Across
4. a group of persons who seek to control government through the winning of elections and the holding of public office
5. parties based on a particular set of beliefs, a comprehensive view of social, economic, and political matters
9. supported by two parties
10. the current officeholder
13. in an election, the number of votes that the leading candidate obtains over the next highest candidate
15. parties that concentrate on only one public policy matter
16. a political system dominated by two major parties
19. a political system in which only one party exists
20. a society which consists of several distinct cultures and groups

Down
1. government action based on firm allegiance to a political party
2. electoral district from which one person is chosen by the voters for each elected office
3. parties rooted in poor economic times, lacking a clear ideological base, dissatisfied with current conditions and demanding better times
6. parties that have split away from one of the major parties
7. in American politics, the party that controls the executive branch of government—i.e., the presidency at the national level, or the governorship at the State level
8. one of the political parties not widely supported
11. a temporary alliance of several groups who come together to form a working majority and so to control a government
12. a system in which several major and many lesser parties exist, seriously compete for, and actually win, public offices
14. all of the people entitled to vote in a given election
17. in American politics, the Republican and the Democratic parties
18. general agreement among various groups on fundamental matters; broad agreement on public questions