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| Bank Item Number | | G.C.2.8.L1 |
| Benchmark | | SS.7.C.2.8 |
| Cognitive Complexity | | L |
| Item | | What are the names of the two major political parties in the United States today? |
| A | \* | Democratic and Republican |
| B |  | Democratic and Libertarian |
| C |  | Socialist and Republican |
| D |  | Socialist and Libertarian |

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| Bank Item Number | | G.C.2.8.M1 |
| Benchmark | | SS.7.C.2.8 |
| Cognitive Complexity | | M |
| Item | | The statement below is from a political party platform.  We, the workers and our allies, need to take power from the hands of the wealthy few, their corporations, and their political operatives.  Which political party’s position is represented in the statement? |
| A | \* | Communist |
| B |  | Democratic |
| C |  | Republican |
| D |  | Socialist |

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| Bank Item Number | | G.C.2.8.M2 |
| Benchmark | | SS.7.C.2.8 |
| Cognitive Complexity | | M |
| Item | | Which spending increase would the Democratic Party likely support? |
| A |  | homeland security |
| B |  | space exploration |
| C | \* | education |
| D |  | military |

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| Bank Item Number | | G.C.2.8.M3 |
| Benchmark | | SS.7.C.2.8 |
| Cognitive Complexity | | M |
| Item | | The conversation below is part of a political discussion.  ---------------------------  **Lou**: I am going to vote for the candidate who will support cutting government spending.  **Bob**: Yes, we spend too much on some programs.  ---------------------------  Which party’s candidates are these voters most likely to support? |
| A |  | Democratic |
| B |  | Green |
| C | \* | Republican |
| D |  | Socialist |

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| Bank Item Number | | G.C.2.8.H1 |
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| Cognitive Complexity | | H |
| Item | | The table below describes political party associations of governors.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Year** | **Number of Democratic Governors** | **Number of**  **Republican**  **Governors** | | 2013 | 19 | 30 | | 2011 | 20 | 29 | | 2009 | 26 | 24 | | 2007 | 29 | 21 |   Based on the table, what has been an impact of political parties on policy making? |
| A | \* | More Republican issue positions have shaped federal policy. |
| B |  | More Democratic issue positions have shaped federal policy. |
| C |  | The number of Democrats nominated for governor increased. |
| D |  | The number of Republicans nominated for governor increased. |