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The Presidential Election - Vocab Cards

ballot]>

the paper on which a vote is marked.

I went to my polling place to cast my _ballot_ in our local election this morning.



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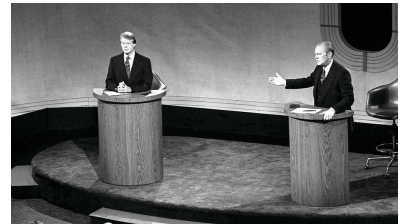
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debate]>

an organized discussion of an important issue between two or more opposing sides.

Our town held a _debate_ about increasing pay for firefighters. Half the town was for it, half the town was against it.

Synonyms: discussion, meeting, argument



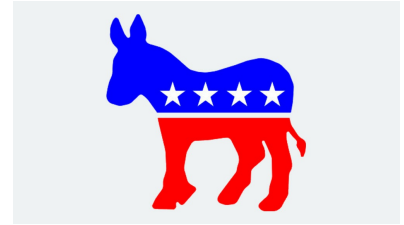
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Democrat]>

a member of the largest liberal political party of the United States, which supports a strong federal government, higher taxes and progressive social issues.

As a _Democrat_, Justin supports environmental regulations and progressive social policies.



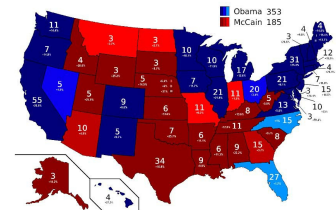
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electoral college]>

a group of people chosen from each state who come together to elect the President and Vice President of the United States.

The President and Vice President of the United State are officially elected by the _electoral college_, a group of people who vote based on the popular vote in their state.



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general election]>

a regularly scheduled election in which final candidates are selected for government office.

After a narrow primary win, I became my party's only candidate in the _general election_.



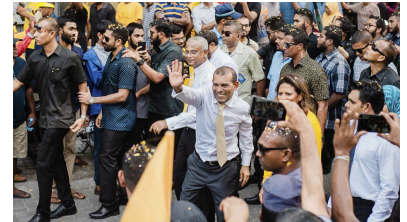
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nominee]>

a person who has been formally selected to run for an elected office, perform a duty, or receive an honor.

After the primaries, she became the Republican _nominee_ for president and will go on to run in the general election.



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primary election]>

an election to appoint delegates to a party conference or to select the candidates for a general, especially presidential, election

If you don't do well during the _primary election_, you won't have the chance to compete in the general election, so make sure you shine during the debate!



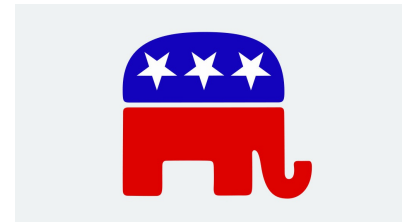
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Republican]>

a member of the largest conservative party in the United States, which supports lower taxes, less government intervention in economics and conservative social policies.

Seema attended a local _Republican_ meeting. When she voiced her desire to see lower taxes, the group cheered.



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running mate]>

a person chosen by a candidate for an election to be given a subordinate office if they win.

He is running for president but has not yet chosen his _running mate_.
We don't know who would be his vice president.



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swing state]>

a US state where the two major political parties have similar levels of support among voters.

Like Colorado, Florida is known as a _swing state_ because its population has a similar number of Democrats and Republicans, which makes it hard to predict which party will win an election.



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