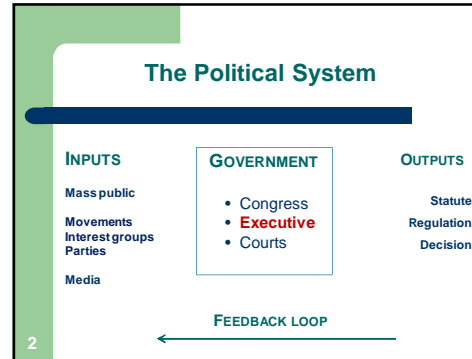


Chapter 10
The Presidency

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Did the Founding Fathers want the president to be **stronger or weaker** than Congress?

- Stronger
- Weaker
- Equally strong

A power the president shares with the **Senate**:

- Make treaties
- Appoint ambassadors, judges, and high officials
- Both
- Neither

A power the president shares with the **Congress** as a whole:

- Make laws
- Make war
- Administer the laws
- Only A & B
- All three

War Powers Act (1973)

- Catalyst
- Provisions
 - Notification of Congress
 - Congressional action
 - Automatic withdrawal after 60 days unless
 - Declaration of war
 - Approval of undeclared war
 - Legislative veto within 60 days

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Which president requested congressional authorization for the undeclared **Persian Gulf War**?

- George Herbert Walker Bush
- William Clinton
- George W. Bush
- Barack Obama

Which president requested congressional authorization for the current undeclared **War in Afghanistan**?

- George Herbert Walker Bush
- William Clinton
- George W. Bush
- Barack Obama

Which president requested congressional authorization for the current undeclared **War in Iraq**?

- George Herbert Walker Bush
- William Clinton
- George W. Bush
- Barack Obama

Structure of the executive branch

1. White House Office

- Chief of staff, counselor, press secretary, NSA, Congressional liaison, senior advisers

2. Executive Office of the President

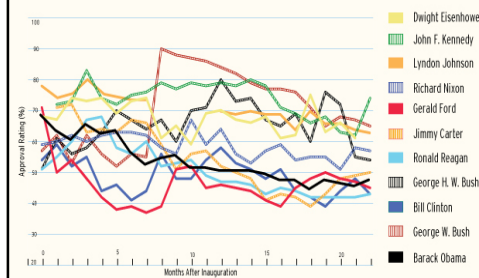
- CEA, NSC, OMB

3. Cabinet departments

4. Independent agencies

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Presidential Popularity (Eisenhower – Obama)



Presidential success in Congress (Eisenhower – Obama)



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C-Span historians' presidential rankings (2009)

Top Ten Presidents

1. Lincoln (902)
2. Washington (854)
3. F.D. Roosevelt (837)
4. T. Roosevelt (781)
5. Truman (708)

Bottom Ten Presidents

33. Hayes (409)
34. Hoover (389)
35. Tyler (372)
36. George W. Bush (362)
37. Fillmore (351)
38. Harding (327)
39. W. H. Harrison (324)
40. Pierce (287)
41. A. Johnson (258)
42. Buchanan (227)

Number in parentheses is total score (maximum 1000).

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Presidential succession

1. Death

- Natural causes
- Assassination

2. Resignation

3. Impeachment & conviction

- Andrew Johnson
- William Jefferson Clinton

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Which president did not die in office of **natural causes**?

- William Henry Harrison
- Zachary Taylor
- James Garfield
- Warren Harding
- Franklin Roosevelt

Which president was not **assassinated**?

- Abraham Lincoln
- James Garfield
- William McKinley
- Woodrow Wilson
- John Kennedy

Presidential disability

• 25th amendment:

- Catalyst:
- Provision:
 - vice-president can now become "acting president" in cases of presidential disability

• Three scenarios:

1. President initiates process
2. President takes no action
3. President denies disability

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Which president invoked the 25th Amendment's **presidential disability provision**?

- Ronald Reagan
- William Clinton
- George W. Bush
- All of the above