





3 Branches of the United States Government

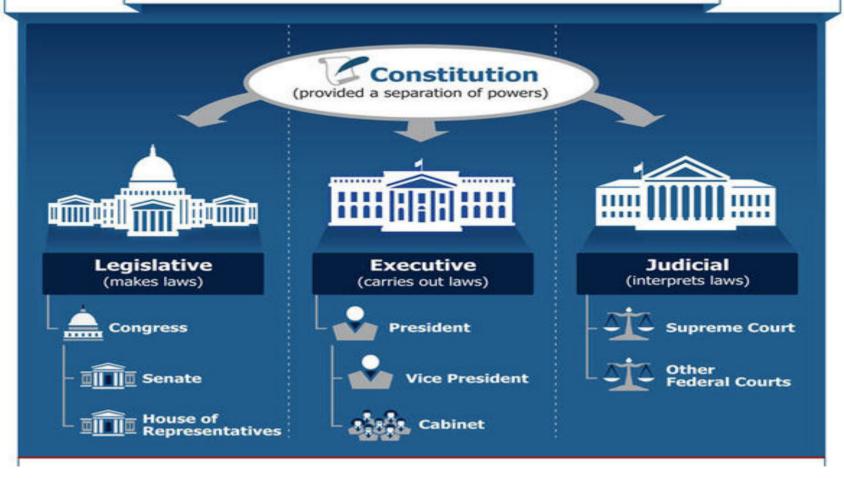
(Separation of powers under Articles I, II, and III)

LEGISLATIVE- makes laws	EXECUTIVE - carries out laws	JUDICIAL- explains laws
CONGRESS must meet at least one time each year Senate100 senators, 2 from each stateterm: 6 years Qualifications 30 years old & citizen for 9 years Presiding officerthe Vice president, oran elected President pro tempore	President and Vice presidentelected by the Electoral College who are elected by the people at the November general electiona person can be elected president only two timesterm: 4 years Qualificationsat least 35 years old, born n the U.Slived in the U.S. for 14 years	Supreme Court 9 justicesserve for life unless impeachedappointed by the President but must be approved by the Senate Circuit Court of Appeals 12 courts throughout the U.Sserve for life unless impeachedappointed by the President but must be approved by the Senate District Courts 91 trial courts throughout the U.Sserve for life unless impeachedappointed by the President but must be approved by the Senate
House of Representatives	Cabinet	
435 representatives, divided among the 50 states. States with larger population get more representativesterm: 2 years. Qualifications 25 years old & citizen for 7 years. Presiding officer Speaker of the House	14 cabinet departments14 cabinet officersappointed by the President but must be approved by the Senateterm: determined by President. Serve as long as the President wants themmeet whenever the President wants	



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Below is a partial listing of the political parties that are covered on Ballotpedia.

- 2010 Peace Party
- : Alaskan Independence Party
- : American Independent (CA)
- : Conservative Party
- : Constitution Party
- : Democratic Party Most popular
- : Green Party Popular
- : Independence Party of America
- : <u>Independent</u> (No party affiliation)
- : Independent American (Nevada)
- : Justice for Vermonters Party
- : Libertarian Party Popular
- : Liberty Union Party
- : Moderate Party
- : Mountain Party
- : Peace and Freedom Party
- : Progressive Democratic Party
- : Progressive Party (Vermont)
- : Vermont-Independence Party
- : Reform Party
- : Republican Party Most popular
- : Tea Party
- : Working Families Party