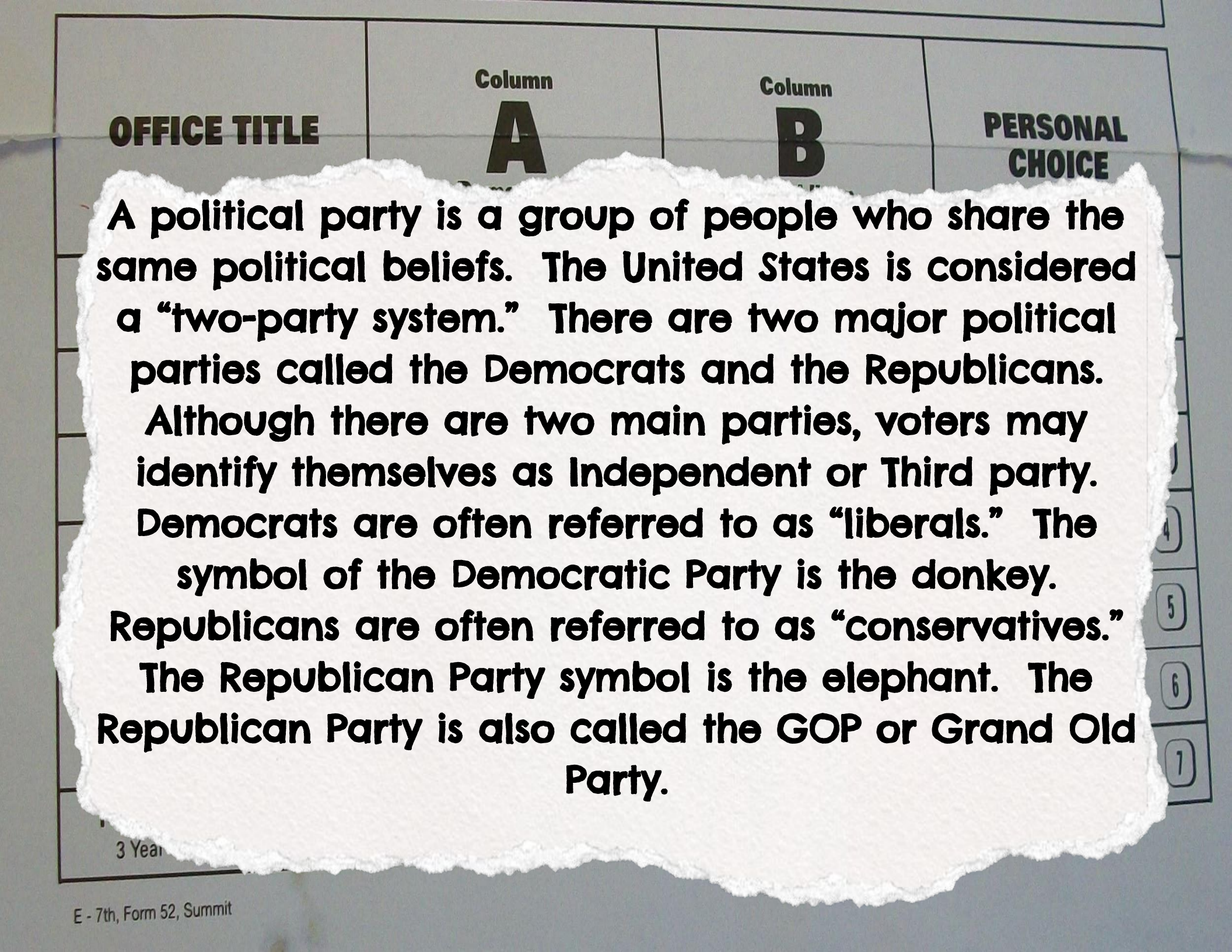
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A political party is a group of people who share the same political beliefs. The United States is considered a "two-party system." There are two major political parties called the Democrats and the Republicans. Although there are two main parties, voters may identify themselves as Independent or Third party. Democrats are often referred to as "liberals." The symbol of the Democratic Party is the donkey. Republicans are often referred to as "conservatives." The Republican Party symbol is the elephant. The Republican Party is also called the GOP or Grand Old Party.

The United States is considered a "three-party system."



TAXES

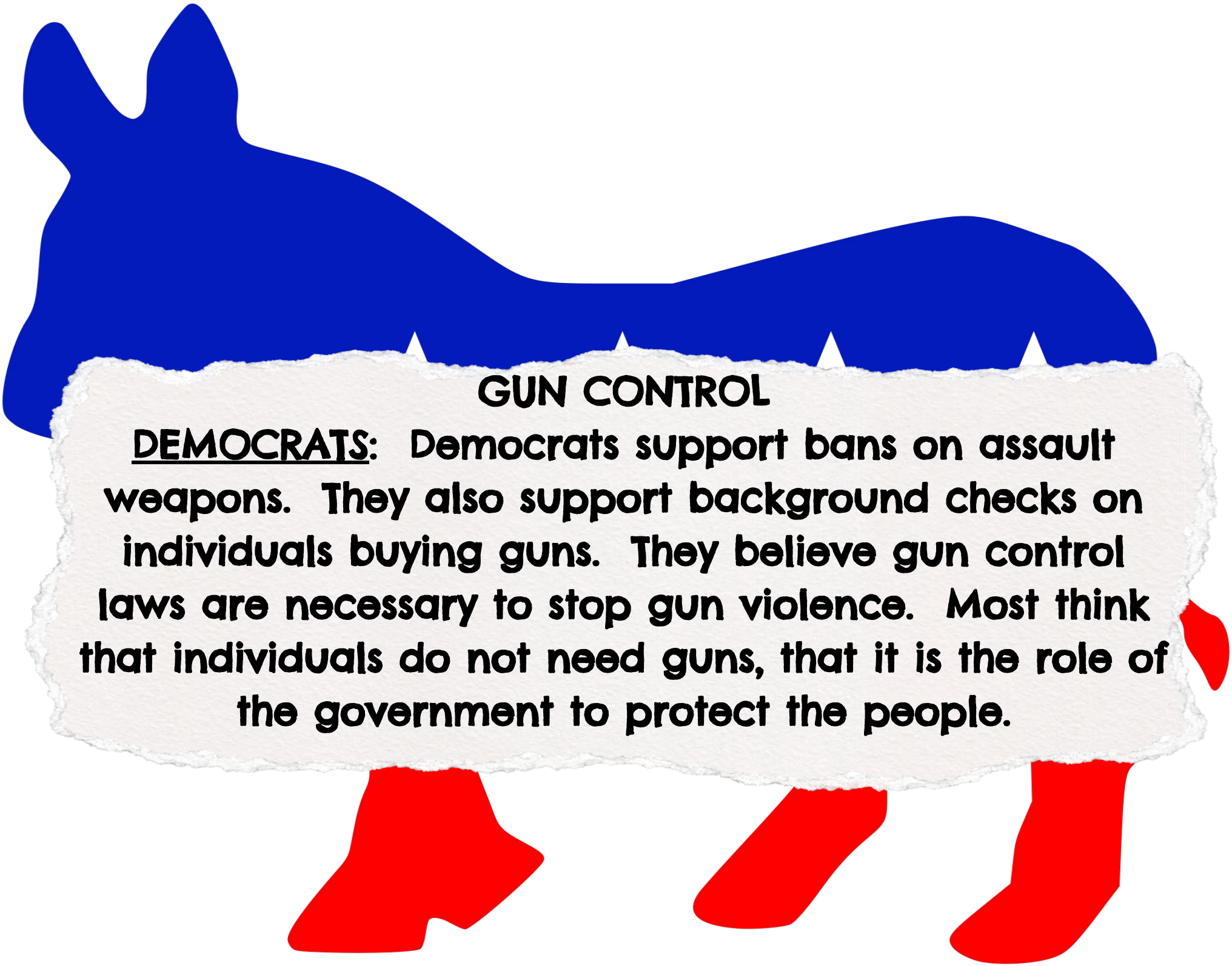
REPUBLICANS: Republicans believe in lower taxes and a smaller government. They believe lower taxes create more of an incentive for people to find jobs, save their money and invest. They believe government programs for the needy may encourage people to rely on such programs instead of actively seeking help or employment. Republicans tend to believe that taxes should be equal percentages for all income levels (flat tax). Most believe that overly taxing businesses and the wealthy gets in the way of economic growth.

Republicans believe in lower ____ and a smaller government.

A. Economic Growth

B. Populations

C. Taxes



GUN CONTROL

DEMOCRATS: Democrats support bans on assault weapons. They also support background checks on individuals buying guns. They believe gun control laws are necessary to stop gun violence. Most think that individuals do not need guns, that it is the role of the government to protect the people.

Democrats support bans on ____.

A. Military weapons

B. Police weapons

C. Assault weapons