

# Voting in our Two Party System

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Since its inception the United States has operated as constitutional democracy. The authority granted to the government is decreed by the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees, but also needs the political participation of all eligible citizens. Free elections and voting are vital parts of our political structure, and are among our most cherished rights. Our nation is bi-partisan, meaning two parties hold all of the political power, so that begs the question; are these [elections](#) really free?

These two parties have changed names and ideologies over time, but elections, especially presidential, have always been focused on these two groups. There have been third party and independent candidates on the political stage, but these candidates are rarely taken seriously. They are seen by major parties as a threat, stealing votes that could cost them an election. Voters have come to see these candidates as “throwing your vote away”. This structure often puts voters in a predicament: what do they do if they don’t support either candidate, and there is very little chance of a third party being elected to office? Many voters solve this dilemma by simply not [voting](#), others are forced to choose between “lesser of two evils”.

Participating in politics doesn’t just mean running for office, voting is one of the essential pieces in this system. Every eligible American is expected to vote on election day, which has been the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November since 1854 (Longley, 2013).

Voters are also required to register themselves either by mailing in a form, or in some states voters can register online (“ Register to Vote”, 2013). Many voters automatically side with their chosen political party, but it is important to thoroughly info...

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