

Two Party System

By: Sam Stuart

July 22, 2022

The two party system in this country works in our favor as constituents for two reasons. The first is that it gives constituents a place and an organization for which to voice their concerns directly into the elected chain of command. Second the two party system works to filter candidates in favor of the people's will. This last point works only when there is communication with the first level of representation and party affiliation through the County Central Committee. No party may sound attractive, but at the county level there is only Republican and Democrat Central Committees. If you do not choose these people and maintain communication with them then you are not represented. Aligning with Libertarian, Socialist, Tea Party, etc. will not gain you any representation in the political sphere as far as elections go.

Alexander Hamilton and James Madison wrote in Federalist 9 & 10 remarking on the erosion of the Republic through factions. These writings have been used to denounce political parties in favor of George Washington's idea of no political parties. It happened regardless, Hamilton and Madison were more concerned with multitudes in a democracy building many smaller factions that create divides (*Federalist 9, 10*). The Republican form of government and two party system urge compromise and unity towards what we all want, liberty. Though we may vary in our beliefs and many wish to divide, it is when we can come to agreement towards liberty that keeps the Republic alive.

References

Hamilton, Alexander, James Madison, John Jay. 2003. *The Federalist Papers*. Edited by Clinton Rossiter. New York: Penguin Group, Inc.