

Crash Course U.S. Government - Day 60

1. What is a **political party**? _____

2. Why do political parties exist? _____

3. What does it mean that political parties **facilitate collective action**? _____

4. What does it mean that political parties **facilitate policy making**? _____

5. What are the 5 main functions of political parties in the US?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6. What are **primary elections** and why are they important? _____

7. What are the two largest political parties in the United States?

1) _____

2) _____

Answers

1. a team of politicians, activists and voters whose goal is to win control of government
2. to win elections, also acceptable is to facilitate collective action (make it easier to work together)
3. they make it easier to form groups that will vote in certain ways
4. membership in the same party makes it easier for politicians from different places to work together to get things done
5. recruit candidates, nominate candidates, get out the vote/mobilize voters, facilitate electoral choice, influence national government
6. they are preliminary elections where candidates from the same party go up against each other to determine who will run for president
7. Democrat, Republican