




The Executive Branch

- The President, Vice President and the President's Cabinet
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I. Duties of the President

- Qualifications to be president and Vice President: 35, natural born citizen, live in the US the last 14 years
 - Unofficial qualifications – political experience, military service, college education, married, successful career, etc.
 - **Vice President is also President of the senate**
- A. Commander in Chief
 - Deploys Troops
 - Manages Defense Budget
 - Head of all military branches
 - *******War Powers Act – president can send troops to battle for 60 days, then congress must declare it a war, or bring the troops home**

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- B. Appoint with the senates approval, Secretaries (in the cabinet), and Supreme Court Justices
 - C. Controls and makes the Nation's budget (budget approved by congress)

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- D. Makes Treaties (approved by congress), and Executive Agreements (not approved by congress)
 - Meets with heads of state (leaders of other countries)
 - Host foreign officials
 - Appoints ambassadors to serve in foreign embassies



E. Ensures that all laws are faithfully executed
(nations “top cop”)

F. Issues Pardons

G. Gives the State of the Union Address

H. Leads Policy Changing Proposals

THE GREAT POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT

II. Term and Salary

- A. 22nd Amendment – president can serve no more than 10 years, or 2 consecutive four year terms
- B. \$400,000 a year, with a \$50,000 expense account
- C. Benefits: Air Force 1, Free health care, maid, butler, cook, servants, lives in White House



III. Order of Succession

- A. Found in the 25th Amendment
- B. Vice-President, Speaker of the House, President Pro-Tempore of the senate

IV. The Presidents Cabinet

- A. 14 Secretaries that head the 14 departments that make up the cabinet
 - The Secretary of State is the most important cabinet member – responsible for foreign affairs and representing the US around the world
- B. Robert Weaver, 1st African American, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Appointed by LBJ in 1966



C. Francis Perkins, 1st woman, Secretary of Labor, Appointed by FDR in 1933

D. Lauro F. Cavazos, 1st Hispanic, Secretary of Education, Appointed by Reagan in 1988

POLITICAL ACHIEVEMENT

E. The Cabinet assists the president with the daily running of the government



F. ****The cabinet makes up the Beaucracy, the non-elected officials that run the government

NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS

G. The cabinet can meet as little or as often as the president chooses

H. The president can add or take away positions on the cabinet as he chooses

I. ***OMB – Office of Management and Budget, largest part of the cabinet, they assist the president with the making of the nations budget

THE PRESIDENT AND HIS CABINET



V. Electoral College

- Electoral College Handout!