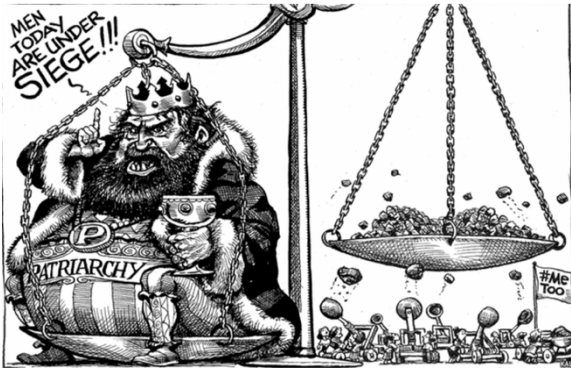


Unit 5 POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

5.5 Third Party Politics

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ESSENTIALS

In comparison to proportional systems, winner-take-all voting districts serve as a structural barrier to third party and independent candidate success.

The incorporation of third-party agendas into platforms of major political parties serves as a barrier to third party and independent candidate success.

1. What is the underlying idea of this cartoon? [Write your response like a claim statement]
2. How might this issue put pressure on our two major political parties? What other issues might mobilize third parties? Why are third parties a disadvantage to our political system?

Third Party + Candidate	Impact on Democratic Party	Impact on Republican Party
1992 – Explain details		
2000 – Explain details		

In your lifetime do you think a third-party candidate could win a national election? Explain using concrete evidence.

Define PLURALITY elections. Why do plurality rules increase our efficacy? Compare this to national systems that use proportional voting. What are efficacy rates in England? Explain.

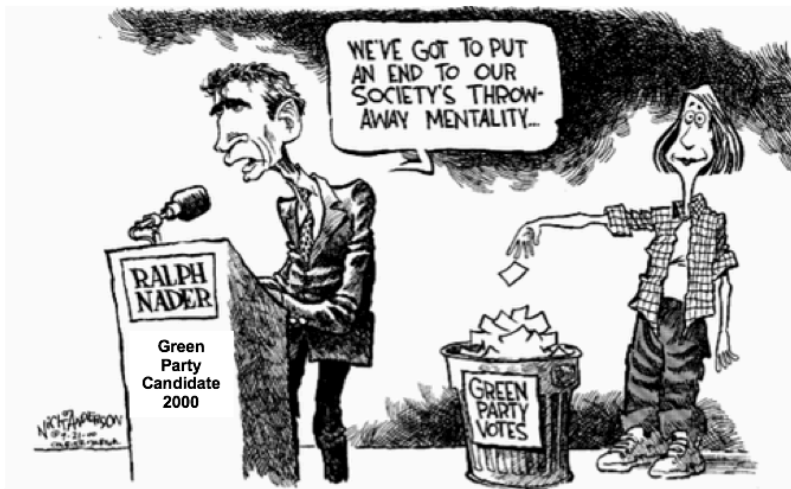
What is Duverger's Law? Explain.

Investigate RANK CHOICE VOTING.

Rank Choice Voting Rules	Rank Choice Voting Examples	Rank Choice Voting Impact
How does it work?	What countries/states use it?	How might it challenge our two party system?

Would you advocate for RANK CHOICE VOTING? Explain.

QUALITATIVE Response:



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Use the information graphic to answer the questions.

- Describe the primary message of the cartoon above.
- Describe a similarity or difference between third party voters and non-third-party voters, as illustrated in the cartoon, and draw a conclusion about that similarity or difference.
- Explain how changing structural barriers could impact the success of third-party candidates.