

*Below are Preambles to the bylaws of our two major US political parties, with their specific identification removed. What does each text bring to mind? Can you suggest which Preamble goes with which party?*

## **PREAMBLE**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the xxx Party is the party of the open door. Ours is the party of liberty, the party of equality, of opportunity for all, and favoritism for none.

It is the intent and purpose of these rules to encourage and allow the broadest possible participation of all voters in xxx Party activities at all levels and to assure that the xxx Party is open and accessible to all Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following be and hereby are adopted as *The Rules of the xxx Party*, composed of the rules for the election and government of the xxx National Committee until the next national convention, the rules under which delegates and alternate delegates shall be allotted to the respective states in the next national convention, and the rules under which such delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected and under which contests shall be considered, and the rules of business of this national convention.

[As adopted by the 2020 \_\_ National Convention; amended by the \_\_ National Committee in 2022]

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We, the xxx of the United States of America, united in common purpose, hereby rededicate ourselves to the principles which have historically sustained our Party. Recognizing that the vitality of the Nation's political institutions has been the foundation of its enduring strength, we acknowledge that a political party which wishes to lead must listen to those it would lead, a party which asks for the people's trust must prove that it trusts the people, and a party which hopes to call forth the best the Nation can achieve must embody the best of the Nation's heritage and traditions.

What we seek for our Nation, we hope for all people: individual freedom in the framework of a just society, political freedom in the framework of meaningful participation by all citizens. Bound by the United States Constitution, aware that a party must be responsive to be worthy of responsibility, we pledge ourselves to open, honest endeavor and to the conduct of public affairs in a manner worthy of a society of free people.

Under God, and for these ends and upon these principles, we do establish and adopt this Charter of the xxx Party of the United States of America.

[As Amended by the \_\_ National Committee, 2022]