Where do we see parties?

* Party organization
  + The national conventions
  + Motivated to attract voters to vote
* Party in government
  + An alliance meant to shape public policy
  + First congress was where the parties were created
* Party in electorate
  + Members of a political party that regularly vote
  + Parties would try their best to excite people to vote by offering stuff like alcohol

Two party system

* Single winner or single member district is why our system is the way it is
  + Plurality vote – not necessarily the majority but got the most votes
    - So they are the single winner
      * This leads to two party system
        + The alternative would be the proportional representation

The history of our party system

* First party system (1790 - 1824)
  + Creation of national party in government
  + Hamilton factions (**federalists**)
    - Promoted commercial interests
  + Jefferson and Madison faction (**anti- federalists)**
* Second (1824 - 1860)
  + Creation of organization of these parties
  + Federalists broke up and everyone in congress was the **democratic- republican**
    - Created the era of good feelings
  + Once Andrew Jackson became president, the **whig** party was created
    - Whigs believed that congress should be more powerful than the president
* Third (1860 - 1894)
  + Whig part split up because of slavery
    - The **republicans** were created
      * Was not a single issue party
    - The **democrats** were created as a competitor
* Fourth (1894 - 1932)
  + Party machines scared many people
    - Progressives included civil service reform , and a direct ballot
  + Party focus got shifted to candidate focused
* Fifth (1932 - ?)
  + New deal coalition
  + There was a realignment for the parties
* Sixth (debatable) (1950 – 60?)
  + Possible causes for the 6th could be some change
  + No election wasn’t that critical
    - Erosion of new deals
    - African American becoming democratic