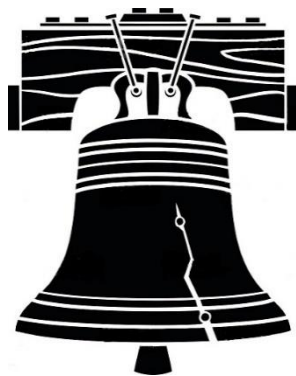


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## True Representation

True representation only exists when everyone votes within the two party system. Representation is formed of smaller groups of individuals elected from larger groups of people geographically arranged into districts for better individual representation. The Board of Elections shows that out of the nearly 40,000 people in the county, only 28,000 people are registered to vote and only 7,000 of those turn out for elections apart from the Presidential. The number of registered Republicans in the county amounts to roughly 6,000 people and the Democrats at 1,000. That means 7,000 registered Republicans and Democrats within the county decide the fate of every single election outcome concerning this county. This indicates that nearly 21,000 registered voters have no voice within the county because they do not align with a political party. If our elected officials are going to make the best informed decisions for us, we need more people to turn out and vote and participate in the political system through the two parties that the country operates from.

### County Governance

The very first level of representation we have in this country begins at the County level. County government works in just the same fashion as both the State and the Federal government elect positions of representation. We individually choose the Sheriff, Commissioners, Prosecuting Attorney, Auditor, Clerk of Courts, Engineer, etc. as elected officials to represent our will within these jobs. The elected body to oversee the work and to communicate the will of the people to those elected officials in the county falls on the Central Committee (CC). When communication outside the ballot box happens between constituent to CC rep and onto the County officials, our county operates through the will of the people.

### Central Committee

The Central Committee here in Preble County is a 43 member representative body comprised of the 43 voting precincts in the County. Preble County is divided into 43 geographical locations with a representative for each one of the political parties (Republican/Democrat). Their duties are to establish the policies of the *elected* Party and to further the cause of the party's politics in Preble County by securing the administration and government in accordance with the principals of the *elected* Party (*Art. 1 sec. 1-2*). These Representatives oversee the daily work of our elected officials in the County per those officials who belong to each party. To act towards building those lines of communication visit:  
**[precinctsupportnetwork.org](http://precinctsupportnetwork.org)**.



# The Two Party System

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.

## Election News

Tuesday **August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022** is the Primary election for State Representative, State Senate, and State Central Committee Man and Woman for both Republican and Democrat Parties. Voting is at your normal precinct from 0600-1800. To find your precinct and a sample ballot visit: [boe.ohio.gov/preble/](https://www.boe.ohio.gov/preble/).

## About

Preble Bell exists to report on county election news, politics, business, education, and the historical context to each topic. We live and grow relations here in Preble County. We believe in the freedom philosophy and liberty for all.

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