

Using the document below, prepare both a **poster** AND an **oral presentation** of the American major political parties


Focus on essential information and rephrase as much as possible

Also **prepare 5 questions** to ask to your classmates to make sure they listened and understood.

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## MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES OF THE US

### The Republican Party




- Founded in 1854, started by anti-slavery activists, modernists
- Nickname 'Grand Old Party' originated in 1875
- A political cartoon in Harper's Weekly in 1874 gave its mascot, Elephant

**It has had 18 Presidents. First was Abraham Lincoln and most recent was Donald Trump**




**PHILOSOPHY**  
American conservatism, support for free market capitalism, restrictions on labour unions, opposed to abortion, same sex marriage

### The Democratic Party



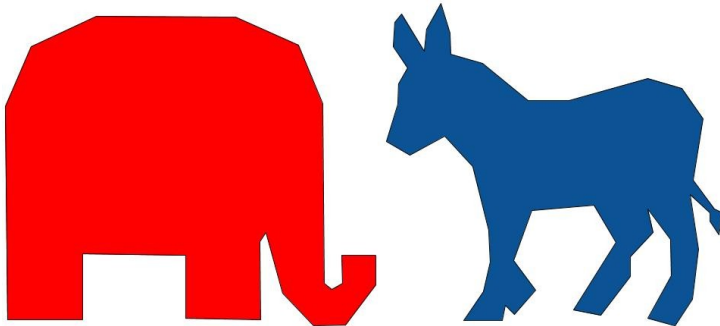
- Founded in 1828, traces roots to Presidents Thomas Jefferson (1801) and James Madison (1809)
- Initially called the 'Republican Party'; later labelled Democrats by the Federalists to paint them as supporters of 'mob rule'
- Andrew Jackson's name twisted to jackass as a term of ridicule. But the common man implications gave it its mascot, Donkey or jackass

**It has had 15 Presidents; first was Andrew Jackson; most recent is Barack Obama**



**PHILOSOPHY**  
Modern liberalism advocating the welfare state; seeks govt regulation of the economy; supports labour unions; universal healthcare and environmental protection

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