**Rights vs. Responsibilities**

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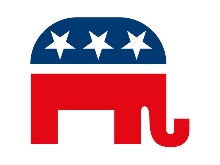
* Freedom of speech - Serving on juries
* Freedom of religion - Obeying laws
* Freedom of press - Tolerating differences in people around us
* Protection under the law - Participating in our government
* Access to the judicial system - Voting

**Requirements to vote in Texas**

* Be a United States citizen
* Not totally mentally incapacitated
* Must be 18 years old on election day
* Cannot be a convicted felon (unless time served)
* Be a resident of a Texas county

**Republicans & Democrats**

* In the US we have a 2-party system as 2 major parties dominate elections
  + *Republicans:* conservative, right, elephant is the symbol, color is red



* + *Democrats:* liberal, left, donkey is the symbol, color is blue

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**“Motor-Voter” Bill**

* A bill passed by Congress in 1993 that let’s US citizens register to vote when they apply for a drivers license.

**Campaign**

* An organized effort in which people try to influence the decision-making process within a particular group
  + Example: Obama and Romney were conducting ***campaigns*** for the presidency.