

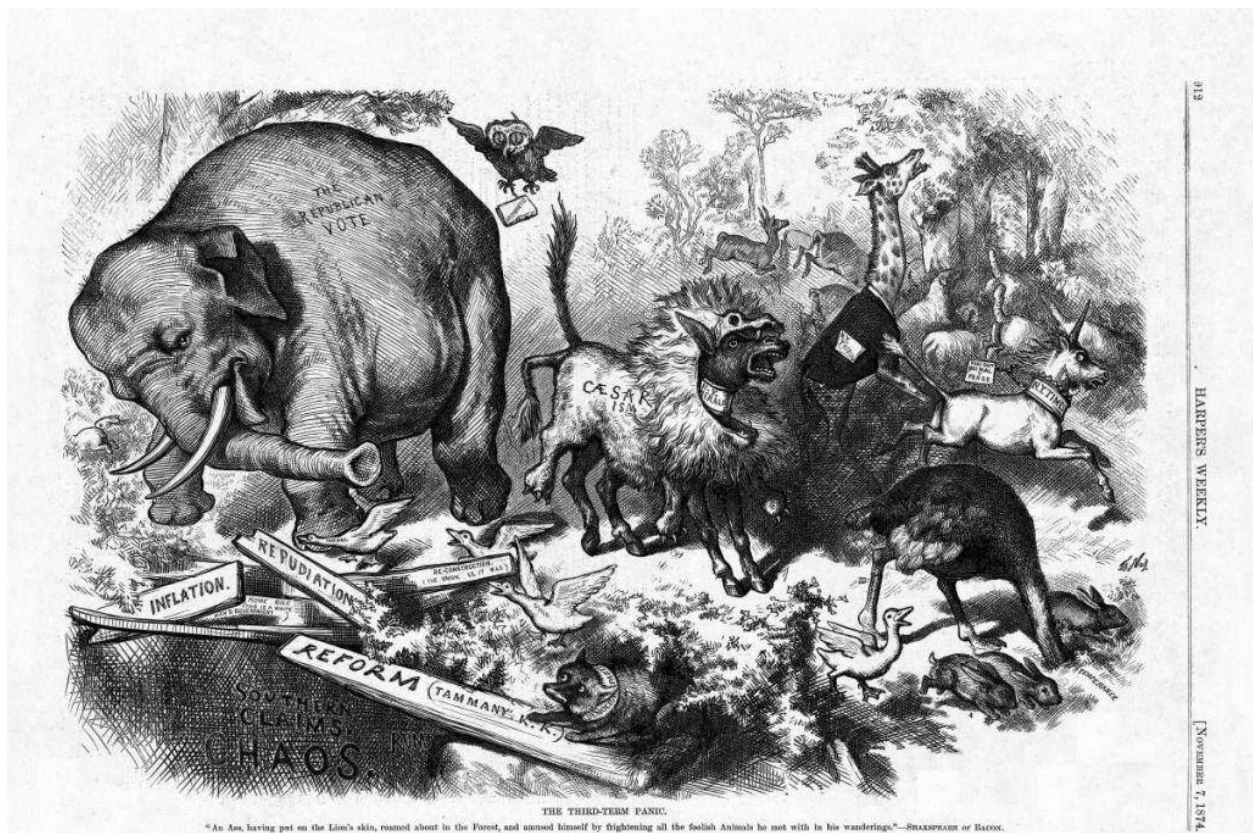
Did you know?

Interesting Facts about Voting and Elections...

- Charles D.B. King, President of Liberia won an election with 234,000 votes in 1927. The only problem was that there were only 15,000 registered voters. This won King the dubious achievement of being listed in the Guinness Book of Records for the most fraudulent election reported in history.
- There was an amendment proposed in 1916 in the US Constitution that all acts of war should be put to a national vote, and every person that voted yes had to register for volunteer service in the army.
- In Switzerland, a group of citizens may challenge a law passed by Parliament, if they gather 50,000 signatures against the law within 100 days. A national vote is scheduled where voters decide by a simple majority whether to accept or reject the law.
- In ancient Athens, each year citizens voted to banish any citizen from the city-state for 10 years.
- American astronauts on the ISS can vote in elections from orbit by secure email.
- Ronald Reagan won in 49 out of 50 states during the 1984 United States presidential election, missing in only one by less than 4000 votes.

- North Korea holds elections every 5 years, in which the ballots list only one candidate.
- John Quincy Adams was elected the 6th President of the United States despite losing both the popular and electoral vote. No one won the majority, so the election went to the House of Representatives, where Adams had more friends than his competition.
- Senators in Mexico cannot immediately run for re-election and thus, the Senate is completely renewed every six years.
- In Australia, voting is compulsory and citizens over 18 are fined if they do not vote.
- In 1758, a young candidate in Virginia for the House of Burgesses footed a huge liquor bill to woo voters on Election Day. George Washington spent his entire campaign budget, 50 pounds, on 160 gallons of liquor served to 391 voters.
- It wasn't until 1856 that Congress removed property ownership as a requirement to vote in elections.
- George Washington was the only president to be elected unanimously. When James Monroe ran in 1801, he received every electoral vote but one. The only reason he didn't receive every vote is because a New Hampshire delegate wanted George Washington to be the only president elected unanimously.

- In 1845, Congress decided that voting day would be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, which was after the fall harvest and before winter conditions made travel too difficult.
- Victoria Woodhull was the first woman to run for president in 1872. Hillary Clinton was the first woman to be nominated for president by a major party ticket in 2016.
- Cartoonist Thomas Nash is credited with creating both the Republican and Democratic symbols, the elephant and the donkey, respectively, when he lampooned the political parties in a cartoon in Harper's Weekly magazine in 1874. Soon people everywhere began using those symbols to represent the parties.



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