

**POLITICAL  
SYSTEM OF THE  
USA  
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# The USA is federal republic consisting of 50 state.



Location – southern part of North America.

Capital – Washington.

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Population – 325 millions people.

Area – more than 9 millions square kilometres.

USA – is the fourth largest country in the world.

National language – English.

The system of Federal Government of the US was established by the Constitution ratified in 1788.

The head of the US is the President.



# PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



George Washington



John Adams



Thomas Jefferson



James Madison



James Monroe



John Quincy Adams



Andrew Jackson



Martin Van Buren



William H. Harrison



John Tyler



James K. Polk



Zachary Tyler



Millard Fillmore



Franklin Pierce



James Buchanan



Abraham Lincoln



Andrew Johnson



Ulysses S. Grant



Rutherford B. Hayes



James Garfield



Chester A. Arthur



Grover Cleveland



Benjamin Harrison



Grover Cleveland



William McKinley



Theodore Roosevelt



William Taft



Theodore Roosevelt



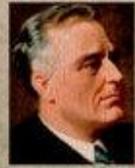
John W. Davis



Robert L. Owen



William H. Murray



Franklin D. Roosevelt



Henry A. Wallace



Dwight Eisenhower



Strom Thurmond



Nelson Rockefeller



Robert F. Kennedy



Ronald Reagan



Robert Dole



Ralph Nader



John Kerry



Barack Obama

# THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The First Ten Amendments to the U.S. Constitution

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**FREEDOM OF SPEECH,  
RELIGION, PRESS,  
ASSEMBLY, AND  
PETITION**

2



**RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS**

3



**QUARTERING  
OF SOLDIERS**

4



**ARRESTS  
AND SEARCHES**

5



**RIGHTS OF PERSONS  
ACCUSED OF CRIMES**

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**RIGHTS OF PERSONS  
ON TRIAL FOR CRIMES**

7



**JURY TRIALS  
IN CIVIL CASES**

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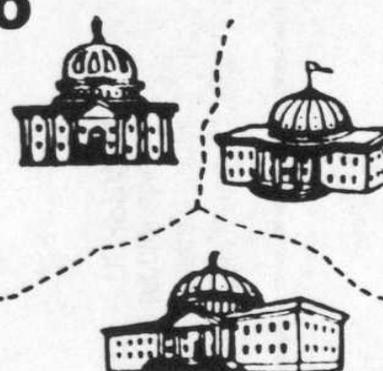
**LIMITATIONS  
ON BAIL AND  
PUNISHMENTS**

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**RIGHTS KEPT  
BY THE PEOPLE**

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**POWERS KEPT BY  
THE STATES OR  
THE PEOPLE**

# CHECKS AND BALANCES

<p><b>Executive Branch</b> (President carries out laws)</p> 	<p><b>Checks on the Legislative Branch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can propose laws</li> <li>Can veto laws</li> <li>Can call special sessions of Congress</li> <li>Makes appointments</li> <li>Negotiates foreign treaties</li> </ul>	<p><b>Checks on the Judicial Branch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appoints federal judges</li> <li>Can grant pardons to federal offenders</li> </ul>
<p><b>Legislative Branch</b> (Congress makes laws)</p> 	<p><b>Checks on the Executive Branch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can override President's veto</li> <li>Confirms executive appointments</li> <li>Ratifies treaties</li> <li>Can declare war</li> <li>Appropriates money</li> <li>Can impeach and remove President</li> </ul>	<p><b>Checks on the Judicial Branch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates lower federal courts</li> <li>Can impeach and remove judges</li> <li>Can propose amendments to overrule judicial decisions</li> <li>Approves appointments of federal judges</li> </ul>
<p><b>Judicial Branch</b> (Supreme Court interprets laws)</p> 	<p><b>Check on the Executive Branch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can declare executive actions unconstitutional</li> </ul>	<p><b>Check on the Legislative Branch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can declare acts of Congress unconstitutional</li> </ul>

# Legislative power

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Branch	Members	How chosen	Term	Powers
<b>Legislative</b>	(Congress): Senate Two Senators from each state House of Representatives Number of Representatives varies according to state population	state election  state election	6 years  2 years	Makes new laws. Sets federal taxes. Overrules Presidential vetoes. Approves treaties. Impeaches the President or any civil officer. Declares war. Approves Presidential appointments and treaties with foreign nations.

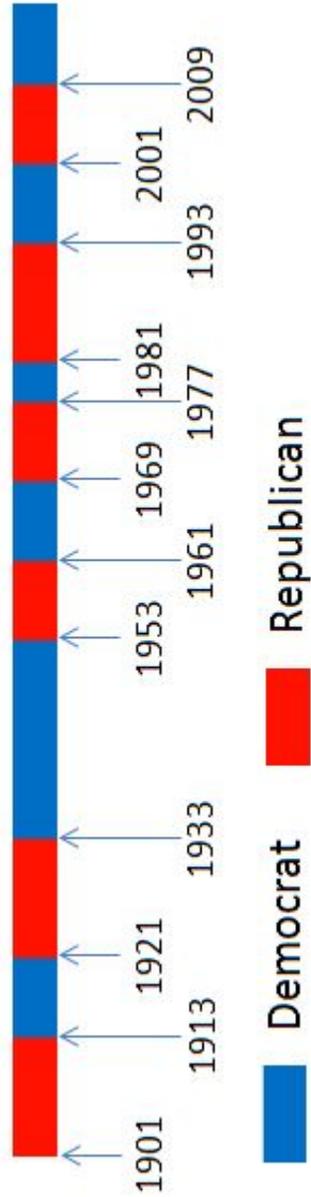
# Executive power

Branch	Members	How chosen	Term	Powers
Executive	President with Vice President	national election	4 years	Enforces federal laws. Appoints and removes high federal officials. Commands the armed forces. Conducts foreign affairs. Recommends laws to Congress. Approves or vetoes new laws.
	Executive Departments	Presidential appointment	no set term	Conducts the administration of the national government.
	Independent Agencies	Presidential appointment	no set term	Oversees government regulations.

# Judicial power

Branch	Members	How chosen	Term	Powers
Judicial	Supreme Court Nine justices: a chief justice and associate justices	Presidential appointment	for life	Interprets laws according to the Constitution. Has the power to declare actions of the Executive and Legislative branches unconstitutional.
	Lower Federal Courts	Presidential appointment	for life	Decides cases that involve the Constitution and federal laws.

## Republican vs. Democratic Control of the White House



# Parties in the US

- Any American citizen may join a political party regardless of age, but most members are eighteen or older.
- The United States has a two-party system. The Republicans emerged as a major party in 1860 with the election of Abraham Lincoln. The Democratic Party formed under Andrew Jackson twenty years earlier.

