimulus plans are illegal
- Reducing personal income taxes is a must
- Reducing business income taxes is mandatory
- Political offices must be available to average citizens
- Intrusive government must be stopped
- English as our core language is required

- Traditional family values are encouraged

Stay connected with the Tea Party:   