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## **Topic: Political Parties**

## Before you get started...

The main function of political parties are to:

**E**lect candidates

Campaign for candidates

Money, get money.

Bond, work together.

Recruit, recruit people aid in their party's success - running or voting.

There is no mention of political parties in the U.S. Constitution.

Political parties serve as a primary linking institution, connecting people directly with the government.

## At the end you should know ...

What role do linkage institutions play in political parties, and what effect do political parties have on the electorate and government?

Resources ...

Wolfford pp. 524-531, Video Clip 5.3, Quizlet 5.3

Notes: