**Examining Institutions’ Impact on Policy**

**POL 402**

**Week 4, Assignment 2**

**Wilmington University**

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Politics has a tremendous impact on the shaping of public policy today in the US. The 2 main players are the dominant two parties: Republicans and Democrats. However, there are also other political parties that may have posed impact on public policy in our history.

Instructions:

1. Take some time to watch some previous televised debates on this [CNN/YouTube site](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5mDCDAkOlQ). Please feel free to do your own search of political debates.
2. Take some time to research the major political party platforms and their agendas. Go to their websites to find more information.
3. Write an opinion paper that compares and differentiates existing and proposed policies within US political parties.
4. Please use Microsoft Word, 12 point/Times New Roman font. Maximum length is 2 pages or less.