



Political Parties



What are Political Parties?

- A political organization that unites people in an effort to place its representatives in government offices in order to influence government activities and policies
- Three main characteristics:
 - Place Representatives
 - Nominate Candidates
 - Exercise Power

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Functions of Political Parties

- Several Functions:
 - Linkage Institution
 - Political Socialization
 - Mobilize and Recruit Activists
 - Leadership Recruitment
 - Formulating Public Policy
 - Political Aggregation
 - Organize Government



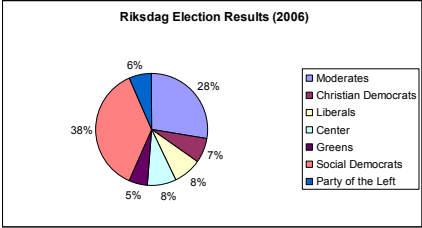
Barack Obama

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Classifying Political Parties

- Classified by party ideology



Party	Percentage
Moderates	28%
Christian Democrats	38%
Liberals	6%
Center	7%
Greens	5%
Social Democrats	8%
Party of the Left	8%

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Origins of Political Parties

- Linked to the spread of mass participation
 - Hierarchical Transformation
 - Patron-Client Relations
 - Mass Parties
 - Social Movements



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1804 - 81

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Party Systems

- Six main types:
 - No-Party System
 - One-Party System
 - The Dominant Party System
 - Two-Party System
 - Single-Member Plurality v. Proportional
 - Multiparty System
 - Two-Plus Party System
 - Fluid Party System
 - Personalist Party



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