## Contents

Acknowledgments ix

PART	Political Parties and Democracy
1	Politics and Parties in America 3
2	Why Parties Form 28
PART	Party Formation in America, 1790-1860
	Prologue 65
3	Founding the First Parties 68 Institutions and Social Choice
4	Jacksonian Democracy 97 The Mass Party and Collective Action
5	Whigs and Republicans 126 Institutions, Issue Agendas, and Ambition
PART 3	The New Political Party in Contemporary America
	Prologue 159
6	Party Activists and Partisan Cleavages in

Contemporary Elections 163

8

Political Parties and Governance 194

The Critical Era of the 1960s 241

## PART 4 Conclusions

Political Parties, Historical Dynamics, and Democratic Politics 277

Notes 297
References 323
Index 341