

Democratic Republicans (1790–1810)	Federalists (1790–1810)
<p>Leader: Thomas Jefferson</p> <p>Weak central government</p> <p>Protect states' rights</p> <p>Strict view of Constitution</p> <p>Agrarian oriented (pro-farmer)</p> <p>Low taxes</p> <p>Weak military</p> <p>Anti-National Bank</p> <p>Pro-French</p>	<p>Leader: Alexander Hamilton</p> <p>Strong central government</p> <p>Reduce states' rights</p> <p>Loose view of Constitution</p> <p>Business and commerce oriented</p> <p>High taxes</p> <p>Strong military</p> <p>Pro-National Bank</p> <p>Pro-British</p>
Jacksonian Democrats (1828–1848)	Whigs (1832–1852)
<p>Jeffersonian traditions/ideas</p> <p>Supporters: small farmers and mechanics</p> <p>Anti-National Bank</p> <p>States control/building of roads and canals</p> <p>Proslavery</p> <p>Pro-Mexican War</p> <p>Strong executive</p> <p><i>Laissez-faire</i></p>	<p>Hamiltonian traditions/ideas</p> <p>Mercantile/business interests</p> <p>Pro-National Bank</p> <p>National government control/building of roads and canals (American System)</p> <p>Opposed spread of slavery</p> <p>Anti-Mexican War</p> <p>Weak executive</p> <p>Energetic national government</p>
Democrats (1850–1900)	Republicans (1854–1900)
<p>Proslavery</p> <p>Favored secession from Union</p> <p>Blamed for Civil War (Bloody Shirt Issue)</p> <p>States' rights (especially on civil rights)</p> <p>Agrarian oriented</p> <p>Feared strong central government</p> <p>Opposed gold standard (usually)</p> <p>Used Spoils System</p> <p>Supported lowering tariff (1887)</p> <p>Reduced government role in railroad building</p> <p>In 1890s opposed imperialism</p>	<p>Opposed the spread of slavery</p> <p>Opposed secession</p> <p>Whig influence/pro-business</p> <p>Briefly championed civil rights</p> <p>Business oriented</p> <p>Supported active national government</p> <p>Supported gold standard</p> <p>Used Spoils System but made some reforms</p> <p>Supported high tariffs</p> <p>Government support in building railroads</p> <p>In 1890s favored imperialism</p>

Origins of the Two-Party System

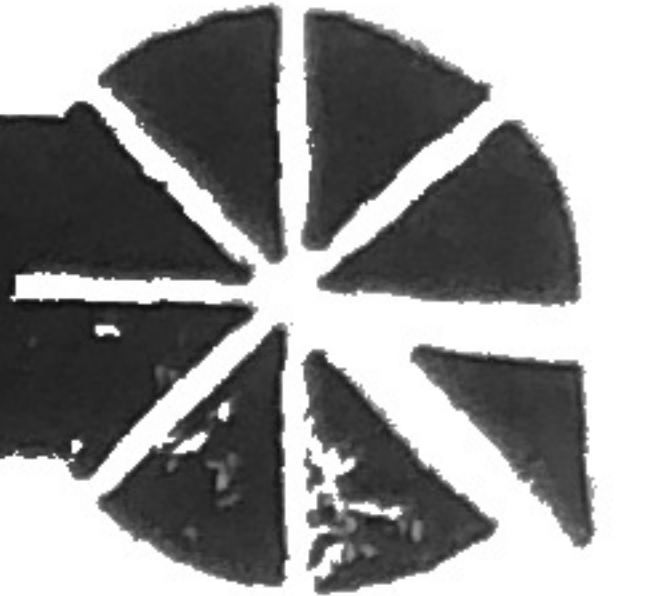
Jefferson's Views

- Had deep faith in the common people, especially farmers
- Distrusted special privilege
- Wished to lower voting qualifications

Who should govern

Hamilton's Views

- Believed that the common people often acted foolishly
- Thought that the rich, educated, and wellborn were the people who should rule
- Wanted to raise voting qualifications



- Favored a weak central government, strong state governments
- Preferred a more democratic government than that of Britain
- Wanted to reduce the number of federal employees
- Favored a strict interpretation of the Constitution
- Believed that individual liberties must be protected by laws

Structure of government

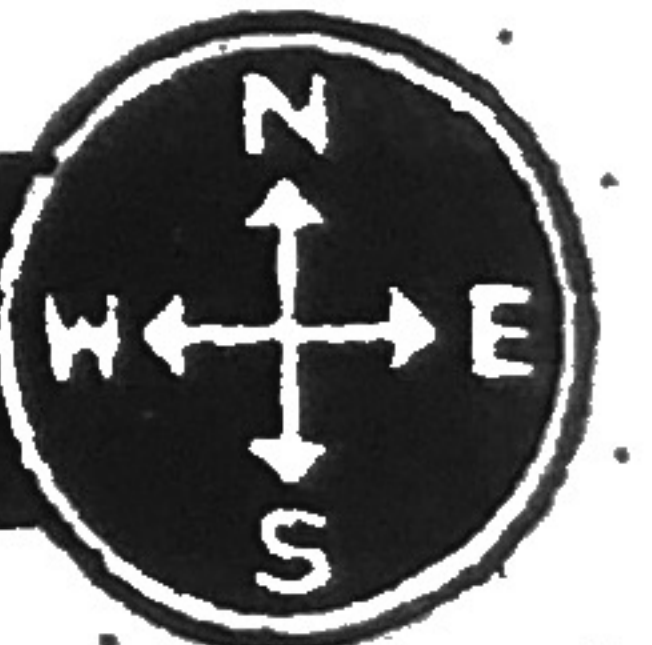
- Favored a strong central government
- Thought that the American government should be modeled on the British system
- Wanted to increase the number of federal employees
- Supported a loose interpretation of the Constitution
- Thought that individual liberties, such as freedom of speech, should sometimes be restricted



- Thought that agriculture should be the backbone of the nation
- Did not support giving government aid to trade, finance, and manufacturing
- Opposed the establishment of a national bank
- Wanted to eliminate internal taxes
- Wanted to pay off the national debt

economic

- Wanted a balanced economy of agriculture, trade, finance, and manufacturing
- Favored giving government aid to trade, finance, and manufacturing
- Established a national bank
- Wanted to maintain internal taxes
- Wanted to use the national debt to establish credit



Believed that America was obligated to help France

Foreign policy

Supported Britain, the parent country

Jeffersonians
Democratic-Republican party

Hamiltonians
Federalist party

- Made up of artisans, shopkeepers, frontier settlers, and small farmers
- Was strongest in the South, in the Southwest, and on the frontier

Supporters

- Consisted of bankers, manufacturers, merchants, professional people, and wealthy farmers
- Had the most support in New England and along the Atlantic coast