

American Political Parties of the Past

Party	Date	Description
Federalist	1794	Favored strong Federal Government; weaker State Government
Democratic-Republicans	1794	Favored strong State Government; weaker Federal Government
Anti-Mason	1827	Favored holding Party Conventions
Whig	1834	Favored national economic policies; anti-Andrew Jackson
Liberty Party	1840, 1844	Founded by abolitionists; placed slavery on the national political Agenda
Free-Soil	1848	Opposed expansion of slavery into the territories
Know-Nothing	1849	Favored Protestant beliefs; opposed beliefs of Catholics and "foreigners"
Constitutional Union	1860	Favored following the Constitution; opposed fighting a Civil War over slavery issues
Greenback Party	1876, 1880, 1884	Promoted Federal "greenback" dollars which 1884 supported working people; opposed backing dollars with gold, etc., which favored the wealthy
Prohibition	1876	Favored the prohibition of alcohol
Socialist	1904, 1908	Favored social revolution either through physical revolution or non-violently, through education
Progressive (Bull Moose)	1912	Supported Theodore Roosevelt; opposed child labor
Progressive (La Follette)	1922	Favored legislation to help the less privileged; opposed Monopolies