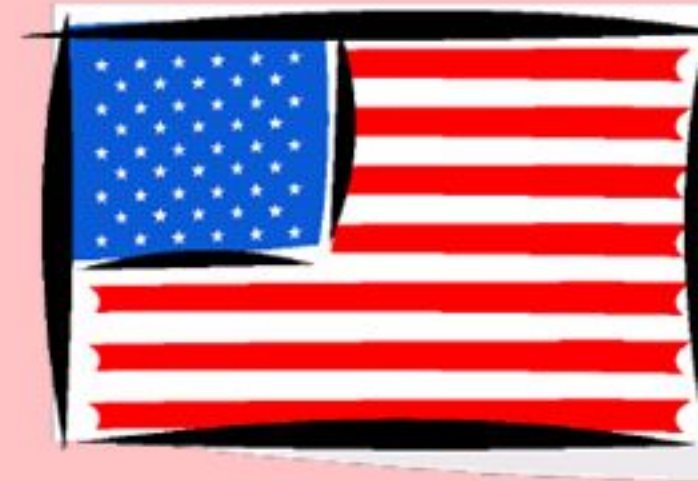




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# *The American System of Government*



# THE USA GOVERNMENT

## *Executive Branch*

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Executive office of the President**

## *Legislative Branch*

- **Congress**
- **Senate**
- **House**

## *Judicial Branch*

- **Supreme Court of the US**



## *The Constitution*

- *the central instrument of American Government*
- *the supreme law of the land*
- *the world's oldest written constitution proclaimed in 1787 in Philadelphia*
- *has served as the model for a number of other constitutions around the world*



# **The Legislative Branch**

**elections are always in November**

## **Congress**

**the House of Representatives**

**2 year term**

**435 members**

**depends on the number  
of inhabitants of each  
state**

**elections every 2 years**

**the whole House is replaced**

**> 25 y.o.**

**the Senate**

**6 year term**

**100 members**

**6-year term, elections -  
every 2 years, 1/3 of  
members are replaced**

**> 30 y.o.**

## *The Executive Branch*

### ◆ The President

- *a 4-year term*
- *can be elected for only 2 terms*
- *the powers are enormous, but limited*
- *salary \$200,000 + \$50,000 + \$100,000*
- *inauguration - January, 20*
- *native-born American citizen, > 35 y.o., > 14 y. resident of the USA*

### ◆ The Vice President

→ *a 4-year term*

## ***The Judicial Branch***

***the Supreme Court***



***a Chief Justice***

***eight Associate Justices***



## ***The Main Political Parties***

**➔ *the Democratic Party***

*its origin from Thomas Jefferson's party  
formed before 1800*

**➔ *the Republican Party***□

*formed in the 1850s,  
in the North and West*

## ***the Government Systems:***

- federal**
- state**
- country**
- local**



***One of the main principles - is the "one person, one vote" principle.***

***Legislators are elected from geographical districts directly by voters.***

***The other rule is "the President proposes, but Congress disposes".***

