



Knowledge Organiser Pro-Forma Democracy and Participation Political parties

Subject Specific Vocabulary	Short-hand definitions
Contract with America	1994 – first real National political campaign by Republicans. Led by Newt Gingrich. Wedge Issues: Guns, Abortion, Immigration, Heterosexuality
Religious Right	The dominant wing of the Republican Party
Tea Party	Emerged in the 2000s. Sarah Palin Obsessed with fiscal restraint. Now really subsumed by religious right
MAGA	Make America Great Again. Trumpist wing of the party. Linked to House Freedom Caucus in Congress.
Voting coalitions	The groups of voters supporting each party
Squad	AOC, Ayanna Pressley, Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar. Progressive group inside Congress. Democrat.
House Freedom Caucus	Republican caucus. Pro Trump. Majorie Taylor Greene, Matt Gaetz. Currently led by Bob Good

Give more details about Republican factions

Social Conservatives:

They are also fiscal conservatives but main preoccupation is morality

Pro Life, Second Amendment

Tough Law and Order, death penalty ‘ When the Looting starts the shooting starts’

(Trump) , Family values, heterosexual marriage

Anti critical race theory, prayer in public schools

No formal caucus but big overlap with Republican Study Committee 173 House members, Mike Johnson

Who: Mike Johnson Speaker Pence, Cruz

Fiscal Conservatives

Obama American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (787Bn) and Build Back

Better rejected, Dodd Frank Act 2010 repealed

Arctic drilling going against Paris Climate Accords

Tax Cuts, Balanced budgets, repeal Obamacare, Anti funding Ukraine

Who: Rand Paul, Andy Biggs House Freedom Caucus/Republican Study Group (Gaetz, MTG) 35-40 but hold balance of power Evolved from Tea Party movement.

Responsible for removal of Kevin McCarthy

Moderates: Now outnumbered

Obamacare generally rejected but support basic Medicaid. Unwilling to repeal it all

Higher spending on education. Support fiscal responsibility but not at level of FCs

Who Lisa Murkowski, Susan Collin. Liz Cheney , Mitt Romney RINOS

Tuesday Group 15-20, Main Street Caucus ^7 House members. Willing to

compromise with Democrats. Includes Never Trumpists

Give more details about Democrat factions?

Progressives

Social and racial justice. Defund police

Wealth tax

Free College Education – eliminate student debt

Green New Deal, ban fracking, opposed to Keystone Pipeline

Legalise marijuana

Who: Sanders and the SQUAD. Congressional Progressive Caucus led by Pramila Jayapal(98)

Moderates: Tend to be from moderate/marginal districts. Criticised by AOC

Minority rights but cautious on police

Raise minimum wage

College more affordable

Measures to reduce climate change NB Build Back Better divisions)

Who: Biden, Clintons, Obama, Schumer

New Democrat Coalition Caucus (103). Willing to compromise with

Republicans

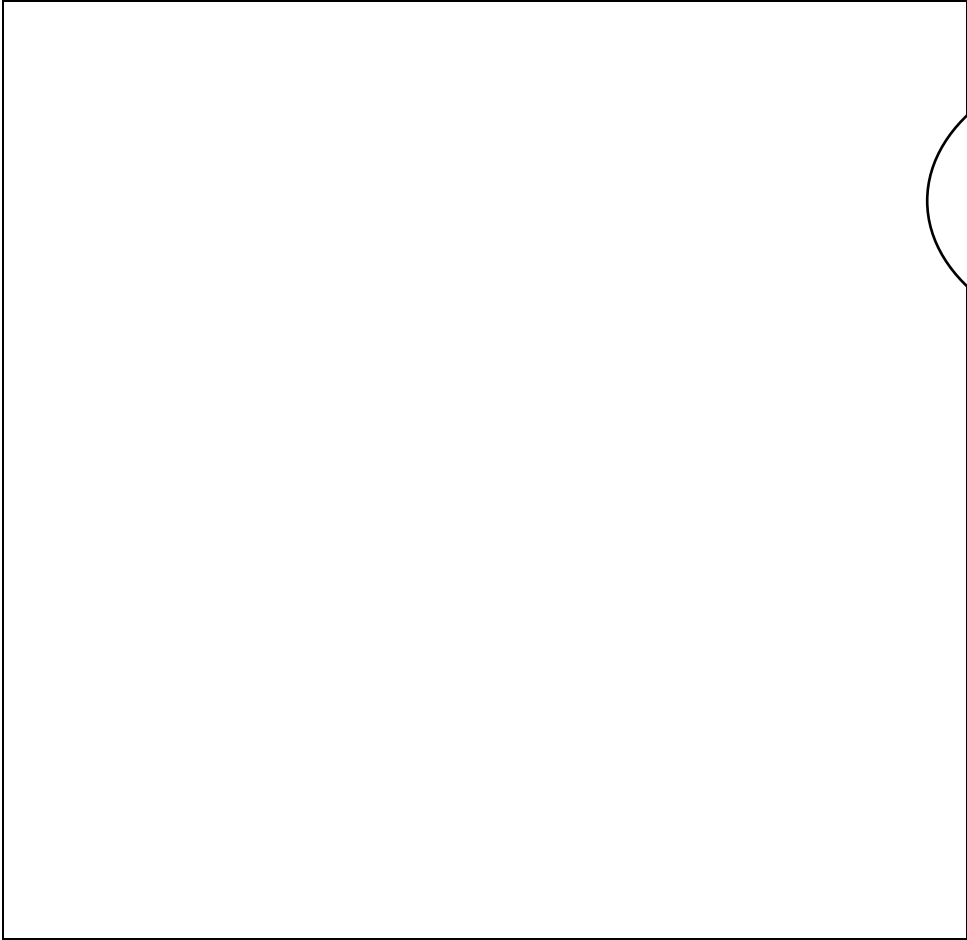
Fiscally neo liberal – Build back better. Eased Dodd Frank in 2018

Socially conservative Less supportive of gun control, LGBTQ+

Manchin only Democrat to support Kavanaugh nomination, opposed DREAM

Act

Who: Joe Manchin, Jim Cooper Blue Dog Coalition (In decline 26-8)



Knowledge Dump 1:
What are the factions in the Republican Party?

- Progressives
- Moderates
- Fiscal Conservatives
- Social Conservtaives

Knowledge Dump 2.
What factors contribute to a two party system in the US

FPTP, Electoral College, Incumbency, Money



What are the voting coalitions of each party

Democrat

- White men
- White women
- Irish Italians Jews
- Hispanic
- Asians
- Africans
- Young
- College educated

Republicans

- Southern whites
- Rural
- Business
- Suburbs
- Women
- Hispanics



Evaluate the view that the Republican Party is more divided than the Democrat party

I would address this through Economic, Social and Foreign Policy or Trump, Social Issues, Economic issues. Question Planner addresses this

Examine the similarities between the policies/ideas of the Conservative and Republican Party?

Moral Issues: Immigration, Law and Order
Economy: Tax Cuts, Deregulation, Truss budget, Environmental targets/sceptics
Both accept welfare state but have concerns about dependency
Similarity between Brexit and America First

Examine the similarities between the policies/ideas of the Labour and Democrat Party?

Pro Choice, Respect of Marriage Act, Civil Partnerships etc

Enabling State: American Recovery Act, Build Back Better, CARES Act, Dodd Franks all have similarities in Labour Party re banking regulation etc

Obamacarfe and NHS spending
Foreign Policy and Ukraine unified

Examine the differences in party unity in the US and UK

Question planner