

Dearest Peucinian,

Last week, in an unusual turn of events, we found that while the majority of the table found that art is not necessarily for the artist, the declaimed members ended the night in a tied vote. This week we turn from the creative to political sphere, and particularly that sphere in which one of us, for at least some time, has lived.

**Resolved: Political Parties are Disadvantageous to Society.**

**Aff. Andrew Carnegie**

**Neg. Robert F Kennedy**

Are political parties breeding grounds for factional squabbling and stalemates that only emphasize the differences in the american population and minimize the representation of citizens? Or, rather they are a way for politicians and voters alike to easily find a group that shares certain beliefs and experiences and a way to unite a largely disparate republic?

Please note that we will be focusing on the american political party system as it is and has traditionally been (a strong two party system, sorry Ralph Nader).

Attached is a link to Washington's farewell address, the middle bits are the most relevant. Also worth weighing are the history of Greek democracy, the Roman Republic, and places that are historically ruled by one political party (for example, Japan).

[http://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Washington%27s\\_Farewell\\_Address](http://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Washington%27s_Farewell_Address)

**Please come to the third floor of Mass Hall at 7:30 in business attire (whatever combination of skirt, trousers,**

**collared shirt, tie, bow tie, blazer, dress, sweater, vest, sweater-vest, suspenders, and relevant accessories suit you).**

Bring your burning questions and deepest convictions

Pinos Loquentes Semper Habemus,

Aesop Eleutheros