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# Political Parties - Answer Key

*Read each question and circle the correct answer.*

1. Which viewpoint is associated with the Democrats' platform?

- A. less taxes for the wealthy
- B. fewer social programs
- ☒ C. larger government
- D. smaller government

2. Which viewpoint is associated with the Republicans' platform?

- A. higher taxes
- B. larger government
- C. universal healthcare
- ☒ D. smaller government

3. At the Republican national convention, which animal and color would you expect to see?

- A. elephants and blue
- B. donkeys and blue
- ☒ C. elephants and red
- D. donkeys and red

4. At the Democratic national convention, which animal and color would you expect to see?

- A. elephants and blue
- ☒ B. donkeys and blue
- C. elephants and red
- D. donkeys and red

5. What is the name of one of the smaller political parties in the United States?

- ☒ A. Green
- B. Liberal
- C. Democrat
- D. Republican

6. Who said he did not want there to be any political parties?

- A. Thomas Jefferson
- ☒ B. George Washington
- C. James Madison
- D. John Adams

7. Which pair of words matches the Democrats?

- A. conservative and left
- B. liberal and right
- C. conservative and right
- ☒ D. liberal and left

8. Which pair of words is associated with the Republicans?

- A. conservative and left
- B. liberal and right
- ☒ C. conservative and right
- D. liberal and left

9. Which of the following describes a political party's platform?

- ☒ A. The platform is a list of the party's stances on various issues.
- B. The platform is the list of candidates that are vying for political office.
- C. The platform changes frequently to match members' views.
- D. The platform is a large, enjoyable party for the members.

10. True or False: There have always been two main political parties in the United States.

- A. True
- ☒ B. False