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In politics, a political party is an organized group of people who have the same ideology, or who otherwise have the same political positions, and who field candidates for elections, in an attempt to get them elected and thereby implement their agenda. . It is an essential feature of politics. While there is some international commonality in the way political parties are recognized and in how they operate, there are often many differences, some of which are significant. Most of political parties have an ideological core, but some do not, and many represent ideologies very different from their ideology at the time the party was founded. Many countries, such as Germany and India, have several significant political parties, and some nations have one-party systems, such as China and Cuba. The United States is in practice a two-party system but with many smaller parties also participating. The 20th century saw the spread of political parties throughout the entire world. In less-developed countries, large modern political parties have sometimes been based on traditional relationships, such as ethnic, tribal, or religious affiliations. Moreover, many political parties in less-developed countries are partly political, partly military. Certain socialist and communist parties in Europe earlier experienced the same tendencies.

Characteristics of political party

* Political parties have some members who agree on some policies and Programmes to society with a view to promote common good.
* It seeks to implement the policies by winning popular support through elections.
* Has three components ; the leaders, the active members And the followers.
* A group of people who come together to contest elections and hold power in the government.

## List of some political parties in Nigeria

* African Action Congress (AAC)
* Abundant Nigeria Renewal Party (ANRP)
* Advanced Congress of Democrats (ACD)
* All Blended Party (ABP)
* Alliance for Democracy (AD)
* Alliance for New Nigeria (ANN)
* Action Democratic Party (Nigeria) (ADP)
* Advanced Peoples Democratic Alliance (APDA)
* All Democratic Peoples Movement (ADPM)
* All Progressives Congress (APC)
* African Democratic Congress (ADC)
* All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA)
* All People's Party (APP)
* Conscience People's Congress [CPC]
* Communist Party of Nigeria (CPN)
* The challenges of political party

 Corruption in party financing can occur in both multi-party and one party election

systems. Under both systems the electorate can develop the expectation that their vote

will be bought. Multi-party competition can also lead to a spending rat race between

parties.

The pressures on parties to raise money increases the power of monied interest

roups and individuals to influence party behavior in exchange for financial support.

Ruling parties may also abuse their access to state resources, putting opposition parties

at a substantial disadvantage.