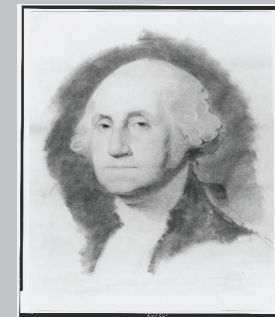




Origins of U.S. Presidents 1789-2012



The Political Parties

Federalist 1792-1824

The first American political party was the Federalist Party. Alexander Hamilton founded the party in the early 1790s. The Federalist focused on fiscal policies and supported a strong national government with a national bank.

Democratic-Republican 1792-1825

In 1791-93 Thomas Jefferson organized the Democratic-Republican Party which opposed the Federalist. The DR adamantly opposed a national bank and encouraged the values of fiscal responsibilities.

Democratic 1792-Present

The Democratic Party evolved from the DR in the early 1790s. The parties first elected President was Andrew Jackson from Tennessee in 1829. It is the oldest American political party

Whig Party 1830-1860

The Whig party was formed in opposition to the policies of President Andrew Jackson and the Democratic Party in the early 1830s. They emphasized the threat of Presidential tyranny and instead, reinforced the power of Congress and the people. The party fell apart in the 1860s with the politically problematic question of slavery.

Republican Party 1854-Present

The Republican party was formed in 1854 with anti-slavery ideology as its core value. The parties first elected President was Abraham Lincoln from Illinois in 1861.

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