



# Lesson 6

# American Government

## Rights and Responsibilities

Questions: 4, 7, 54, 48, 51, 6, 49, 56, 50, 52,  
53, 55, 45, 57

# 27 Constitutional Amendments

**1st - 10th Amendments:** The Bill of Rights, 1791.

**11th Amendment:** Grants states immunity from outside lawsuits, 1795.

**12th Amendment:** Requires distinct votes for President and Vice President, 1804.

**13th Amendment:** Abolished slavery, 1865.

**14th Amendment:** Defines citizenship; includes clauses on due process and equal protection, 1868.

**15th Amendment:** Grants voting rights to male citizens of all races, 1870.

**16th Amendment:** Authorizes a federal income tax, 1913.

**17th Amendment:** Allows direct Senatorial elections by a state, 1913.

**18th Amendment:** *Enacted prohibition, 1919.*

**19th Amendment:** Grants voting rights to women, 1920.

**20th Amendment:** "Lame Duck Amendment;" reduces time between election and service of elected officials, 1933.

**21st Amendment:** Repealed the 18th Amendment, 1933.

**22nd Amendment:** Limits a president to two terms, 1951.

**23rd Amendment:** Granted the District of Columbia electoral votes, 1961.

**24th Amendment:** Prohibits poll taxes, 1964.

**25th Amendment:** Clarifies procedures regarding succession of President and Vice President upon death or inability to serve, 1967.

**26th Amendment:** Makes 18 the minimum legal voting age, 1971.

**27th Amendment:** Allows changes in Congressional salary only after a general election (first submitted in 1789) 1992.

- ★ a change (to the Constitution)
- ★ an addition (to the Constitution)

The 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

AMENDMENT 20  
ratified January 23, 1933)

*Section 1.* The terms of the President and  
shall end at noon on the 20th day of  
terms of Senators and Representatives  
day of January, of years in which such  
ended if this article had not been rat  
of their successors shall then begin.

*Section 2.* The Congress shall assemble  
every year, and such meeting shall

**twenty-seven  
(27)**

**Portrait of Elizabeth Cady Stanton,  
seated, and Susan B. Anthony,  
standing, advocates for the rights  
of women to vote.**

Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZ61-791.



# Amendments and Voting Rights



**eighteen (18)  
and older**



## Question # 48

- ★ Citizens eighteen (18) and older (can vote).
- ★ You don't have to pay (a poll tax) to vote.
- ★ Any citizen can vote. (Women and men can vote.)
- ★ A male citizen of any race (can vote).

**A young woman casting her ballot in the 1964 presidential election.**

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# Basic Rights of Everyone in the U.S.

- freedom of speech
- freedom of expression
- freedom of assembly
- freedom to petition the government
  - freedom of worship
  - the right to bear arms



## Question # 51



- ★ freedom of expression
- ★ freedom of speech
- ★ freedom of assembly
- ★ freedom to petition the government
- ★ freedom of worship
- ★ the right to bear arms

**Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy speaking at a racial equality demonstration outside the Justice Department on June 14, 1963.**

*Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-DIG-ppmsca-04295.*

# The First and Second Amendments

- freedom of speech
- freedom of assembly
- freedom to petition the government
- freedom of worship
- *the right to bear arms*



# Civic Responsibilities

**Serve on  
a jury**



**Vote in  
a federal  
election**

## Question # 49

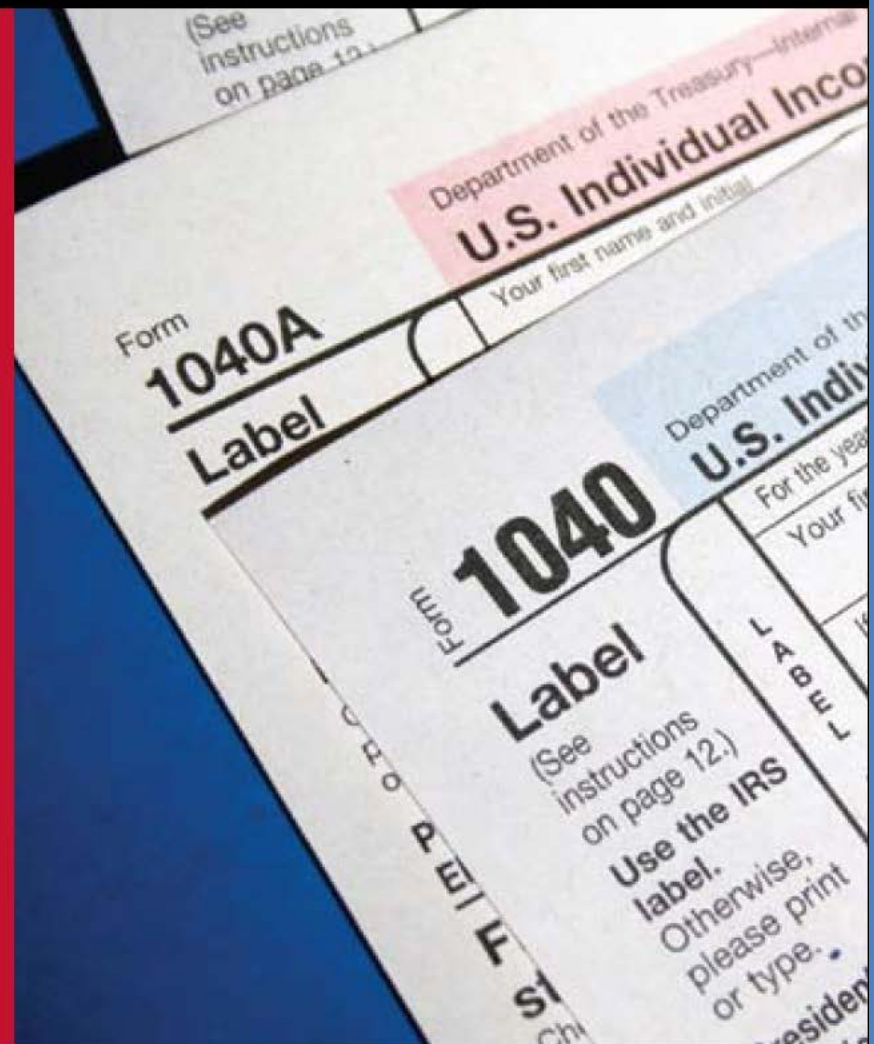


- ★ **serve on a jury**
- ★ **vote in a federal election**

# Other Responsibilities



**April 15**



# Two Rights Only for Citizens

**Vote in  
a federal  
election**



**Run for  
federal  
office**



## Question # 50



- ★ **vote in a federal election**
- ★ **run for federal office**

**Congressman George W. Johnson of West Virginia with a Boy Scout band from his state, June 4, 1924.**

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# The Pledge of Allegiance

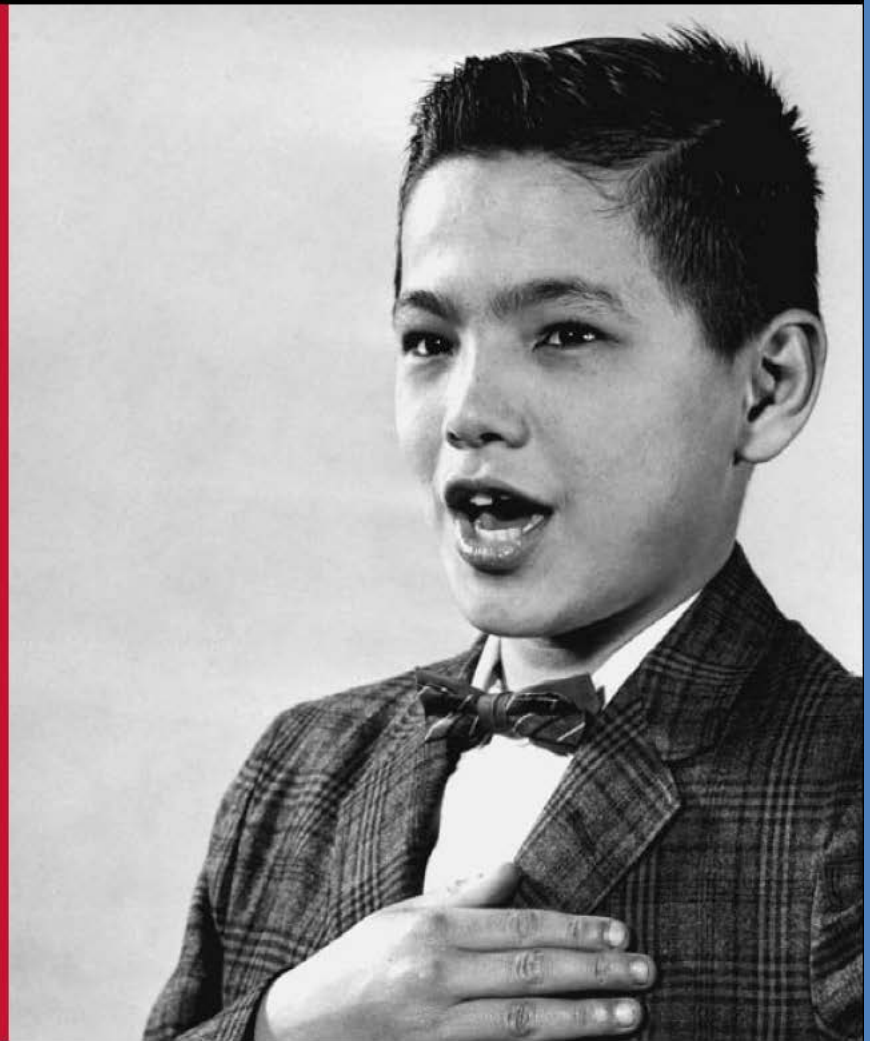


***I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.***

- ★ the United States
- ★ the flag

**A young boy pledging allegiance at a naturalization ceremony in 1962.**

Courtesy of the USCIS Historical Library,  
BK9.4, Item 112.





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- defend the Constitution and laws of the United States
  - obey the laws of the United States
    - be loyal to the United States
- serve or do important work for the nation if needed
  - and serve in the U.S. military if necessary

## Question # 53



- ★ **give up loyalty to other countries**
- ★ **defend the Constitution and laws of the United States**
- ★ **obey the laws of the United States**
- ★ **serve in the U.S. military (if needed)**
- ★ **serve (do important work for) the nation (if needed)**
- ★ **be loyal to the United States**



# Ways to Participate in Our Democracy

- **vote**
  - **join a political party**
  - **help with a campaign**
    - **join a civic group**
  - **join a community group**
- **give an elected official your opinion on an issue**
  - **call Senators and Representatives**
- **publicly support or oppose an issue or policy**
  - **run for office**
  - **write to a newspaper**

## Question # 55

★ **vote**

★ **join a political party**

★ **help with a campaign**

★ **join a civic group**

★ **join a community group**

★ **give an elected official  
your opinion on an issue**

★ **call Senators and  
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# AMERICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES

AND  
PARTY MEMBERSHIP

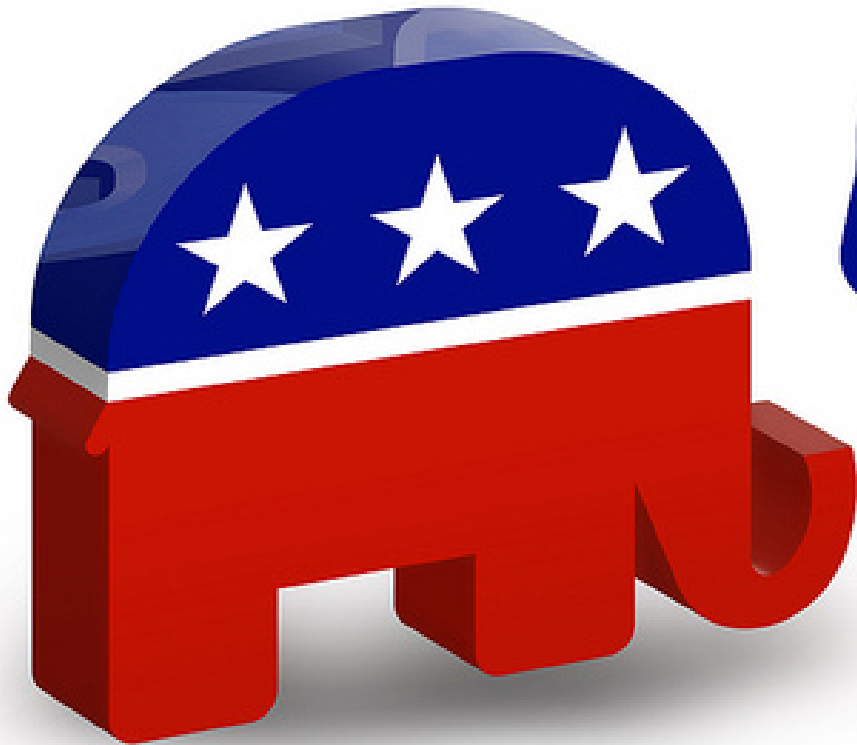
# Third Parties Bring New Ideas



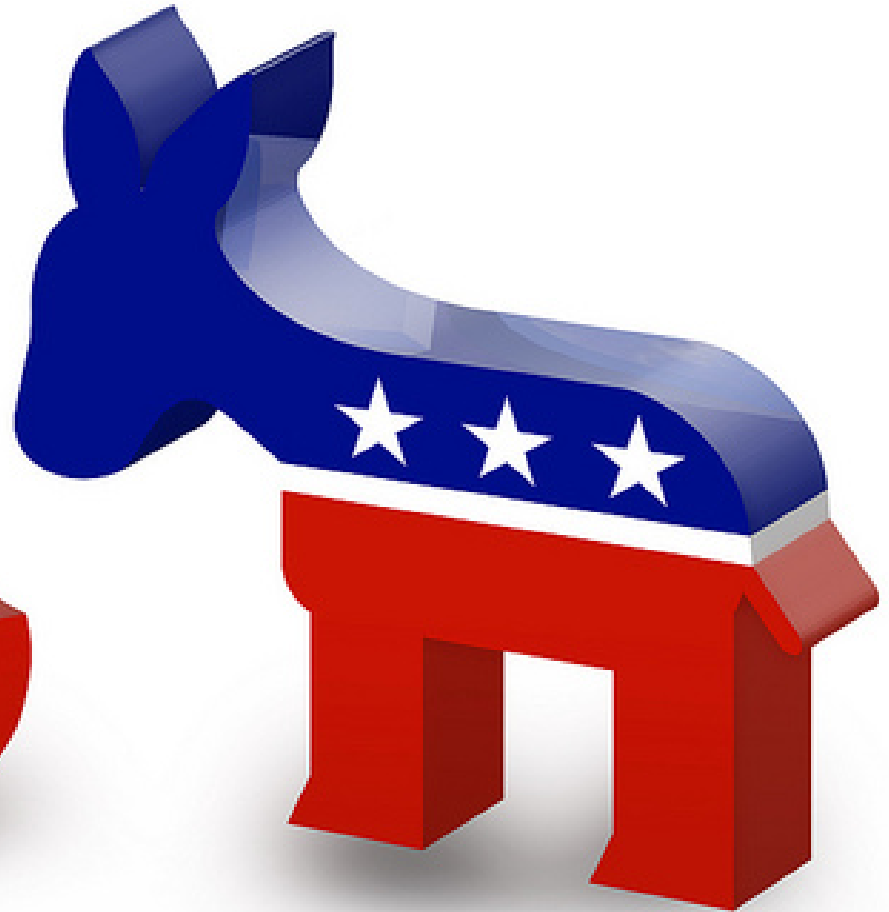
**Modern Whig Party**  
Service and Solutions



# The Two Major Political Parties



**Republican**



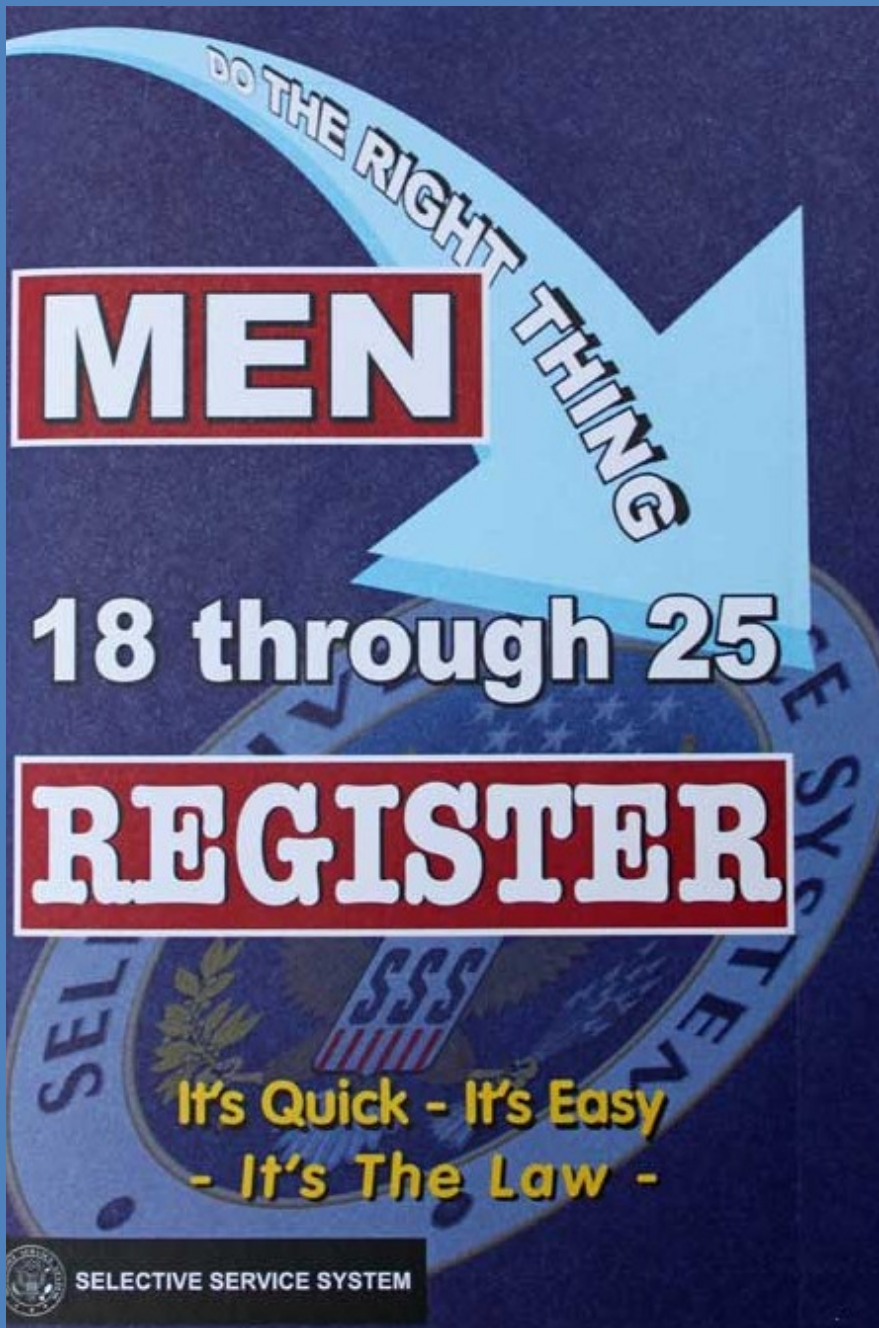
**Democratic**



## Democratic and Republican

Democratic (donkey) and Republican (elephant) Party icons from a 1962 political cartoon urging citizens to vote. Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZ62-116449.





# Selective Service



## Question # 57

Form 1 **744** REGISTRATION CARD No. **16**

1	Name in full <i>Irving Berlin</i>	Age in yrs. <i>39</i>
2	Home address <i>30 West 70th St N.Y.C.</i>	
3	Date of birth <i>May 11, 1888</i>	
4	Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <i>defersant 1st</i>	
5	Where was you born? <i>Mogilov Russia</i>	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? <i>Russian</i>	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Composer Music</i>	
8	By whom employed? <i>employed by self</i>	
9	Where employed? <i>Strand Theatre Bld</i>	
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>Mother</i>	
10	Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i> Race (specify which) <i>Russian</i>	
11	What military service have you had? Rank _____; branch _____ years _____; Nation or nations _____	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>No</i>	

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

*Irving Berlin*  
(Signature or mark)

If printed in all places where the name of the registrant appears

- ★ at age eighteen (18)
- ★ between eighteen (18) and twenty-six (26)

World War I draft registration card of Irving Berlin, an American composer who became a naturalized citizen in 1918.

Courtesy of the National Archives.