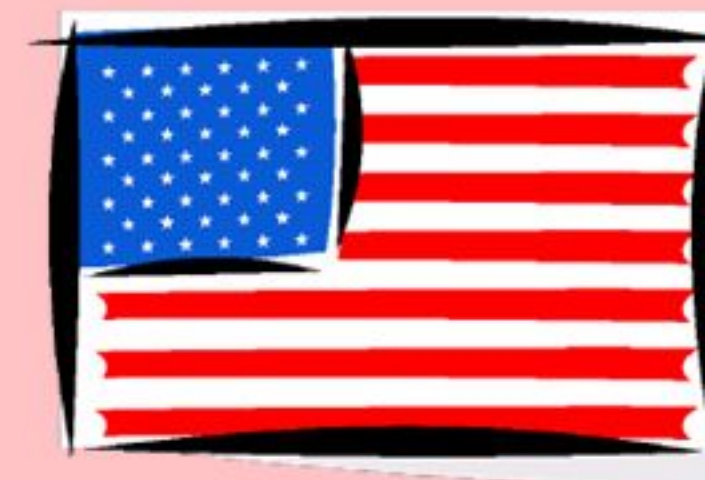




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Unit 3

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".

