

Unit 3 – The Executive

Executive Branch

-The President-

- President means, Latin - *primus inter pares* – first among equals
- Constitution - Article II created a branch that carries out the laws
- Must be a least 35 years old
- A natural born citizen
- Must live 14 years in the United States
- Elected by the Electoral college (An indirect election) after the people suggest a president
- Allowed two 4year terms - The 22nd Amendment placed limits on presidential terms. (10 years total allowed though).
- Congress determines the President's salary, and this salary cannot be changed during a presidential term- around \$450,000.
- Congress has also approved an allowance for the President, currently around \$50,000 a year.
- The President is also granted other benefits, including a large suite of offices, a staff, the use of **Air Force One**, and the use of the 132-room Whitehouse.

-Presidential Succession-

- The 25th Amendment, ratified in 1967- Vice President will become President if the President is removed from office.
- The **Presidential Succession Act of 1947** set the order of succession following the Vice President.

-The Vice President-

- The Constitution only gives the Vice President two duties besides becoming President if the President is removed from office:
 - 1) To preside over the Senate, and has vote in a tie
 - 2) To help decide the question of presidential disability.
- If the office of Vice President becomes vacant, the President nominates a new Vice President subject to the approval of Congress.

-The President's Roles-

1. Chief of State

- They are the ceremonial head of the government, the symbol of all the people of the nation.

2. Chief Executive

- The nation's chief executive must make sure laws, policies and programs are carried out

3. Chief Economic Administrator

- They are in charge of most gov't employees and manage the money used to run the gov't.

4. Chief Diplomat

- Is the main architect of American foreign policy and chief spokesperson to the rest of the world?

5. Commander and Chief

- In charge of the Military

6. Chief Legislator

- They Suggest laws to Congress

7. Chief of Party

- Unofficial leader of their political party

8. Chief of Citizen

- The moral leader for the nation.

Presidential Succession

1	Vice President
2	Speaker of the House
3	President <i>pro tempore</i> of the Senate
4	Secretary of State
5	Secretary of the Treasury
6	Secretary of Defense
7	Attorney General
8	Secretary of the Interior
9	Secretary of Agriculture
10	Secretary of Commerce
11	Secretary of Labor
12	Secretary of Health and Human Services
13	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
14	Secretary of Transportation
15	Secretary of Energy
16	Secretary of Education
17	Secretary of Veterans Affairs