



Executive Branch

**“The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his Office during the term of four years, and, together with the Vice President, chosen for the same term, be elected”
Article II, Section 1**



Requirements to be President (Constitutional)

1. must be a natural born citizen of the United States
2. must be at least 35 years of age
3. must have been a resident of the United States for at least 14 years

**The Vice President's qualifications are the same as the President with the exception that he/she can not have their primary residence in the same state as the President.*

Requirements to be President (Informal)

1. Experience in Government or high military rank
2. Recognition - Ability to raise large amounts of money.
3. Political beliefs - be a fit for a major party
4. Personal characteristics - mental stability - no "skeletons in the closet", charisma
5. Skill in debating and in fielding leading questions from reporters.

Most have been white, male, Protestants with families

Inauguration of the President

Term of Office: Four Years

Inauguration: January 20th



20th Amendment moved inauguration from March to January by setting the end of a President's term as noon on January 20th.

Presidential Term Limits

- Washington began the tradition of serving only two terms, but it was really unlimited until the 22nd Amendment, which gave two rules:
 - No one can be elected as President more than twice.
 - No one that serves more than two years of another President's term can be elected more than once.

Benefits of the Presidency

1. **Salary:** \$400,000 per year
2. **Perks:**
 - White House w/staff of 100+
 - Doctors and Health Care
 - Expense Account of \$50,000
 - Air Force One and a fleet of jets and helicopters
 - Camp David – vacation spot in Maryland
3. **Former presidents are entitled to a pension, staff and office expenses, medical care or health insurance, and Secret Service protection.**



The White House



Air Force One



Camp David



Marine One

ROLES OF THE PRESIDENT

The President's "Many Hats"

- The role of the president is not simple or one dimensional
- Expectations of the president are high
 - Must be knowledgeable about many topics
 - Must be available to both foreign and domestic politicians



Chief Executive

Departments	Agencies
State	FBI
Defense	CIA
Justice	EPA
Interior	OSHA
Energy	SEC
Education	FTC
Homeland Security	IRS
etc	etc

- "Head of Government"
- In charge of the Executive Branch
 - Carry out the laws that have been drafted by Congress
 - Bill becomes law, but the president must figure out how to ENACT the law
- Use cabinet departments and executive agencies to accomplish goals

Commander in Chief



- Role determined by Constitution
- Of ALL armed forces
- Works closely with:
 - Department of Defense
 - Pentagon
 - Department of Homeland Security
 - CIA
 - National Security Council



Chief Agenda Setter

- Final voice on all Congressional bills
 - Approval = Law
 - Veto = Rejection
 - May go back to Congress for 2/3 override
- May ask a member of Congress to propose legislation
 - Ex: Obamacare



Chief of Staff

- Annual Budget
 - Gathers budget needs from departments/agencies
 - Works with Office of Management and Budget to create a national budget
 - Must be submitted to House and approved by both chambers
- Appoint chair to the Federal Reserve
 - Federal Reserve: controls monetary policy for the US
 - How much money is circulating
 - Interest rates

Chief Diplomat

- Represents the US to other countries
- Meet with diplomats
- Resolve foreign conflict
 - US vs. others
 - Others vs. Others
- Determine level of US involvement in foreign events
- International travel
 - Air Force One



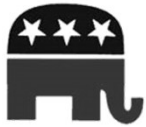
Head of State

- Domestic items
- Ceremonial Responsibilities
- Items “unrelated” to the functioning of the government
- Akin to the role of a member of the royal family in England



The Annual White House Easter Egg Roll

Head of the Party



- Guides party members to support or reject policies and legislation
- Promotes the party agenda
 - Party “platform”
 - The items that they “stand” for
- Supports party members that are running for political positions
 - “Official endorsement”
 - State or national level

Vice Presidential Roles



1. President in Waiting
2. Acting President of the Senate and can vote in order to break a tie.
3. Power over presidential disability as stated in the 25th Amendment.
4. Chairs Commissions, meets foreign dignitaries, and advises the President.
5. All other responsibilities come from the President.