

## **Lecture 04: Political Parties**

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### **What is a Political Party?**

A **Political Party** is a group of people who share the same ideas about how a country should be run.

They work together to win elections, gain power, and govern the country according to their beliefs.

Simply, it's a team of people with the same political goals.

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### **Why Are Political Parties Important?**

Because they: ✓ Organize people with similar ideas

✓ Help people choose their leaders

✓ Prepare programs to improve the country

✓ Make laws when in power

✓ Keep the government accountable when in opposition

Without political parties, it would be hard for citizens to participate in politics.

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### **Functions of Political Parties**

Political parties have many important jobs:

1  **Win elections**

2  **Form governments**

3  **Make and enforce laws**

4  **Represent the people's opinions**

5  **Educate people about politics**

6  **Provide political leaders**

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## 🗳️ Types of Political Party Systems

There are 3 main types:

Type	Description	Example
<b>One-Party System</b>	Only one party controls the country	North Korea
<b>👤👤 Two-Party System</b>	Two main parties compete for power	USA (Democrats & Republicans)
<b>🗳️ Multi-Party System</b>	Many parties compete in elections	Algeria, India, France

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## 🗳️ Why Study Political Parties?

Because it helps us:

- ✓ Know how political decisions are made
  - ✓ Understand our rights in choosing leaders
  - ✓ Participate in the political life of our country
  - ✓ Learn how governments work
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## ✓ Conclusion

To summarize:

A **Political Party** is a group of people with the same ideas about how to run a country.

They take part in elections, form governments, and represent the people's wishes.