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# UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

## Topic: Ideologies of Political Parties

### Before you get started...

The Republican party generally believes that it is the responsibility of individuals and communities to take care of people in need. The Democratic party generally believes that the government should take care of people. In general, the Republican party believes that if the government needs to do a job then it is best for *the local governments* like cities and counties to make those decisions. The Democratic party believes that the federal government has more resources and is therefore in a better position to do those jobs. - Jessica Smartt

Read this article: [Views of parties' on issues and ideologies.](#)

### At the end you should know ...

How have ideologies of the two major political parties shaped policy debate?

### Resources ...

Wolfford pp. 444-451, [Video Clip 4.7](#). [Quizlet 4.7](#)

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