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PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTIONS

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTIONS

- In the early 1800s, party nominees were selected by that party's congressional caucus.
- However, this led to conflict due to Eastern states and Western states clashing over the leadership of the country.
- In 1824, four candidates ran for President, leading to none getting the majority of electoral votes.

NOMINATING CONVENTIONS

- After the 1824 debacle, parties began to hold official conventions to determine their party's nominee for President.
- Conventions were often heated, as the party's nominee was usually not decided until the last day of the convention.
- However, the people wanted to be able to choose their nominee, setting the groundwork for a primary system.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

- In the late 1960s, parties began adopting primary systems, in which party members would vote for their nominee in their respective states, and the delegates would be allocated proportionally to various candidates.
- In most cases, this would mean the nominee would be chosen prior to the convention due to obtaining a majority of delegates, but sometimes this wasn't the case.
- The 1984 Democratic National Convention was the last time a nominee did not obtain a majority of delegates, as former Vice President Walter Mondale was 40 delegates short.

MODERN CONVENTIONS

- Given that nominees are determined prior to the convention, a convention has become somewhat of a campaign event for the nominee.
- For instance, the 2016 Republican National Convention's theme was "Make America Great Again" and they had many speakers speak in support of nominee Donald Trump.

FUTURE CONVENTIONS

- 2020 Democratic National Convention - Milwaukee
 - July 13-16, 2020
 - Nominee: Unknown
- 2020 Republican National Convention - Charlotte
 - August 24-27, 2020
 - Nominee: President Donald Trump (presumptive)

STAY UPDATED

- Track the 2020 Democratic presidential primaries to see who will win the nomination to challenge Donald Trump in the 2020 general election!
- SOME USEFUL LINKS:
 - [Who is running?](#)
 - [Who is leading the polls?](#)
 - [Calendar](#)

THANK YOU!