**CHAPTER OUTLINE**

**Political Parties**

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**CHAPTER**

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you as you read and study Chapter 5.

**I. Section 1: Parties and What They Do**

**A. The Major Parties**

**1.** The two major political parties are the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and

the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**2.** Both parties are made up of three different groups: the party

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the party in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the

party in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Duties of Political Parties**

**1.** The most important duty of a political party is to nominate

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for public office.

**2.** A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a set of policies and promises

by a political party. It states what the candidate will do if elected.

**C. Reasons for the Two-Party System**

**1.** The struggle for the ratification of the Constitution led to the

formation of two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ districts have also

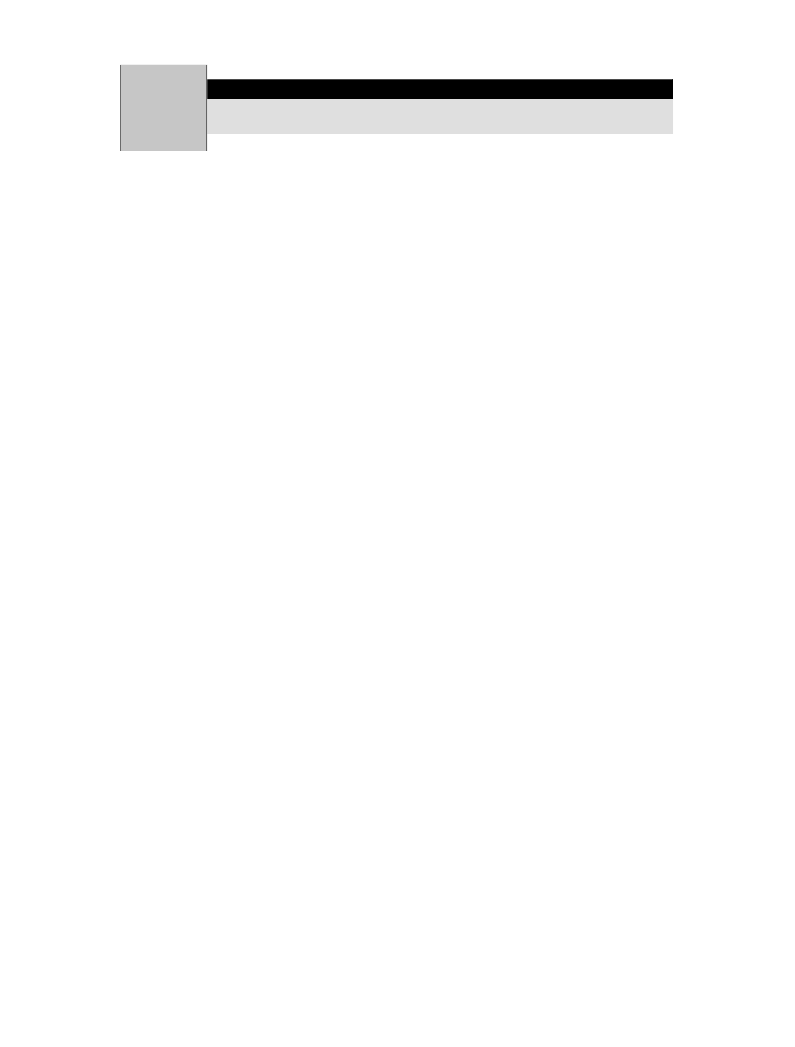
encouraged a two-party system.

**D. Other Party Systems**

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ systems often lead to the formation of

coalitions in order to create a majority.

**2.** One-party systems are usually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.



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**II. Section 2: The Two-Party System in American History**

**A. Early Political Parties**

**1.** The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supported George

Washington and favored a strong central government.

**2.** The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Party was begun by Andrew

Jackson.

**3.** The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came to power in 1854 when

several groups combined.

**B. Four Eras of American Political Parties**

**1.** Control of government alternated between the Democrats and

Republicans from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**2.** The period from 1968 to the present has been marked by

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Section 3: The Minor Parties**

**A. Types of Minor Parties**

**1.** Minor parties called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parties are

organized around a certain set of beliefs.

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parties focus on only one

main issue.

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parties are minor parties that break away

from a major party.

**4.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

sometimes appear when the economy is doing poorly.

**B. The Importance of Minor Parties**

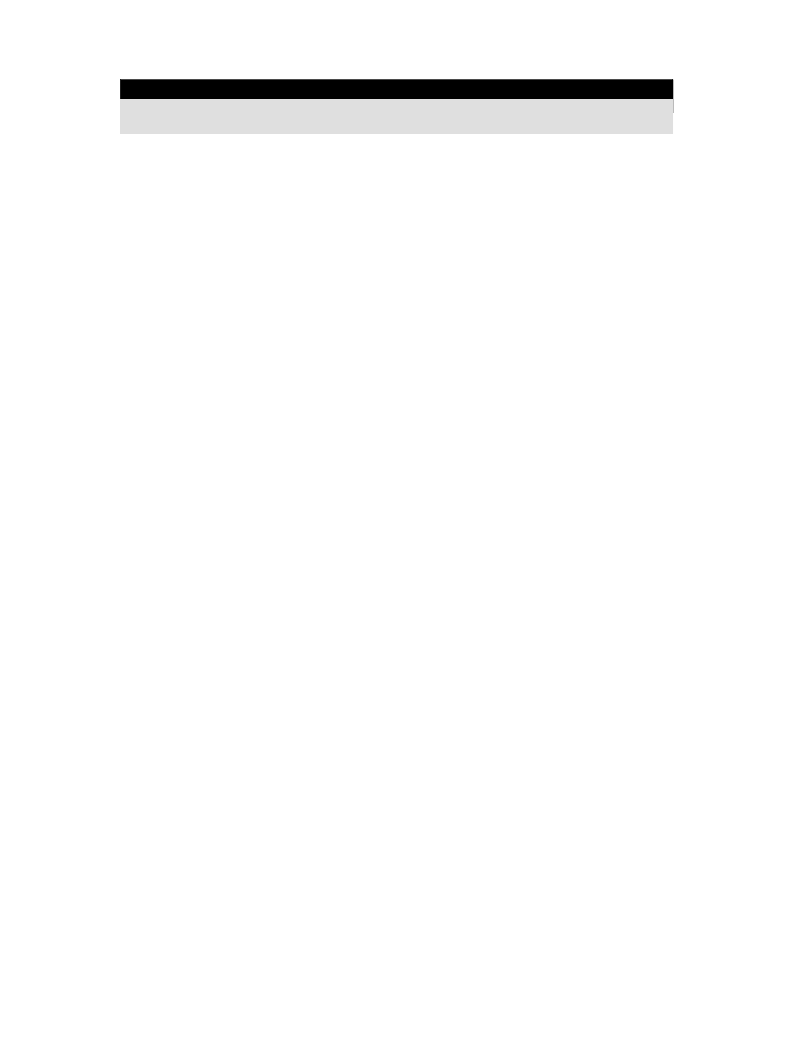
**1.** Minor parties can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the outcome of elections

by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from one of the major

parties. Minor parties can also raise awareness of important

issues.

**2.** Minor parties are plagued by a lack of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.



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**IV. Section 4: Party Organization**

**A. Structure**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ process are two

major reasons for the lack of organization in the major parties.

**B. Organization at the National Level**

**1.** Each party has a national \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that meets

in the summer of presidential election years.

**2.** Each party has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who leads the

national committee and runs the presidential campaign.

**C. State and Local Organization**

**1.** The members of a state central committee are chosen through

a primary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They can also be chosen through

local \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**2.** Cities are divided into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the electoral map of

a state.

