


# 43 Two-Party System

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

## Language Point

<b>All of a sudden</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- suddenly</li> <li>- abruptly</li> <li>- out of the blue</li> </ul>	
<b>Extremely unlikely</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- highly unlikely</li> <li>- very unlikely</li> <li>- no chance</li> </ul>	
<b>Make a difference</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- cause a change</li> <li>- have an impact</li> <li>- be much different</li> </ul>	

## Key vocabulary

the rich	rash decision	core value	restrict
the oppressed	put forth	aligned with	abortion

Part 1

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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A **political party** is a group of individuals with the same vision, ideology or belief that intends to influence the government. A **two-party system** means having two political parties that dominate the electoral process of a certain country.



**II. PRESENTATION**

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**A. Expressions**

	Questions:
<b>all of a sudden</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Do you make a rash decision about abruptly decide who to vote for during elections?</li></ul>
<b>extremely unlikely</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Is there a high probability that the current president/prime minister will be reelected for another term?</li></ul>
<b>make a difference</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ In your opinion, is there a politician that has made a significant difference in your country?</li></ul>

## B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

**Yuka:** Are you a Republican or a Democrat?

**Fred:** I used to be a Republican but I recently switched parties.

**Yuka:** Why did you want to be a Democrat all of a sudden?

**Fred:** It was not a rash decision. I've been thinking about it for quite a while.

**Yuka:** But why?

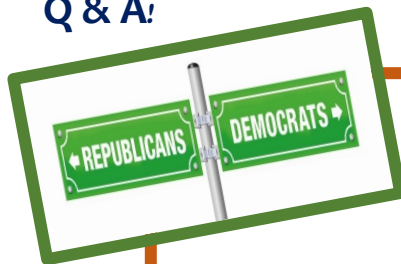
**Fred:** I feel more aligned with the core values of the Democrats. The Republicans seem focused on guns, lowering taxes for the rich, and restricting abortions. I'm more interested in helping the oppressed, protecting women's rights, and am anti-gun.

**Yuka:** Those are good reasons. Aren't there other parties putting forth candidates?

**Fred:** Yes, there are, but America is really a two-party system, so it's extremely unlikely for a third party to win enough votes to make a difference. How about Japan?

**Yuka:** We have a multi-political party system. Since no one party is strong enough to form a government, the recent trend has been a series of coalition governments.

### Q & A:



- What type of political system does your country have?
- Which political party is in power at the moment in your country?
- Why should political parties finance election campaigns?

## Part 2

### III. PRACTICE

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Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

#### A. Party Ideology

*Directions:* Create a name for your political party and list three ideologies you want your party to be identified with.

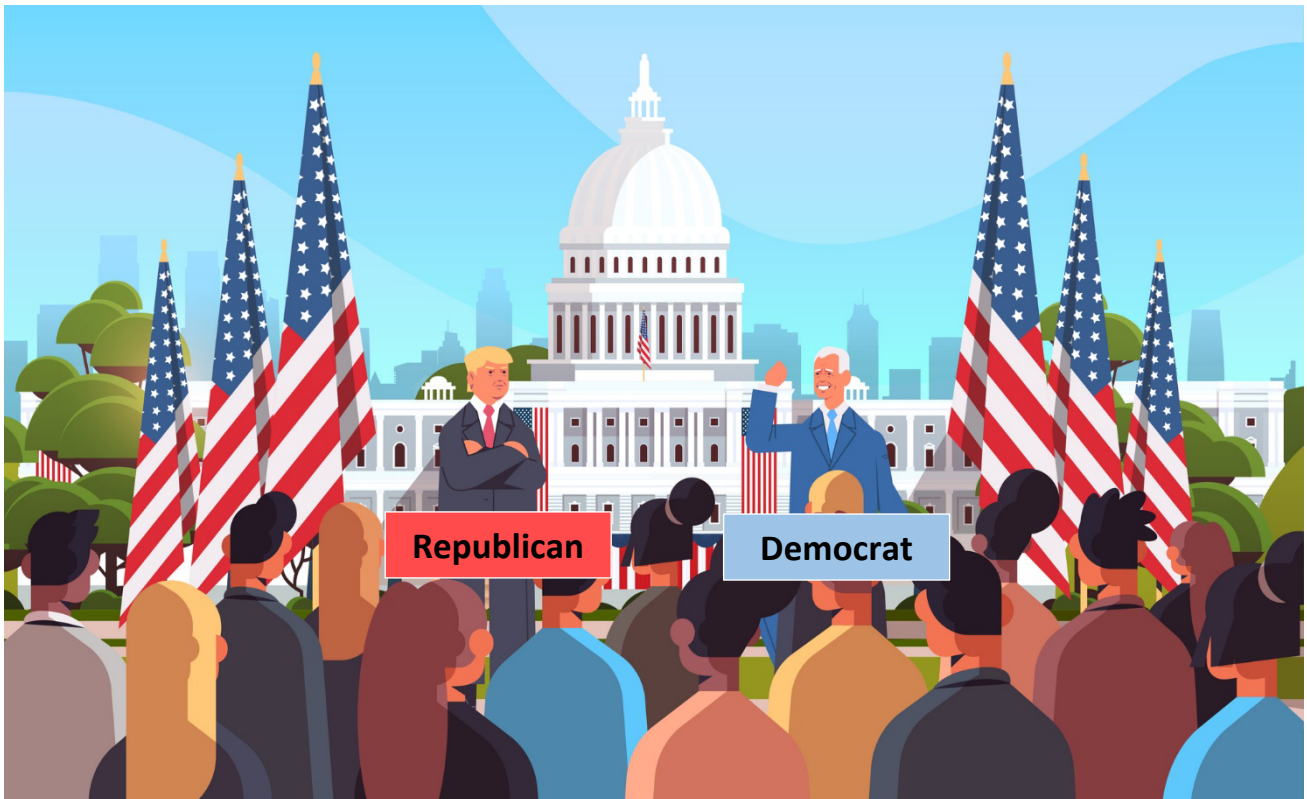




## B. Let's Talk!

Directions: Answer the questions based on your own knowledge and experience.

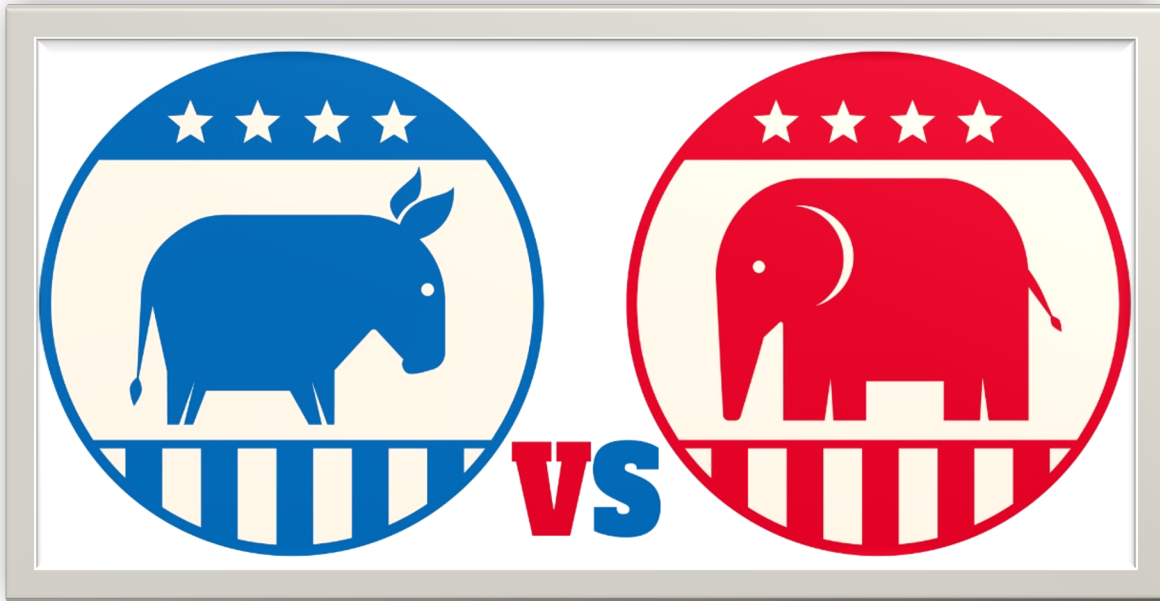
# Political Party



- What benefits can a political party give to its members?
- Compare a two-party and a multi-party system. Which do you think is better?
- Is politics really important? Why or why not?

## C. Role-Play

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Talk with your friend about political parties in your respective countries. Discuss their similarities and differences.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.