



# VOTING

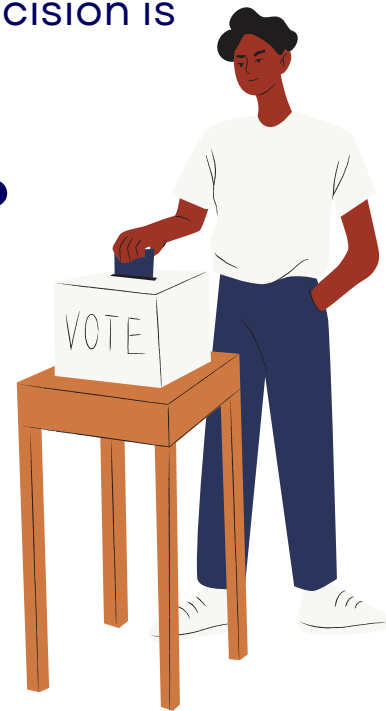


## WHAT IS VOTING?

Voting is a process in which people can make a fair decision when not everybody agrees. During elections in the United States, citizens vote at a polling sites or with mail-in ballots. Once all the votes are collected and counted, a decision is made!

## WHO CAN VOTE IN ELECTIONS?

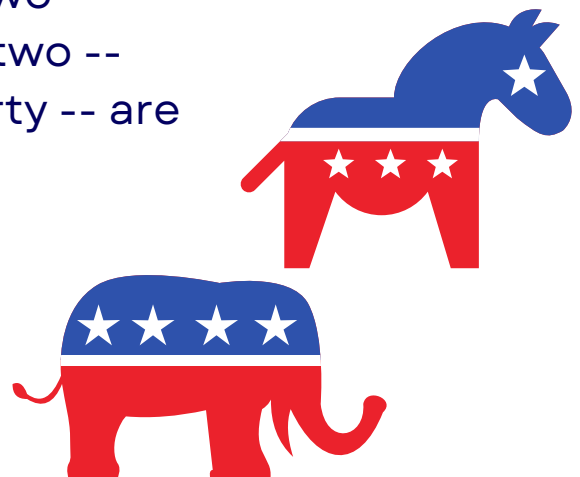
In the U.S., anybody 18 years and older with U.S. citizenship can vote. Before you can vote, you first have to register. During registration, you must identify with one of the three groups: democrat, independent, or republican.



## PARTIES AND IDEOLOGIES

The U.S. has what is called a "two party system". While there are more than two political parties in the U.S., the same two -- Democratic Party and Republican Party -- are always the most popular.

In general, democrats favor a more involved government that provides social services, while republicans favor small government with little interference<sup>3</sup>.



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