NOT A PARTY ISSUE

While political parties did play a role in the election, the question of control once again was not a principal issue. In contrast to previous elections, there was no significant conflict between the candidates. The two major parties, the Democratic and Republican, controlled the wider political landscape. This was despite the fact that the Republican Party was not yet as strong as it would become in the future.

Burr-Hamilton—More Than a Century After

July 11, 1804—186 years ago

Two men, Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr, were candidates for the office of Vice President of the United States. They were also involved in a famous duel that became the subject of much controversy.

In the years that followed, the duel had a significant impact on American politics. It highlighted the importance of personal integrity in public office, and it underscored the dangers of political party divisions.

Today, as we look back on this event, we can see how much has changed—and how much has stayed the same. The issues that divide our country today are not much different from those that plagued our nation in the early 19th century.

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