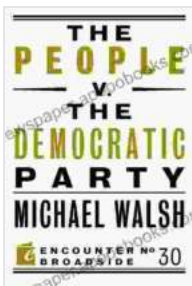


# The People's Party: A History of the Democratic Party

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## The Early Years

The Democratic Party was founded in 1828 by a group of supporters of Andrew Jackson. Jackson was a popular war hero and populist who

appealed to the common man. The Democratic Party quickly became the party of the working class and the poor.

In the early years of the party, the Democrats were opposed to the policies of the Whig Party, which was the party of the wealthy and the elite. The Democrats fought for the expansion of democracy and the rights of the common man.

## **The Civil War**

The Civil War was a major turning point in American history and in the history of the Democratic Party. The party was deeply divided over the issue of slavery, and many Democrats supported the Confederacy.

After the war, the Democratic Party was weakened and divided. The party struggled to find its footing in the new political landscape.

## **The New Deal**

The Great Depression was a devastating economic crisis that hit the United States in the 1930s. The Democratic Party, under the leadership of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, implemented a series of programs known as the New Deal.

The New Deal helped to lift the United States out of the Great Depression and created a new era of prosperity. The Democratic Party became the dominant party in American politics, and Roosevelt was elected to four terms as president.

## **The Cold War**

The Cold War was a period of tension between the United States and the Soviet Union. The Democratic Party played a major role in the Cold War, supporting the containment of communism and the promotion of democracy around the world.

The Democratic Party also supported the civil rights movement, which fought for equal rights for African Americans. The party passed a number of landmark civil rights laws, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

### **The Vietnam War**

The Vietnam War was a major turning point in American history and in the history of the Democratic Party. The war was deeply unpopular, and many Democrats opposed it.

The war led to a split in the Democratic Party, with some Democrats supporting the war and others opposing it. The party was unable to unite behind a single candidate in the 1968 presidential election, and Richard Nixon was elected president.

### **The Watergate Scandal**

The Watergate scandal was a major political scandal that rocked the United States in the 1970s. The scandal involved the break-in of the Democratic National Committee headquarters and the subsequent cover-up by the Nixon administration.

The Watergate scandal led to the resignation of President Nixon and the weakening of the Republican Party. The Democratic Party was able to regain control of Congress and the White House in the 1976 election.

## **The Reagan Revolution**

The Reagan Revolution was a period of conservative dominance in American politics that began in the 1980s. The Democratic Party was unable to keep up with the Republicans, and the party lost control of the White House and Congress.

The Democratic Party was able to regain control of the White House in 1992 with the election of Bill Clinton. Clinton was a popular president who presided over a period of economic prosperity.

## **The 21st Century**

The Democratic Party has faced a number of challenges in the 21st century. The party lost control of the White House in 2000 and 2004, and the party has been unable to regain control of Congress.

The Democratic Party has been criticized for being too liberal and for being out of touch with the concerns of ordinary Americans. The party has also been criticized for its handling of the economy and for its support of the Iraq War.

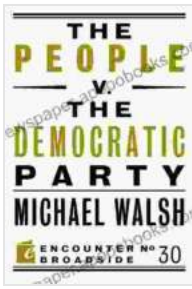
Despite these challenges, the Democratic Party remains a major force in American politics. The party has a strong base of support among minorities, women, and young people. The party is also benefiting from the growing unpopularity of the Republican Party.

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The Democratic Party is not without its challenges, but it remains a vital force in American politics. The party has a strong base of support and a commitment to the values of democracy, equality, and opportunity.





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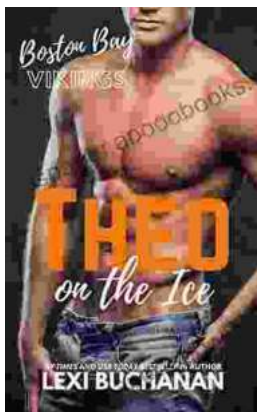
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