Political Parties in the United States

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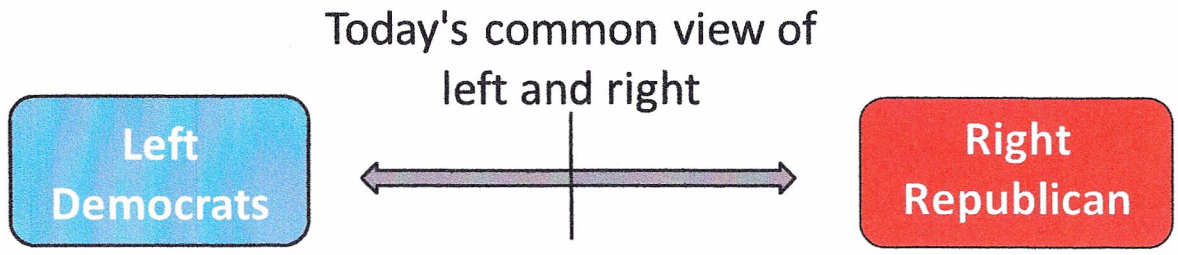
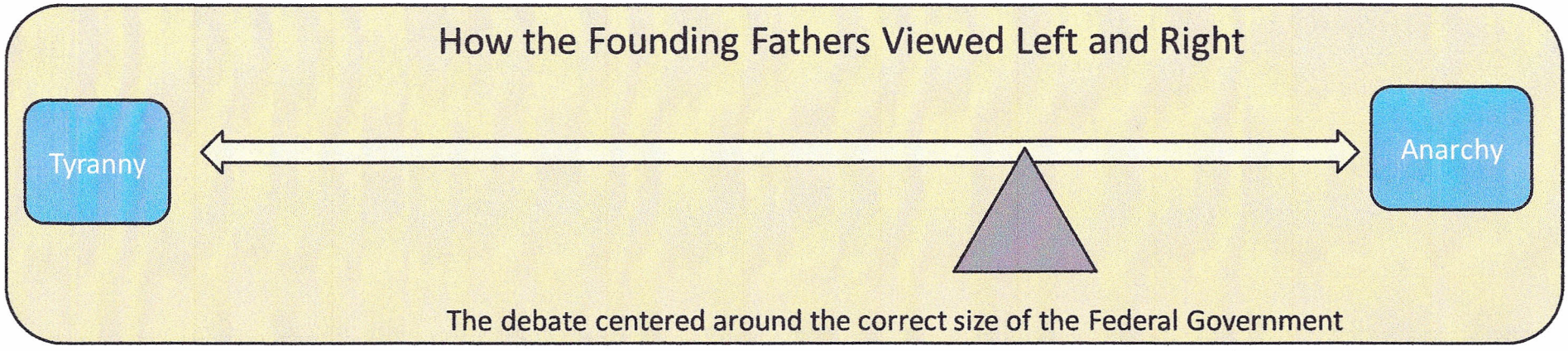
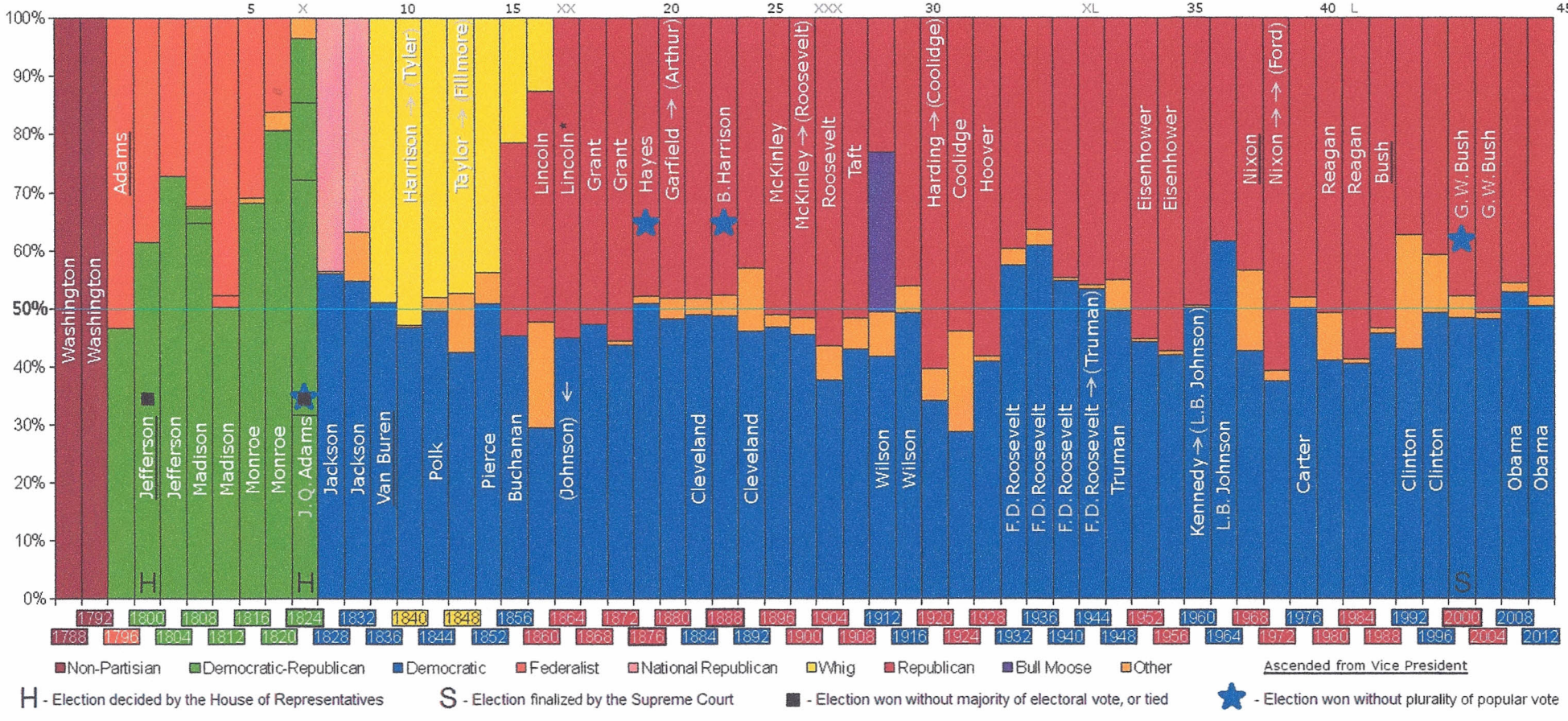
Left & Right


Today's common view of left and right
Left Democrats
Right Republican

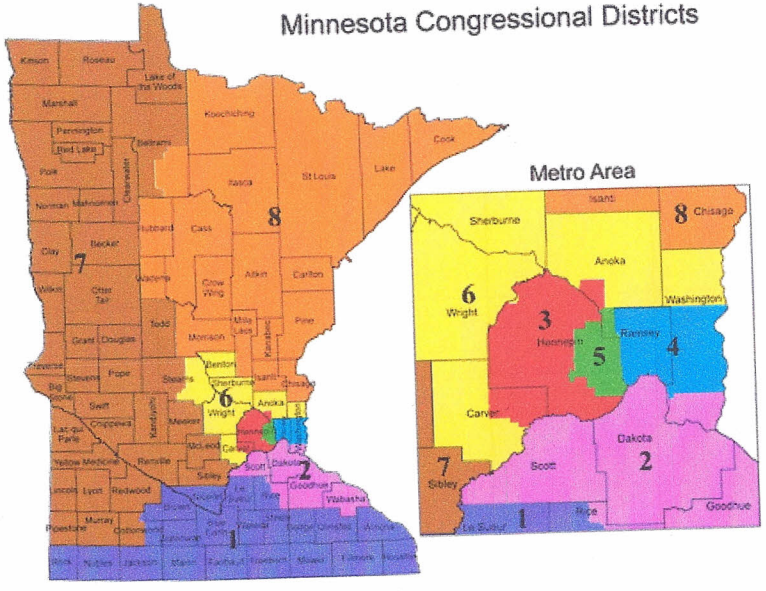

How the Founding Fathers Viewed Left and Right
Tyranny
Anarchy
The debate centered around the correct size of the Federal Government

Presidential Elections & Political Parties

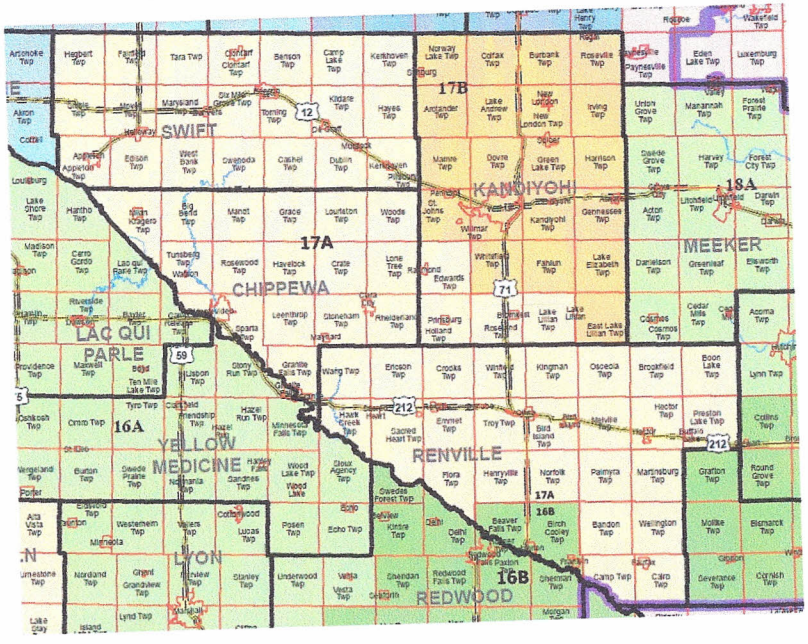


Districts within Minnesota

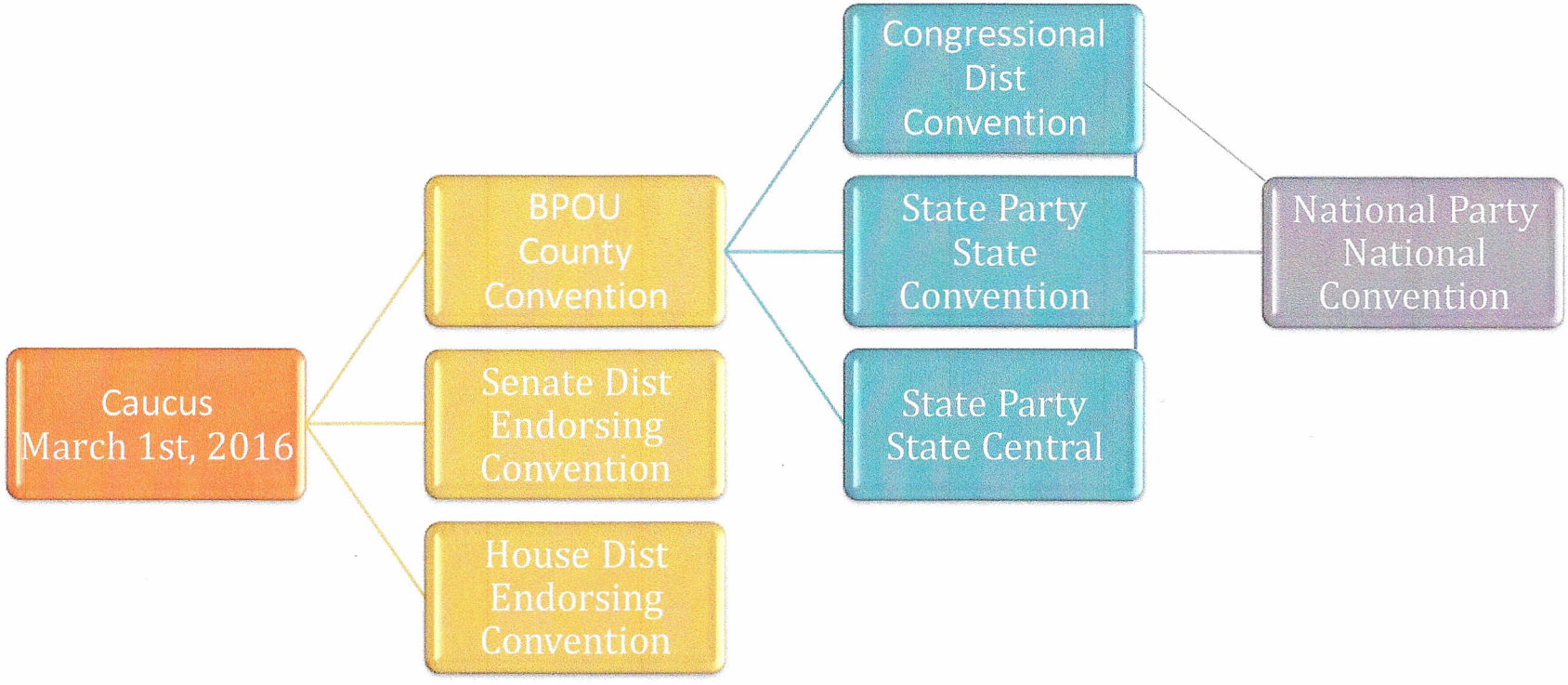
Congressional Districts



MN House & Senate Districts



Political Party Structure



Caucus Night

Purpose

- Elect Delegates & Alternates
- Discuss issues & resolutions for platform
- Conduct a Straw Poll for major candidates

Qualifications

- Live within one of the prescribed precincts,
- Be eligible to vote by the General Election.
- Registered on the Official Registration Form (sign in sheet).
- Participate in only one party's caucus in year.
- Generally support the party's principles.

Informational Resources

MN Secretary of State (MN SOS)

- Precinct finder
- Caucus finder
- Election Results (near real time)
- District Maps
- Voter Registration

MN Campaign Finance Board

- Candidate & Party Reports
- Campaign & Party Handbooks
- Rules and Regulations
  - Spending limits
  - Independent Expenditures
  - Many others