



## “Nearing the End of the Primaries” May 3, 1920

Today candidates usually secure their party's nomination during the primary season, and the nominating convention merely provides the party's official stamp of approval. In 1920, however, when the primary process was still new, it did not produce a clear winner for the Republican Party. As the Republican convention neared, there was no front-runner for the G.O.P. Presidential nomination.

This cartoon shows the frazzled Republican elephant surrounded by conflicting newspaper headlines while the Democratic donkey makes pressing inquiries. Warren G. Harding was eventually chosen as the Republican nominee.

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