

# US politics

## Talking and writing about the political parties in the US

If you talk about the US political parties, you have to use their names and adjectives about their names with a **capital letter**: **R**epublican and **D**emocrat. That's because both words can also have a general meaning outside of US politics.

general meanings		meanings in the context of US parties	
<b>republican (noun)</b>	a person who supports a republic as a form of government	<b>Republican (noun)</b>	a supporter or member of the US Republican party
<b>republican (adj)</b>	something that has to do with a republic	<b>Republican (adj)</b>	something that has to do with the US Republican party
<b>democrat (noun)</b>	a person who supports democracy	<b>Democrat (noun)</b>	a supporter or member of the US Democratic party
<b>democratic (adj)</b>	something that has to do with the principles of democracy	<b>Democratic (adj)</b>	something that has to do with the US Democratic party