

# An Informed Voter

## Element #6 – Political Party Structure – Oregon

### Objectives

- The founders concern about political parties.
- The evolution of political parties in America.
- How the Kansas-Nebraska bill and the Dred Scott decision helped to create a political party.
- Official political parties in Oregon.
- The voting precinct system.
- How political parties in Oregon are organized.
- The role of a precinct committee person.

### Candidate Evaluation – Sources

#### All Candidates

Ballotpedia - [https://ballotpedia.org/Main\\_Page](https://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page)

#### Voting History and etc.

Vote Smart – <https://justfacts.votesmart.org>

Oregon live – <https://gov.oregonlive.com/legislators/>

#### Voters' Guide

Oregon Family Council – <https://www.oregonfamilycouncil.org/voters-guide>

Oregon Abigail Adams Voter Education Project – <https://oregonabigailadams.wordpress.com>

Oregon Firearms Federation – <https://www.oregonfirearms.org>

Oregon Right to Life – <https://ortlpac.org>

Parents' Rights in Education – <https://www.parentsrightsined.org>

#### Oregon and Local Candidate Information & Finances

Oregon SOS – Voting & Elections – <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections/Pages/default.aspx>

#### Federal Candidate

Federal Elections Commission – <https://www.fec.gov>

## Discussion

1. The founders were fearful of the rise of \_\_\_\_\_. James Madison in Federalist No. 10, called them “\_\_\_\_\_ of factions”.
  - a. To reduce the impact of this issue the founders developed a series of checks and balances. One of these was the \_\_\_\_\_ vote of the people for members of the House of Representatives and the members of the Senate selected by the individual \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. “Surely our government may go on and prosper without the existence of parties. I have always considered their existence as the curse of the country” – James Monroe 1822
2. The selection of Senators by popular vote was the result of the 1913 \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment.
3. The Democrat Party was also called the party of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Whig Party was formed as opponents to Andrew \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The Know-Nothing Party was opposed to immigration of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and was Anti-\_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Kansas-Nebraska bill allowed these two states to decide if they did or did not want to be \_\_\_\_\_ states.
7. Dred Scott was a \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_. As a result of the Dred Scott Supreme Court Decision the \_\_\_\_\_ party took the house in 1858.
  - a. These two incidents gave birth to the \_\_\_\_\_ Party.
8. Lincoln won the 1860 Presidential election with \_\_\_\_\_% of the popular vote.
9. The nickname for the 1912 Progressive Party was the \_\_\_\_\_ party.
10. The foundation of the political system in Oregon is based on Voting \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ level.

11. There are \_\_\_\_\_ voting precincts in Benton County, \_\_\_\_\_ in Linn County and \_\_\_\_\_ in Marion County.
12. Cities are often divided into \_\_\_\_\_ that do not follow precinct lines. In addition, School Districts are often divided into \_\_\_\_\_.
13. It is not uncommon for cities and special districts to include portions of \_\_\_\_\_ or more Counties.
14. The heart of the political system are the elected and appointed \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Persons (PCPs).
  - a. ORS 248 allocates one PCP for about every \_\_\_\_\_ population within a precinct.
  - b. The election of PCP occurs in \_\_\_\_\_ of the even years.
  - c. Individuals holding these positions can influence the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of a political party.
  - d. Benton County is allocated \_\_\_\_\_ PCP positions, Linn County \_\_\_\_\_ and Marion County \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. Typically, only between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ percent of these positions are filled by either party.

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## Element #8 –Who are the Elected? – Federal Congress

### Objectives

- The representatives of the people.
- The representatives of the state.
- Number and location of Congressional Districts in Oregon.
- Term of office for US House of Representatives.
- Term of office for US Senators.

1. The term of office for members of the House of Representatives is \_\_\_\_\_ years. The election is held on the \_\_\_\_\_ numbered years.
2. The US Constitution allocates one representative for every \_\_\_\_\_ population.
  - a. This was capped at \_\_\_\_\_ in 1911.
3. The US House of Representatives is also called the “\_\_\_\_\_ house.”
4. The number of members of the house for each state is based on the \_\_\_\_\_, which is determined once every \_\_\_\_\_ years.
5. The House of Representatives is responsible for the \_\_\_\_\_. In addition, all bills for raising \_\_\_\_\_ must originate in the House.
6. As of 2020, Oregon was allocated \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional Districts. The population of each district must be about \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Benton County is represented by the \_\_\_\_\_ District. Linn by the \_\_\_\_\_ District and Marion by the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Districts.
8. Each state is represented by \_\_\_\_\_ Senators.
  - a. Their term of office is \_\_\_\_\_ years