

TM Mission Directions: **Political Parties and Immigration Policy**

Guiding Question for this station:

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Introduction:

You'll be turning 18 before you know it! You'll be driving, voting, and fully participating in our American Democracy. Even though you are not yet a voter, it's never too early to keep your eyes on the people who think that they deserve to be running our country. In fact, kids should pay the closest attention to the changing ideas of political parties, because you do NOT have the vote. But YOU DO HAVE A VOICE!

Station RUBRIC:

4 ABOVE grade level:

100% effort and ALL work completed, including EXTRA CREDIT section. Totally focused and on task!

3 AT grade level:

80-90% effort and ALL work completed. Wasted no time.

2 NEAR grade level:

70% effort and most of the work is completed. Wasted some time.

1 BELOW grade level:

50% or less effort and little to no work is completed. Wasted time.

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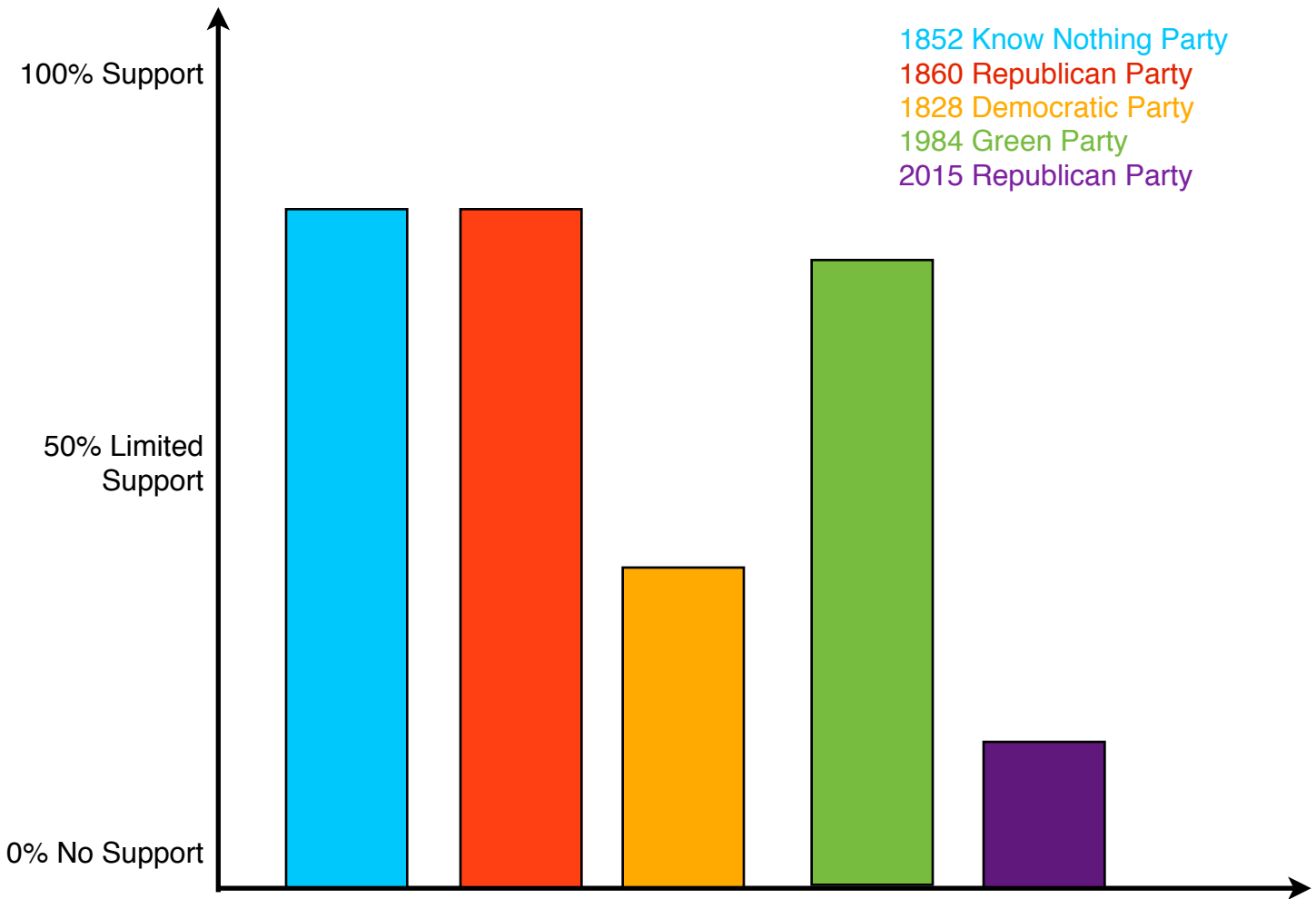
1. With your group categorize at least 5 of the Political Parties listed below into one of these 3 categories:
 - a. would support immigration into the US.
 - b. would limit immigration into the US.
 - c. would refuse immigration into the US.
2. Give reasons for why you think what you think, use TEXTUAL EVIDENCE.
3. Then, make a graph of your inferences.
4. **Add all work to your notebook.**

Political Party & timeline dates & links.	Platform: What they support and believe, short descriptions.
Democratic-Republican 1790	Started with Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. They believed in a modest central government, limited commercial activity, and strong farming communities. Thomas Jefferson said, <i>"The first consideration in immigration is the [common good] of the receiving nation. In a new government based on principles unfamiliar to the rest of the world and resting on the [feelings] of the people themselves, the influx of a large number of new immigrants [unfamiliar] to the government of a free society could be [a problem] to that society. Immigration, therefore, must be approached carefully and cautiously."</i>
Federalist 1790	The Federalist Party, led by Alexander Hamilton, believed in a strong national government with centralized authority. Hamilton said, <i>"The safety of a republic depends on the... energy of a common national [feeling]; on a unity of principles and habits; on the [freedom] of the citizens from foreign bias, and prejudice; and on that love of country which will almost [always] be found... closely connected with birth, education, and family."</i>
National Republican Party or Whig Party 1828 -1834	As the National Republican Party dissolved, the Whig Party emerged. Led by Henry Clay and Daniel Webster, the Whigs supported an expanded national government, increased commercial development, and cautious westward expansion. Henry Clay opposed Federalist's attempts to stop immigration and did not support the Alien and Sedition Acts.
Democratic Party 1828 - now	Past: 1828 Democrats favored a limited national government and were opposed to an economic aristocracy (rule by the rich). In 1860, The Democratic Party split into two factions(political groups): The Southern Democrats , who supported the federal protection of slavery in the western territories; and The Northern Democrats , who wanted all questions of slavery left up to the U.S. Supreme Court. Today: Democrats today believe that America has a long and rich heritage of immigration. They embrace our country's diversity, but recognize that America needs to fix a broken immigration system.
Free Soil Party 1848	The Free Soil Party was based on two key principles: 1. Open the land that was won in the Mexican American war to Americans seeking economic betterment, and 2. Americans must be given the opportunity to live and work in those western lands without any competition from slave labor.

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Know Nothing Party 1852	The Know-Nothing Party (also known as the American Party) supporters were former Democrats who objected to the wave of Catholic immigrants entering the United States.
Republican Party 1860 - now	<p>Past: In 1860 Republicans were the Political Party of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln said, “As a nation, we began by declaring that “all men are created equal.” We now practically read it “all men are created equal, except negroes” When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read “all men are created equal, except negroes, and foreigners, and Catholics.” When it comes to this I should prefer emigrating to some country where they [do not pretend] of loving liberty—to Russia, for instance, where [dictatorship] can be taken pure, and without the base alloy of hypocrisy.”</p> <p>Present: Republicans today say, immigrant labor helped build our country in the past, today’s legal immigrants are making vital contributions in every aspect of our national life. Illegal immigration undermines those benefits and affects U.S. workers. In an age of terrorism, drug cartels, human trafficking, and criminal gangs. Millions of unidentified persons in this country poses grave risks to the safety and the sovereignty of the United States.</p>
Populist Party 1892	A group of small farmers, sharecroppers, and tenant farmers formed the Populist Party. Populists rallied(joined) against large-scale commercial agriculture that would put them out of work, and they supported federally regulated communication, transportation, and banking systems.
Progressive Party 1912	Theodore Roosevelt a former Republican, formed the Progressive Party (also known as the Bull Moose Party). Progressives supported Women’s suffrage(voting rights), environmental conservation, and promised to establish standards that would smooth or ease tensions between immigrant and native workers. They also promised to support or promote “assimilation, education, and advancement” of social justice for immigrants.
Libertarian Party 1971 - now	Libertarians support the removal of governmental rules that limit free trade. Political freedom and escape from tyranny demand that individuals not be unreasonably constrained by government in the crossing of political boundaries. Economic freedom demands the unrestricted movement of human as well as financial capital across national borders. However, we support control over the entry into our country of foreign nationals who pose a credible threat to security, health, or property.
Green Party 1984 - now	Grassroots democracy, Social justice and equal opportunities, Ecological wisdom, Non-violence, Decentralization, Community-based economics and economic justice, Feminism and gender equity, Respect for diversity, Personal and global responsibility, Future focus and sustainability.
Constitution Party 1992 - now	Make abortion illegal. Allow people the freedom of conscience and actions so that they can self-govern. Marriage is between one husband and one wife with their children as God instituted. Each individual has the right to own and control their personal property without government interfering. The American government must commit to protect the borders, trade, and common defense of Americans, and not get entangled in foreign alliances.

SAMPLE GRAPHIC ORGANIZER:

Categorize the Political Parties into their political party platform on immigration:		
Support immigration	Limit Immigration	Refuse Immigration
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This Graph Represents:

The level of immigration support by political party and date that party was active.