

Caucus 101: Interactive Notes: The Political Parties in the Electoral Process

1. A political party is a team of men and women who seek to:
2. In your own words, explain why we have political parties:
3. What does a person have to do in order to join a political party?
4. The roles of political parties are the: Party as an _____, party in _____, and party in the _____.
5. Use the table below to identify and explain the tasks of political parties in the electorate:

Task	Description
a. Recruit and Select Candidates	
b.	
c. Contact Voters	
d.	

6. Through what four ways do political parties contact voters? Which is the most effective?

7. What is a party platform? What does it do?

8. Describe two beliefs from the Democratic Party platform:

9. Describe two beliefs from the Republican Party platform:

10. What things are important to you when considering a candidate for president? What things are important to you when considering joining a political party?