

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	
republican (noun)	a person who supports a republic as a form of government	Republican (noun)	a supporter or member of the US Republican party
republican (adj)	something that has to do with a republic	Republican (adj)	something that has to do with the US Republican party
democrat (noun)	a person who supports democracy	Democrat (noun)	a supporter or member of the US Democratic party
democratic (adj)	something that has to do with the principles of democracy	Democratic (adj)	something that has to do with the US Democratic party