

## Seminar 2-2

Articles 2 & 3 – Executive and Judicial Branches



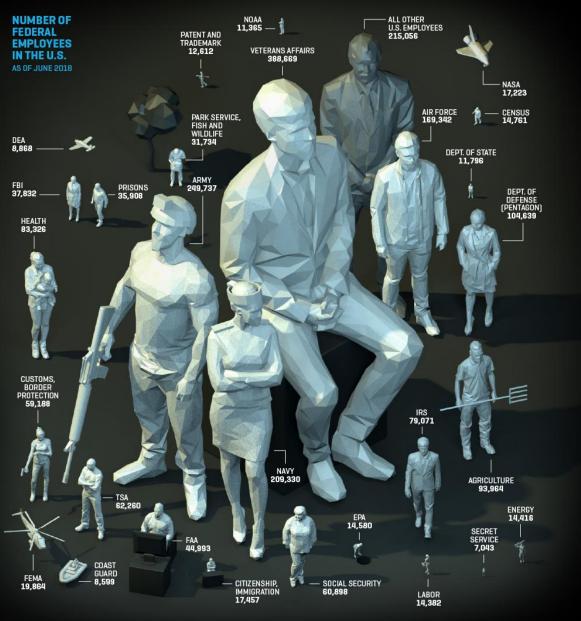
## Constitution Trivia

How many Articles are there in the Constitution?

What are the first 10 Amendments known as?

What is the purpose of Article I, Section 8.

How many amendments are there today?



SOURCE: U.S. OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (EXCLUDES U.S. POSTAL SERVICE)

### How many people work for the US Government?

#### In George Washington's Day:

- 350 civilian employees
- Population 3 million

#### Modern Day

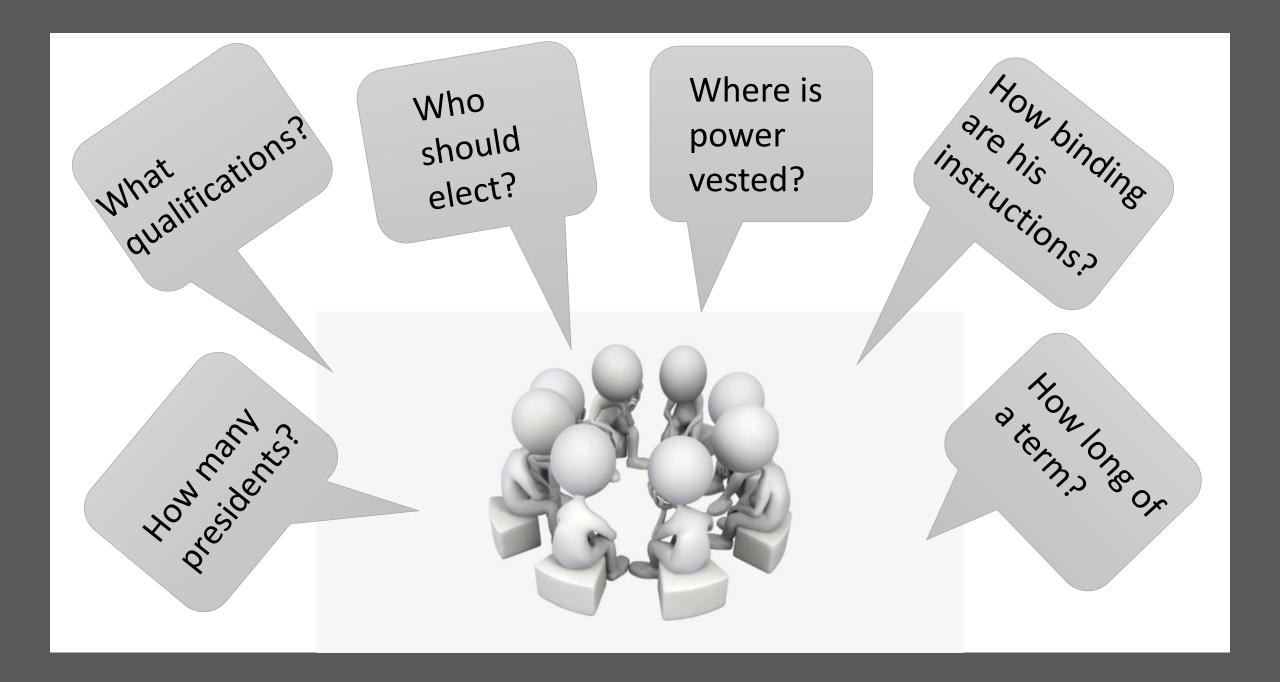
- 1.8 million civilian employees
- Population 350 million

At the 1790s level, government would have 35,000 civilian employees

## Responsibilities of the President

YouTube: The Most Powerful Political Office in the World

- 1. Chief of State over 350 million Americans
- 2. Commander in Chief over a military force of about 2.5 million
- 3. The Chief Executive Officer of the whole Executive Branch of the government
- 4. The Chief Diplomat in handling foreign relations
- 5. The Chief Architect for needed legislation
- 6. The conscience of the nation in granting pardon and reprieves where he feels justice requires them



## The Problem with Term Limits

When else are you going to make a ton of bad choices with zero repercussions?

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The **Founders** considered four different ways to choose the President

By the House and Senate

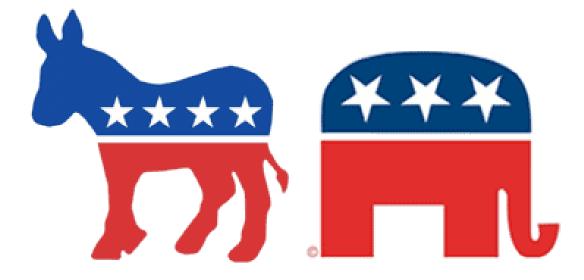
## By the Governors of the States

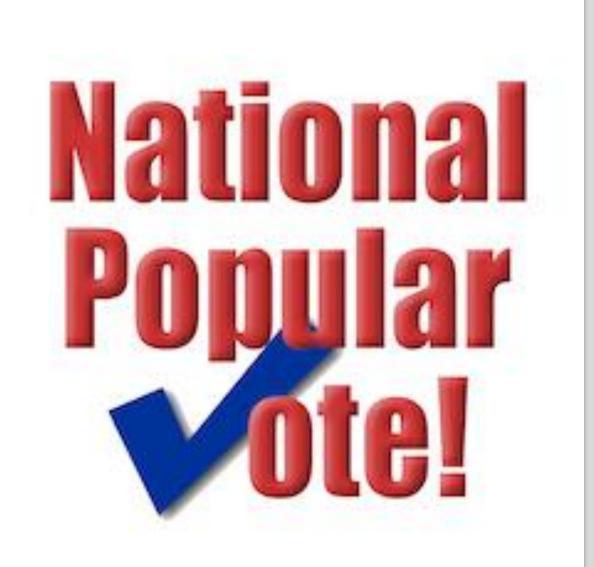
## By Popular Vote of the People

### By Electors from the State

538 total Electoral Votes 271 votes needed to win







## Who can serve as President?

- A natural born citizen
- Age 35
- US Resident for 14 years

What happens if he dies or is impeached?

 Vice-president acts as President

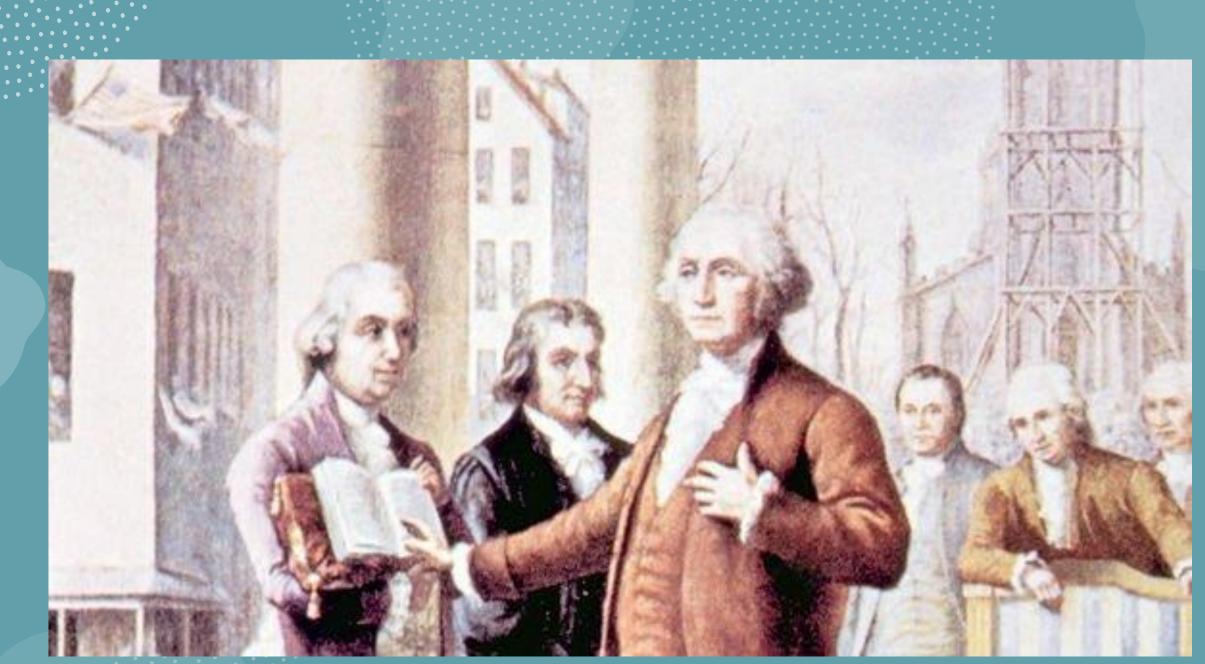
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The President's Cabinet



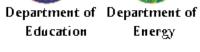




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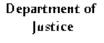
Development





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Transportation





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## Commander of the Militia

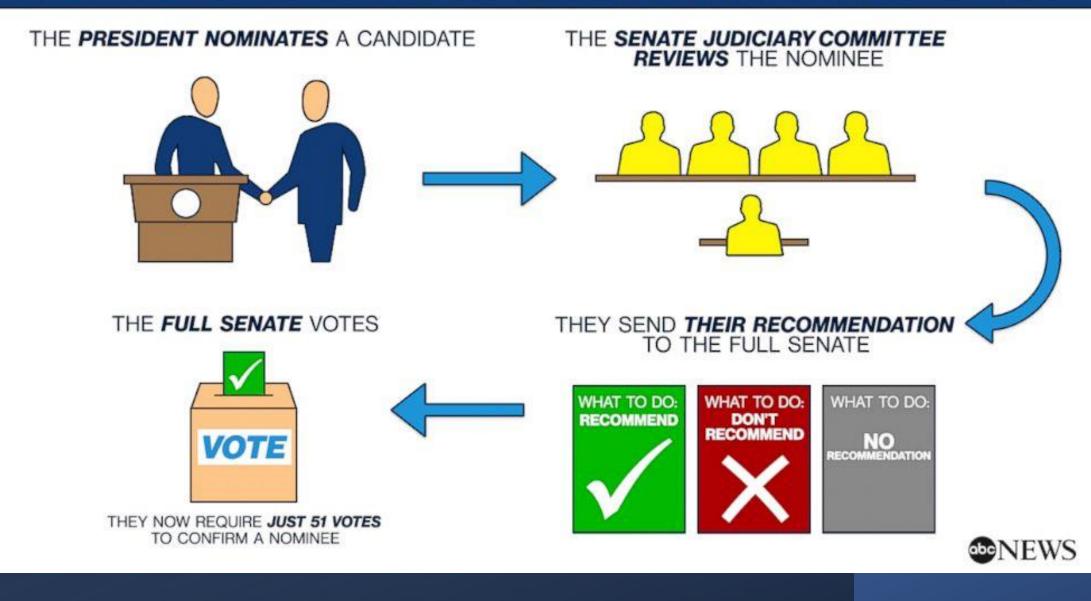






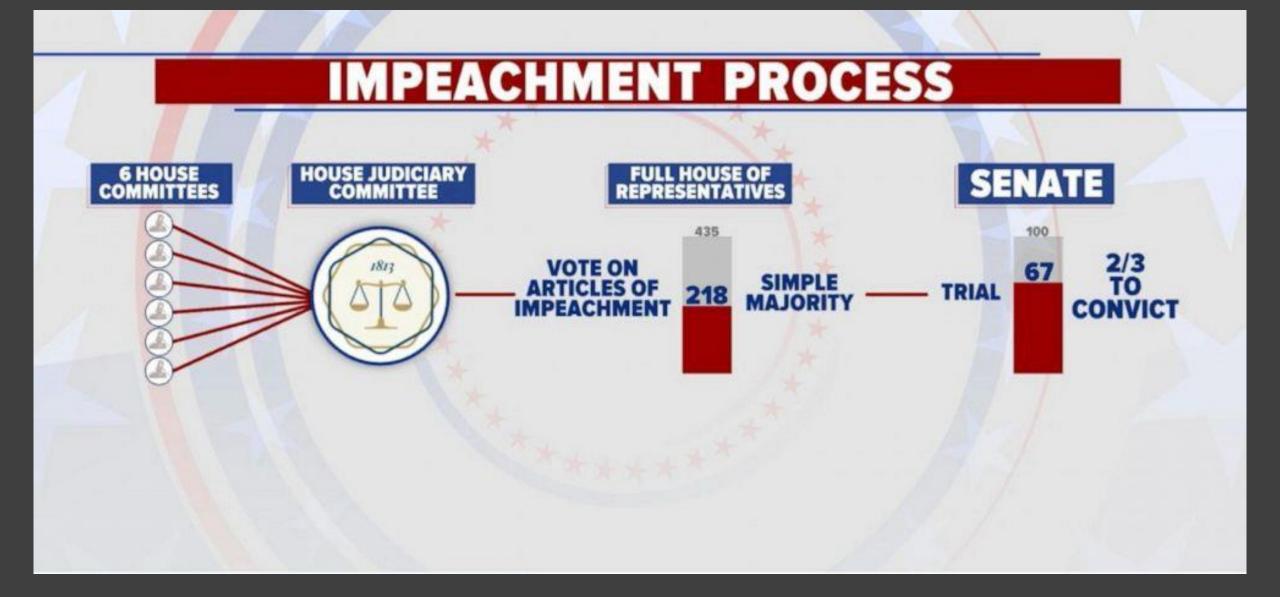


#### HOW THE SUPREME COURT NOMINATION PROCESS WORKS





## The President and Congress



The Executive Branch of the United States has now become the Power Center of the World.



#### **Cases for the Supreme Court:**

- The meaning or application of the Constitution
- About the LAWS passed by CONGRESS
- Disputes between the United States and foreign powers
- Affecting ambassadors or other officials of foreign government
- Relating to the admiralty or maritime problems
- When the United States is a party
- Disputes between two or more states
- Disputes in which the citizen of one state sues another state
- Disputes between citizens of different states
- Disputes between citizens of the same states over claims or land grants in different states
- Cases involving suits between a state or citizen of a state and foreign government or citizen of a foreign government.

## U.S. Supreme Court

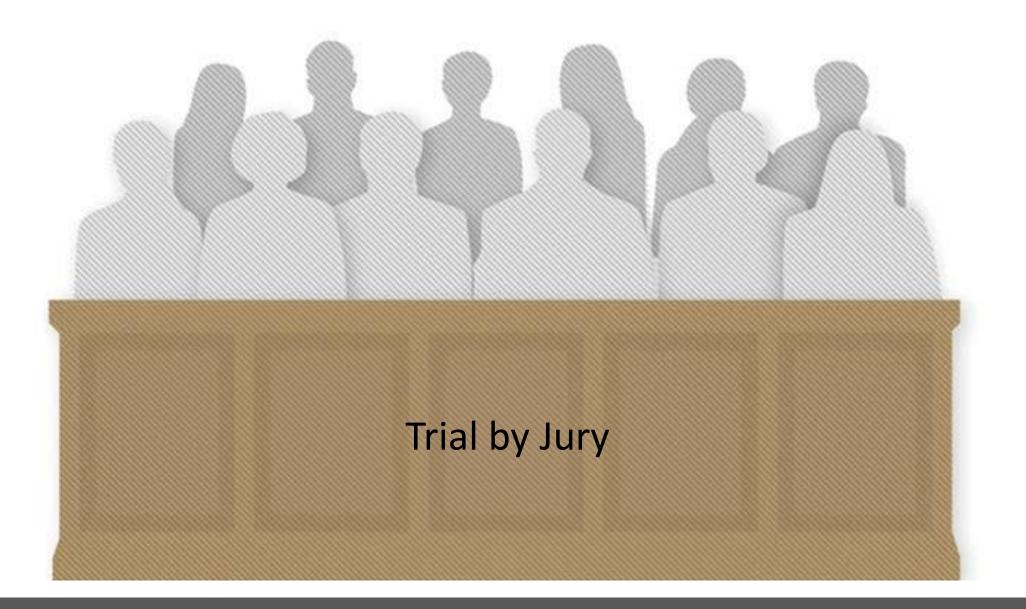
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## **U.S. Courts of Appeals**

13 Circuits (12 Regional and 1 for the Federal Circuit)

## **U.S. District Courts**

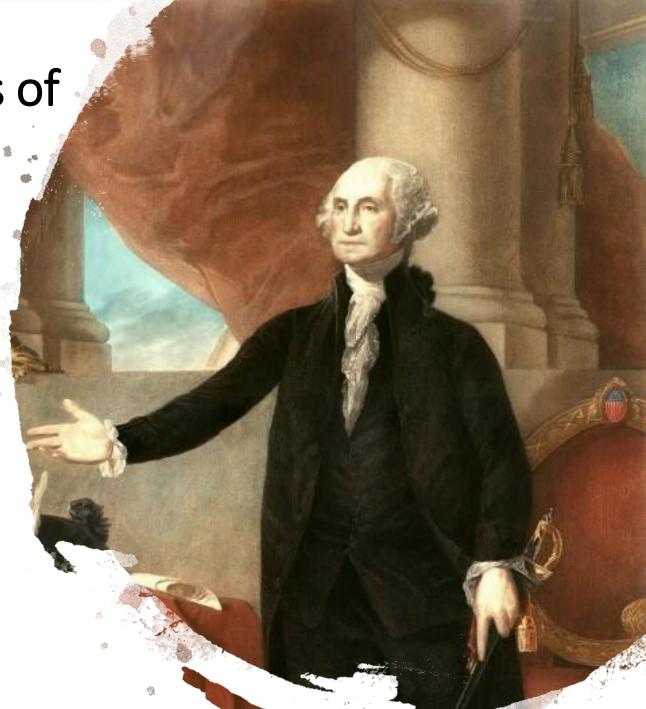
94 Districts, each with a Bankruptcy Court Plus U.S. Court of International Trade U.S. Court of Federal Claims





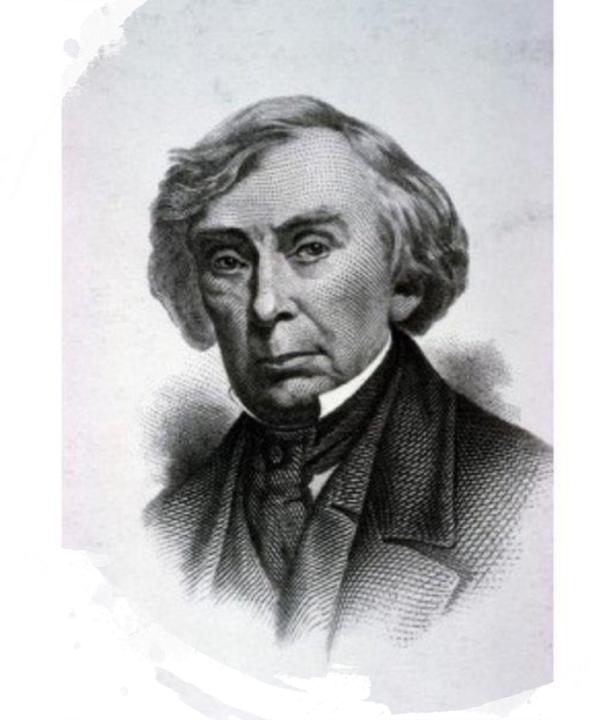
# Federal Courts - Guardians of the Constitution

"Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is FORCE! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master." -George Washington



"The Constitution speaks not only in the same words, but with the same meaning and intent with which it spoke when it came from the hands of the framers."

-Chief Justice Taney, Supreme Court Justice, 1857)



"The meaning of the Constitution is fixed when adopted, and it is not different at any subsequent time."

-Justice Thomas Cooley (Michigan Supreme Court 1864-1865)



"It has long, however, been my opinion . . . That the germ of dissolution of our federal government is in the constitution of the federal judiciary."

-Thomas Jefferson, 1821

## Treason

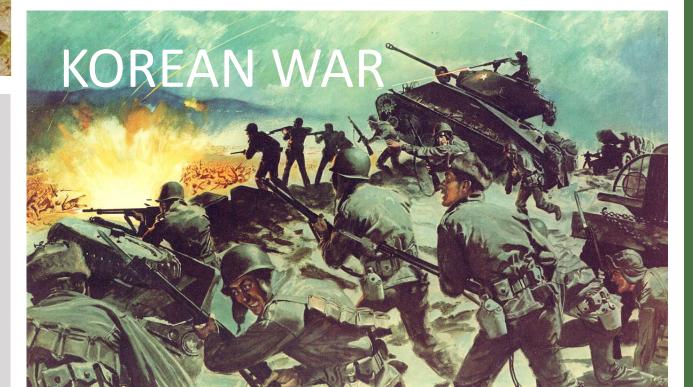
**In England** the crime of treason was an excuse to . . .

- 1. Hang leaders of political opposition
- 2. Confiscate rich family estates

England had a total of 17 different offenses that were classified as treason during the colonial period Article 3, Section 2 reduced the crime of treason to only two offenses:

- To engage in the waging or levying of war against the United States
- To adhere to an enemy of the United States by giving them aid and comfort

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