Unit 2: Homework 3 – Political Parties

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Political Parties

Read pages 252 – 254 and complete the following questions.

Part I: Short Answer

1. Define “political party” and list one main job of a political party.
2. What type of party system does the United States have? What are our two main parties?
3. What is one disadvantage of a multi-party system or coalition government?
4. Explain how a third party candidate impacted one of the following elections: **1912 or 1992.**
5. Aside from impacting the voting results, how else do third parties impact U.S. politics?

**Part II: Correct the Statement**

REVIEWING FACTS Choose the correct term from the word pair to complete each statement below.

1. Political parties \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or select, men or women to run for public office. (coalition / nominate)

2. In a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the formation of all other political parties is usually forbidden. (candidate / one-party system)

3. Two or more political parties work together to run the government in a

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (coalition / political spectrum)

4. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is an organization made up of citizens who have similar ideas on public issues. (dictatorship / political party)

5. The United States has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ involving the Democrats and Republicans. (third party / two-party system)

6. Theodore Roosevelt and Ross Perot ran for office under a

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (coalition / third party)

7. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is defined as a person who runs for election to government office. (candidate / political spectrum)

8. Several European countries have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ systems, or ones in which there are more than two strong political parties. (multiparty / one-party)