

The Past, Present, and Future of America's Two-Party System

A three part series that explores the history and trajectory of the modern Republican and Democratic Parties

March 3
1-2pm

PART I: THE HISTORY AND ROLE OF AMERICA'S POLITICAL PARTIES

The origin of today's two-party system dates back to the early years of our Constitutional era and has more-or-less persisted in its current form. Join Lou Andolino, Professor of Political Science, John Delate, Associate Vice President of Student Services, and Joseph Scanlon, Assistant Professor of Political Science, for an interactive discussion about the origin of our two-party system and the function that parties play in American politics.

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March 10
1-2pm

PART II: DEMOGRAPHICS, CULTURE, AND THE CURRENT PARTY SYSTEM

America's dominant political parties have often consisted of coalitions of voters under "big tents." However, given the increasing complexity and diversity of society, the broad appeal of both parties has waned in recent years. Join Lou Andolino, Professor of Political Science, John Delate, Associate Vice President of Student Services, and Joseph Scanlon, Assistant Professor of Political Science, for an interactive discussion about the factors contributing to party discontent in American politics.

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March 17
1-2pm

PART III: TOWARD A MULTI-PARTY DEMOCRACY

If the current party arrangement is not tenable, how can we correct the problem? Join Lou Andolino, Professor of Political Science, John Delate, Associate Vice President of Student Services, and Joseph Scanlon, Assistant Professor of Political Science, for an interactive discussion about electoral reforms that can produce a party system more representative of America's increasing diversity and complexity.

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