**The Executive Branch: Structure Review**

**President & Vice President**

Main Function: Lead

**Cabinet**

**Main Function:**

**Advisors to the President**

**Regulatory Agencies**

**Main Function: Enforce laws**

**and regulations**

**The President:**

* The President performs many roles and functions within the Executive Branch
  + *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**Chief of State**

* Ceremonial head of government
* Symbol of the nation
* Reigns and rules
* Which nations do we currently not “recognize?”

**Chief Executive**

* Execute the tasks of Congress and the nation
* Get it done
* Job approval

**Chief Administrator**

* Heads an administration that employs more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and spends more than $2 trillion a year.
* Numerous federal agencies and commissions

**Chief Diplomat**

* Main architect of American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ policy
* Nation’s spokesperson to the world
* Secretary of State

**Commander in Chief**

* Civilian leading the nation’s armed forces
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ men and women in uniform and the nation’s entire military arsenal
* Secretary of Defense

**Chief Legislator**

* Architect of public policy and public policy matters
* Sets Congressional agenda
* Initiates, suggests, requests, insists, and sometimes demands legislation
* State of the Union
* Check and balance of Congress

**Chief of Party**

* Acknowledged \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the political party
* Leads party and its members
* If president is successful, ride the coattails.
* If the president is not perceived as successful, run the opposite direction or ignore him/her

**Chief Citizen**

* Representative of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the people (Chief of State)
* Represent the public interest rather than private / interest groups
* Moral compass of nation
* Votes and follows the rules

**Economic Leader**

* Monitor and make adjustments to help the nation’s economy
* Philosophical differences between political parties?
* Secretary of Commerce, Treasury, Agriculture, Interior, Labor, Energy, etc.

**Judicial Leader**

* Set the judicial enforcements of the laws of Congress
* Appointments of federal court judges up to the Supreme Court
* Attorney General

**What do you think is the most important role the President has?**

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**The President: Qualifications and Term of Office**

* Article II of the Constitution: the president must be
  + A natural born citizen of US
  + At least 35 years old
  + A resident of the US for 14 years before office
* Informal Requirements: government experience, education, money, character
* The 22nd Amendment in 1951🡪 set 2 4-year term limit on presidency

**The President’s Term(s)**

* Presidents may serve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4-Year Terms
  + A maximum of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years total
* Until 1951, the Constitution placed no limit on the number of terms a President might serve.
  + Several Presidents, beginning with George Washington, refused to seek more than two terms.
  + Soon the ‘No Third Term’ tradition became an unwritten rule.

**The President’s Salary**

* *The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services a Compensation, which shall neither be encreased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that period any other Emolument from the United States,or any of them.*
* Originally, the President’s salary was $25,000 per year. The President’s current salary is $400,000 plus a $50,000 taxable expense account per year. The President also receives $120,000 nontaxable allowance for travel and entertainment, and living accommodations in two residences- the White House and Camp David.

**Presidential Succession and the Vice President**

* Not originally in the Constitution
* 25th Amendment
  + Vice President
* Speaker of the House
* President Pro Tempore of the Senate
* Secretary of Treasury
* Secretary of Defense
* Attorney General
* Everyone in the Presidential Succession may never all be in the same room at the same time. During the Annual State of the Union Address, when everyone in Government meets, there is always someone in the chain who is hidden away in a secret location.

**Presidential Succession Act of 1947**

* Determined the list followed by 14 heads of Cabinet Departments in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that they were created by Congress.
* Was There a reason they went in that order?

**Presidential Disability**

* Before the 25th Amendment no provisions for Presidential Disability.
* Or who was to make that decision.

**The Vice Presidency**

* *“ I am Vice President. In this I am nothing, but I may be everything.” –John Adams*

**Importance of the Office**

* *Two Formal Duties:*
  + *Preside over the Senate*
  + *Help Decide the question of Presidential Disability*
  + *“President in Waiting.”*

**Balance the Ticket**

* How a Vice President is chosen
* Running mate chosen to strengthen Presidential election chances
  + Ideological
  + Racial
  + Geographic
  + Gender