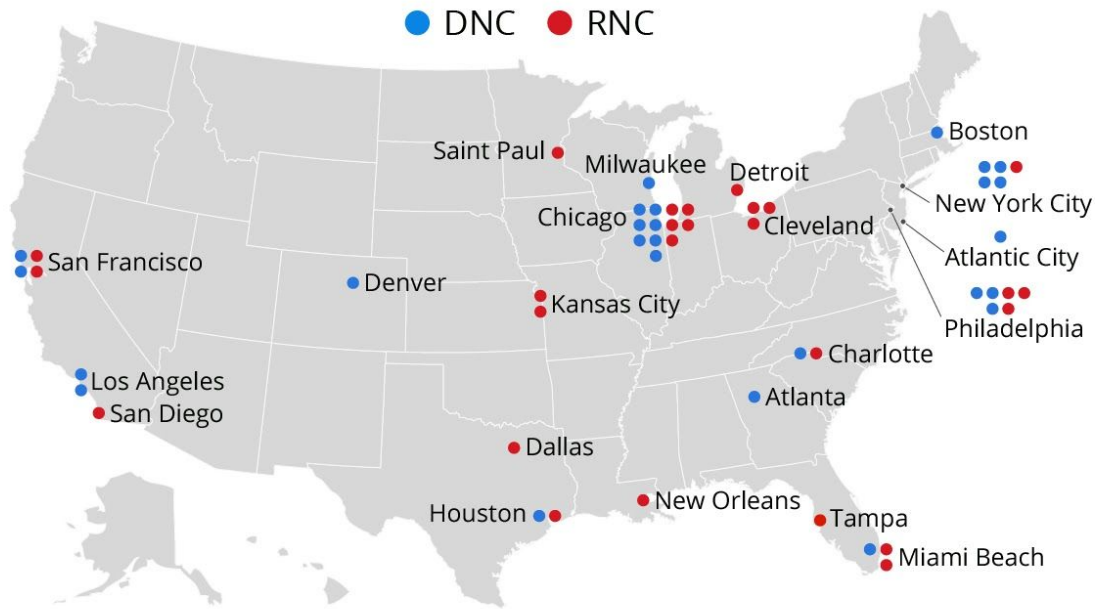


Where DNCs and RNCs Have Taken Place

Locations of Democratic and Republican National Conventions (1920-2020)



Source: Library of Congress



Critical Analysis

1. The 2020 Democratic National Convention (DNC) was “held” in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The 2020 Republican National Convention (RNC) was “held” in Charlotte, NC (whoot, whoot). Over the past century, what U.S. city has been the home to the most political party conventions?
2. Since 2008, what kind of state has hosted every national political convention?*
3. Why do you think that is?
4. In your opinion, what is the most important American city that has **never** had a convention? (Pro-tip: Orlando is not really that important).

5. Why do you think the Democrats planned their 2020 nominating convention in Wisconsin, a state Obama won in 2008 and 2012, and the Republicans, in (whoot! Whoot!) North Carolina (N. Cakalacky)?
6. [Why do we have national political party conventions](#), and what happens at [national political conventions](#) anyway?
7. How do you think the 2020 COVID-19 online conventions will impact the 2020 election?
8. In a way, in this time of social media conventions are a relic of the past, do you think the coronavirus will spell the end of actual physical conventions?
9. Now that you have read, internalized, memorized [Federalist No. 10](#), and have become a national expert on James Madison (163 centimeters tall - five foot four inches) and his feelings towards factions, explain what Madison would have thought about party conventions.
10. If you were the head of the Democratic National Party explain where you would hold the 2024 convention, and if you were the head of the Republican National Party explain where you would hold the 2024 convention. (Pro tip: you're not).
11. Based on the silly map above, describe any regional differences in the location of party conventions for the two major parties.
12. Explain whether you think national nominating conventions increase or decrease democracy.

Visual Extension

Host City of National Political Conventions 1960-2020

Year	Democratic Convention	Republican Convention
1960	LA	Chicago
1964	Atlantic City, NJ	San Francisco
1968	Chicago	Miami Beach
1972	Miami Beach	Miami Beach
1976	New York City	Kansas City
1980	New York City	Detroit
1984	San Francisco	Dallas
1988	Atlanta	New Orleans
1992	New York City	Houston
1996	Chicago	San Diego
2000	LA	Philadelphia
2004	Boston	New York City
2008	Denver	Saint Paul
2012	Charlotte, NC!!!!	Tampa Bay
2016	Philadelphia	Cleveland
2020	Milwaukee	Charlotte, NC!!!!!!

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Learning Extension

Listen to this insane *Here and Now* report. *Warning: Graphic language. The following NPR report may not be suitable for all listeners.

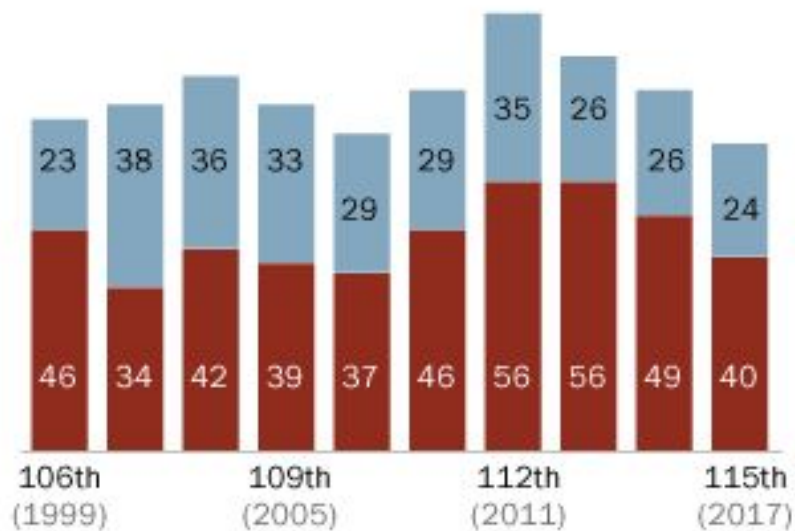
Action Extension

Did you know that mere mortals like you can attend a national party convention?!?! Contact your favorite political party and ask them what you need to do to attend the 2024 national party convention. You might just be surprised by what you learn. Share their response in class or online.

Lawmakers frequently sponsor amendments to the U.S. Constitution

Proposed constitutional amendments, by party of lead congressional sponsor

- Democrats (299 total)
- Republicans (445 total)



Note: As of April 11, 2018. In addition, independent Sen. Bernie Sanders sponsored one amendment in each of 2011, 2013 and 2015.

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of Congress.gov data.

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