

Lesson 8

American Government

System of Government: The Executive Branch

Questions: 2, 13, 14, 15, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36,
29, 30, 45, 46, 26, 27, 54, 70, 31, 47

The Three Branches of Government

CONSTITUTION



The U.S. Capitol



The White House



The Supreme Court

LEGISLATIVE

EXECUTIVE

JUDICIAL

CONGRESS

VICE PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT

SUPREME COURT

COURTS OF APPEAL

DISTRICT COURTS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SENATE

CABINET

Question

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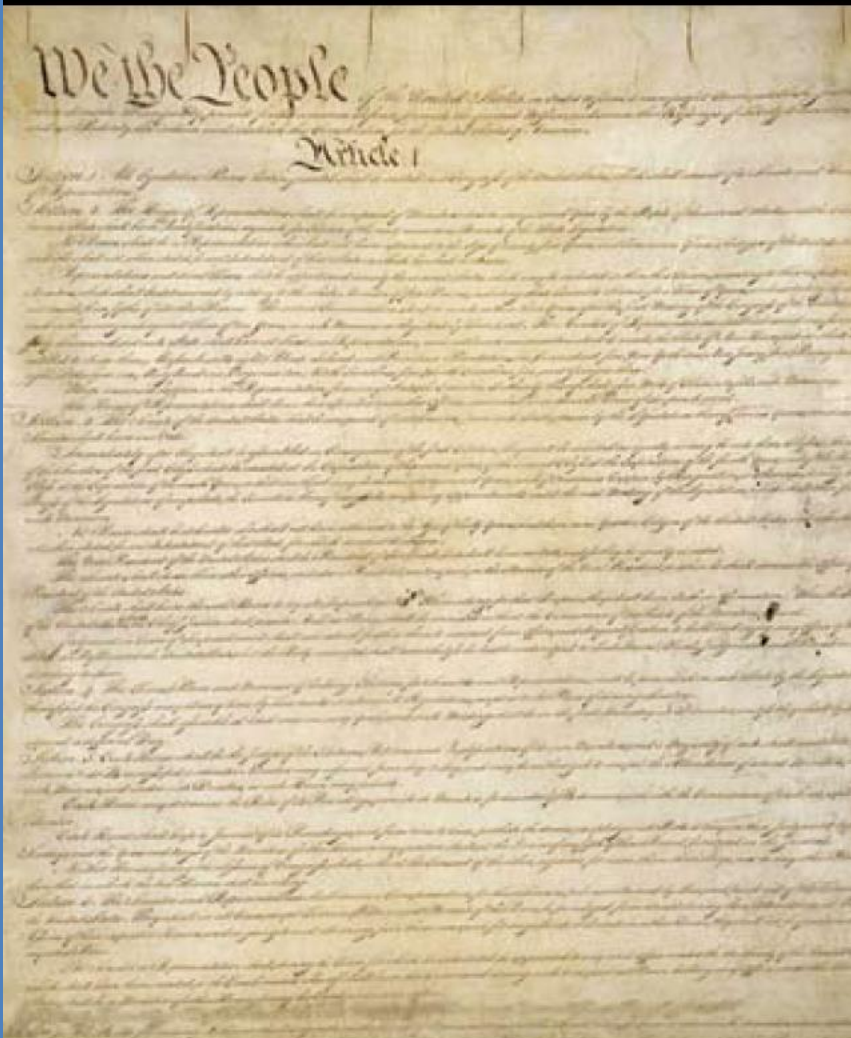
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**What does the
Constitution do?**



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Question #2



- ★ sets up the government
- ★ defines the government
- ★ protects basic rights of Americans

Question

13



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Name one branch or part of
the government.*



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Question #13

- ★ **Congress**
- ★ **legislative**
- ★ **President**
- ★ **executive**
- ★ **the courts**
- ★ **judicial**

**The U.S. Capitol (legislative branch)
and the U.S. Supreme Court (judicial
branch) buildings in Washington, D.C.**



Separation of Powers / Checks and Balances

**PRESIDENT
(Executive Branch)**

Can veto a bill
Can reject a treaty
signed by the president

Can declare an executive
action unconstitutional
Appoints federal judges

Can declare a law
unconstitutional



Approves federal judges

**CONGRESS
(Legislative Branch)**

**THE COURTS
(Judicial Branch)**

Question

14



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What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?



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Question #14



- ★ **checks and balances**
- ★ **separation of powers**

The Executive Branch



The White House, Washington, D.C.



President Donald Trump



Question

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**Who is in charge of the
executive branch?**



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Question #15



the President

The White House in Washington, D.C.

Question
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**What is the name of the
President of the
United States now?***



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**President
Donald Trump**

Question

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**Who is the Commander in
Chief of the military?**

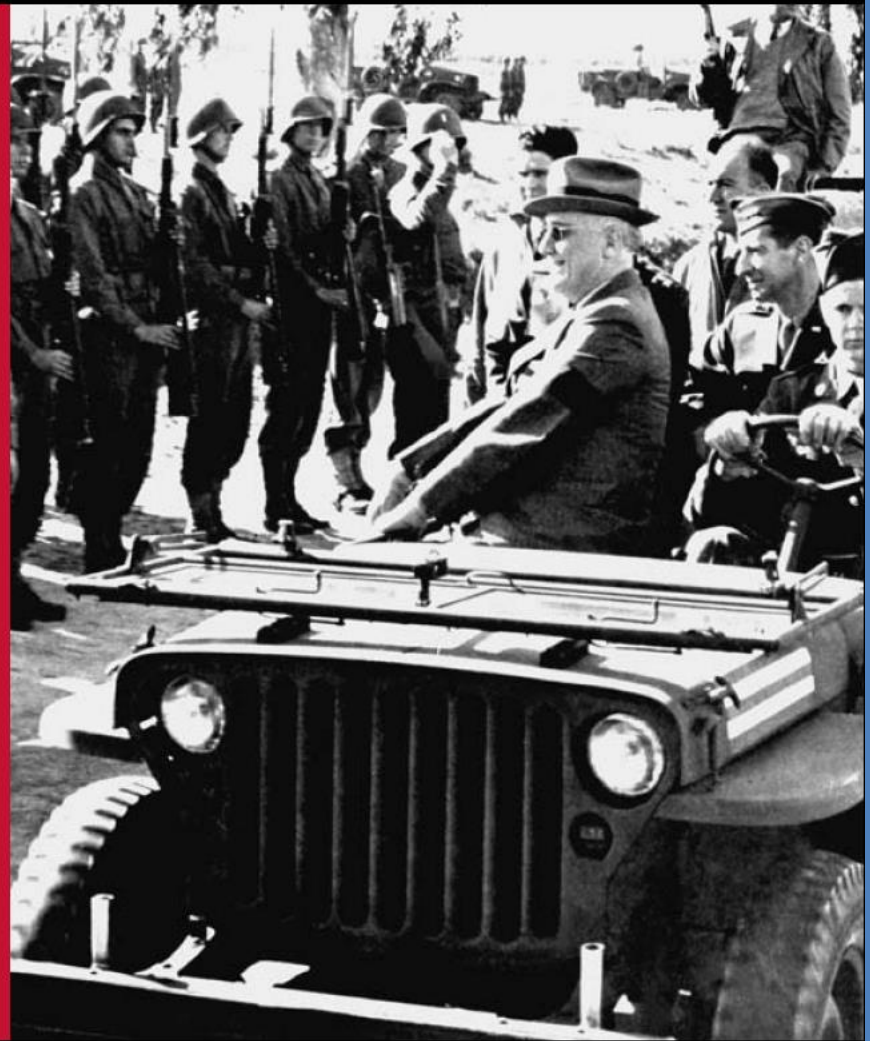


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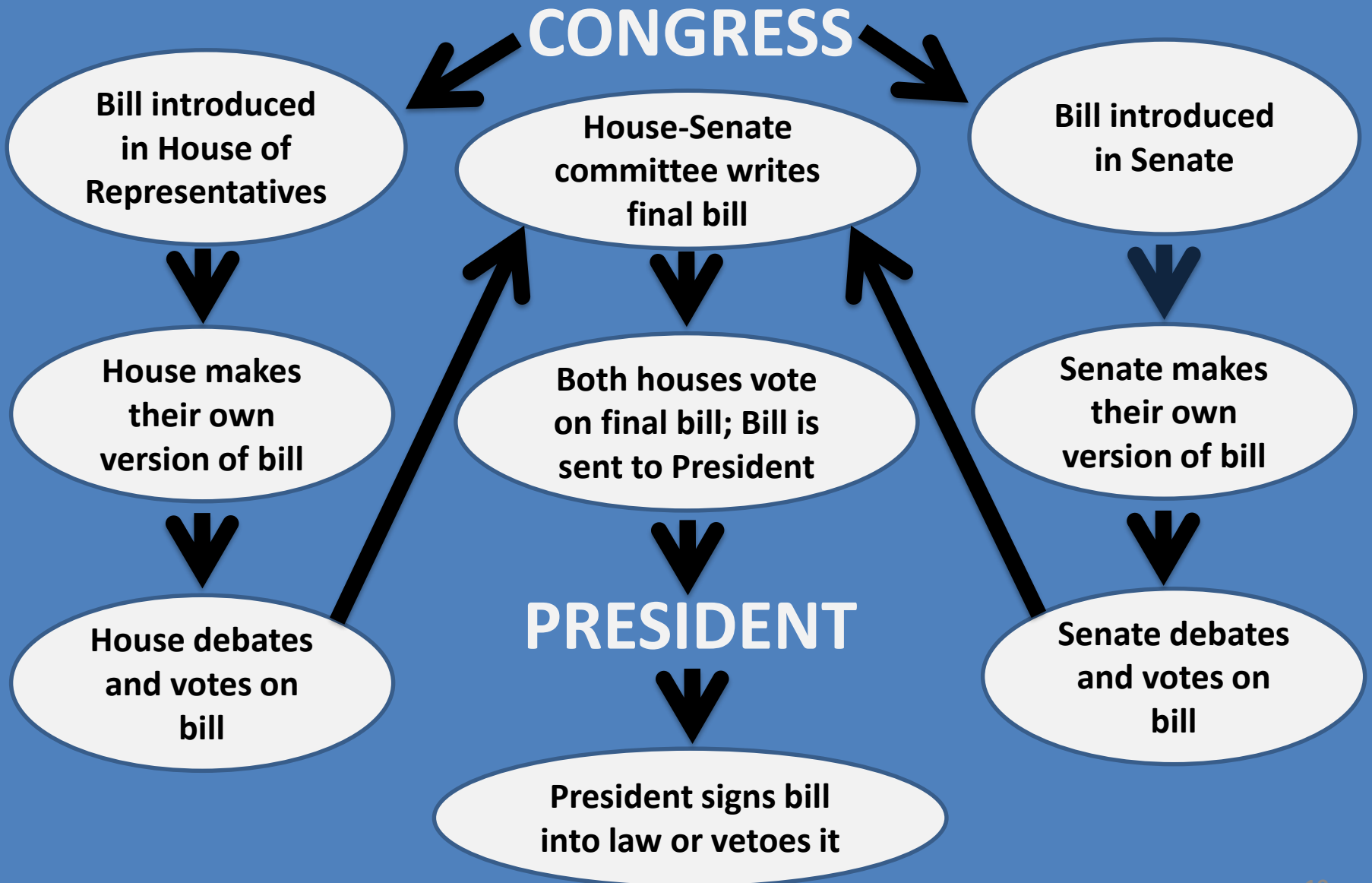
the President

**President Franklin D. Roosevelt
reviewing American troops
in Casablanca, Morocco during
World War II.**

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How a Law is Made



Question

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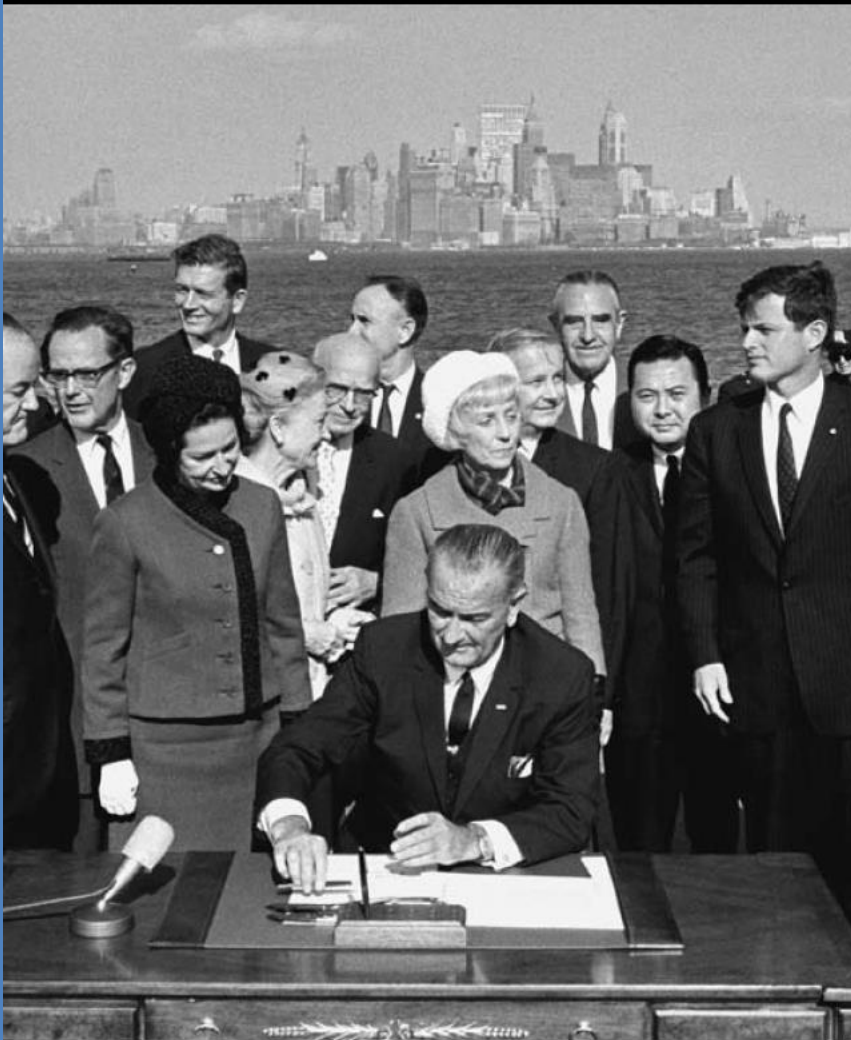
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Who signs bills to become laws?



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Question #33



the President

President Lyndon B. Johnson signing the Immigration Act of 1965 on October 3rd of that same year, Liberty Island, NY.

Courtesy of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum.

Question

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Who vetoes bills?



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Question #34



the President

President Lyndon B. Johnson signing the Immigration Act of 1965 on October 3rd of that same year, Liberty Island, NY.

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The Cabinet



Question

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**What does the President's
Cabinet do?**



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Question #35



**advises the
President**

**President Ronald Reagan
leads a Cabinet meeting
at the White House
in September 1986.**

**Courtesy of the Ronald Reagan
Presidential Library, C36864-19.**

Question
36



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What are two Cabinet-level positions?



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Question #36

- ★ Secretary of Agriculture
- ★ Secretary of Commerce
- ★ Secretary of Defense
- ★ Secretary of Education
- ★ Secretary of Energy
- ★ Secretary of Health and Human Services
- ★ Secretary of Homeland Security
- ★ Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- ★ Secretary of the Interior
- ★ Secretary of Labor
- ★ Secretary of State
- ★ Secretary of Transportation
- ★ Secretary of the Treasury
- ★ Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- ★ Attorney General
- ★ Vice President

Vice President Mike Pence



Question

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**What is the name of the
Vice President of the United
States now?**



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Question #29



* **Michael Richard Pence**

* **Mike Pence**

* **Pence**

Question
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If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?



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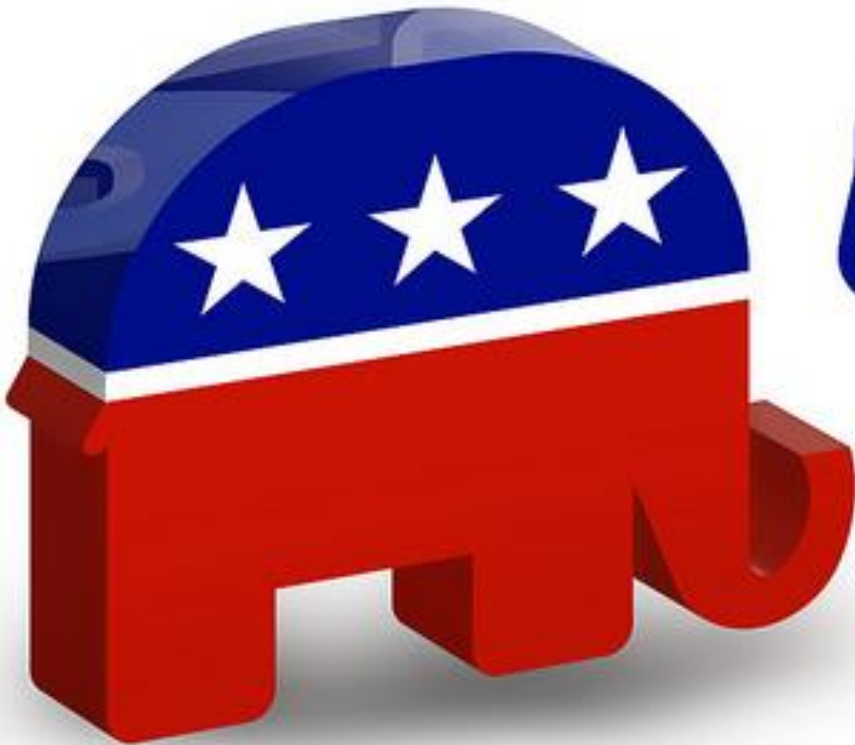
the Vice President

**Swearing in of Vice President
Lyndon B. Johnson as president
aboard Air Force One following the
death of President John F. Kennedy on
November 22, 1963.**

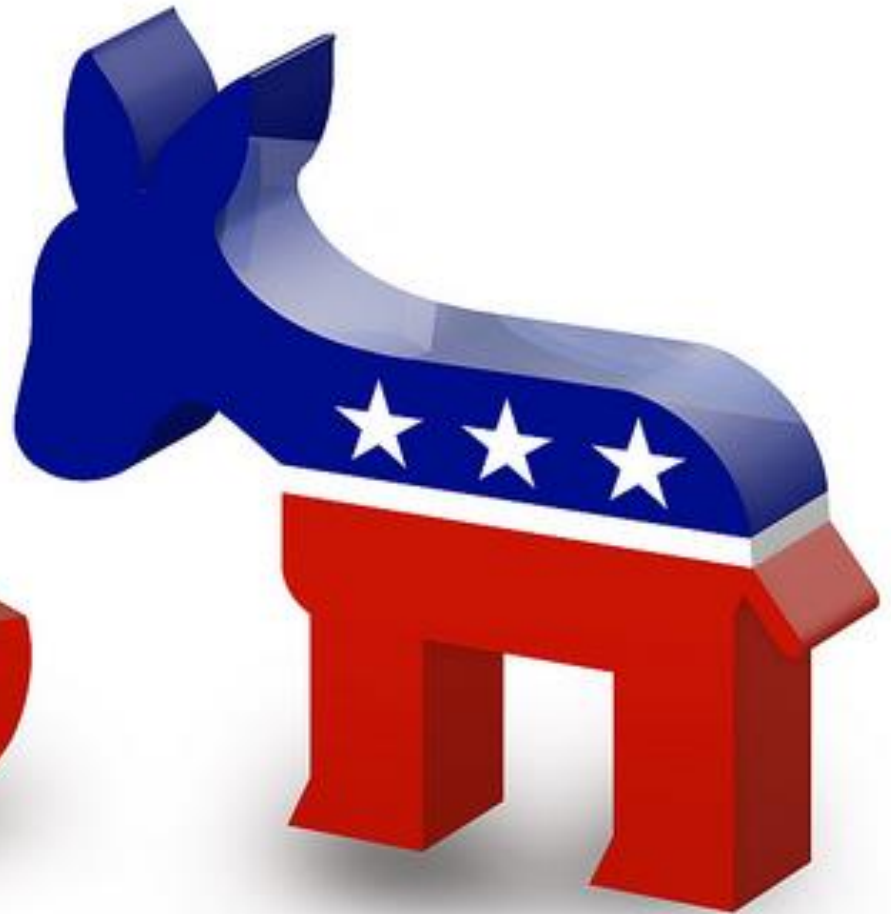
*Courtesy of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library
and Museum, photo by Cecil Stoughton.*



The Two Major Political Parties



Republican



Democratic

Question

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What are the two major political parties in the United States?*



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Question #45



Democratic and Republican

Democratic (donkey) and Republican (elephant) Party icons from a 1962 political cartoon urging citizens to vote. Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZ62-116449.

Question
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**What is the political party of
the President now?**



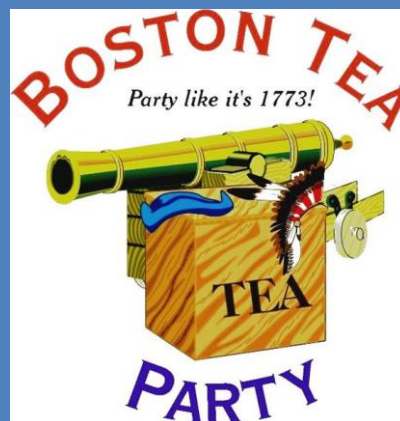
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**Republican
(Party)**

Third Parties Bring New Ideas



November is Coming!



Be sure to vote!

2004

2008

2012

2016

2020

2024

2028

2032

Question
26



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We elect a President for how many years?



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Question #26



four (4)

The inauguration of President Theodore Roosevelt on March 4, 1905.

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Question
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**In what month do we vote for
President?***



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Question #27



November

Question
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**How old do citizens have to
be to vote for President?***



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**eighteen (18)
and older**



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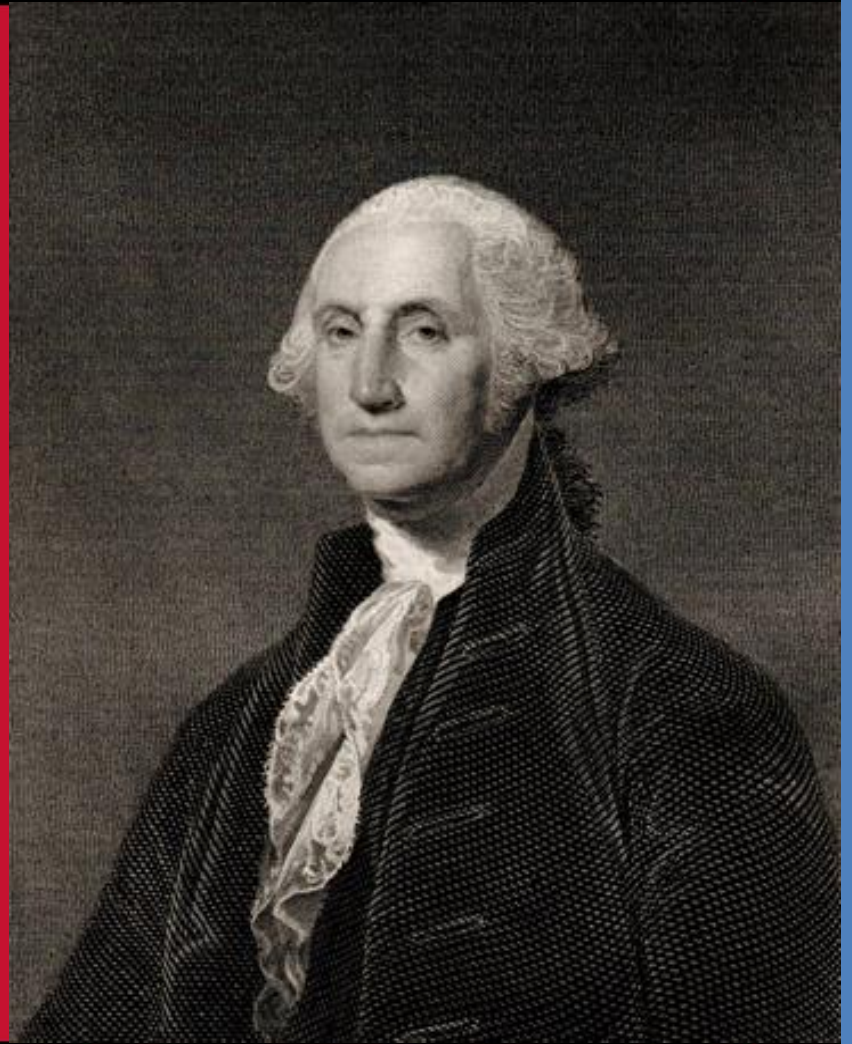
**Who was the first
President?***



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Question #70

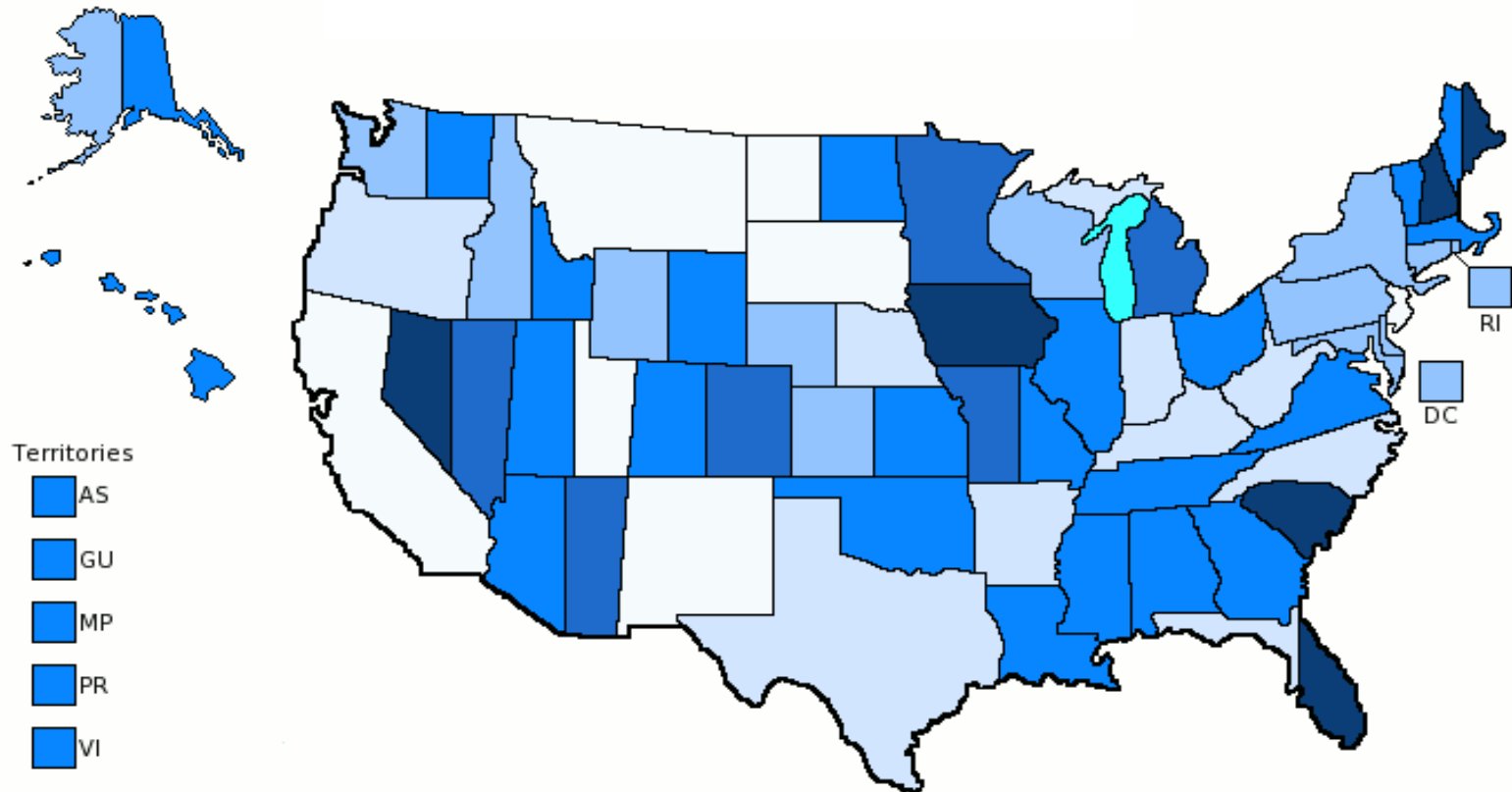
**(George)
Washington**



How a President is Elected



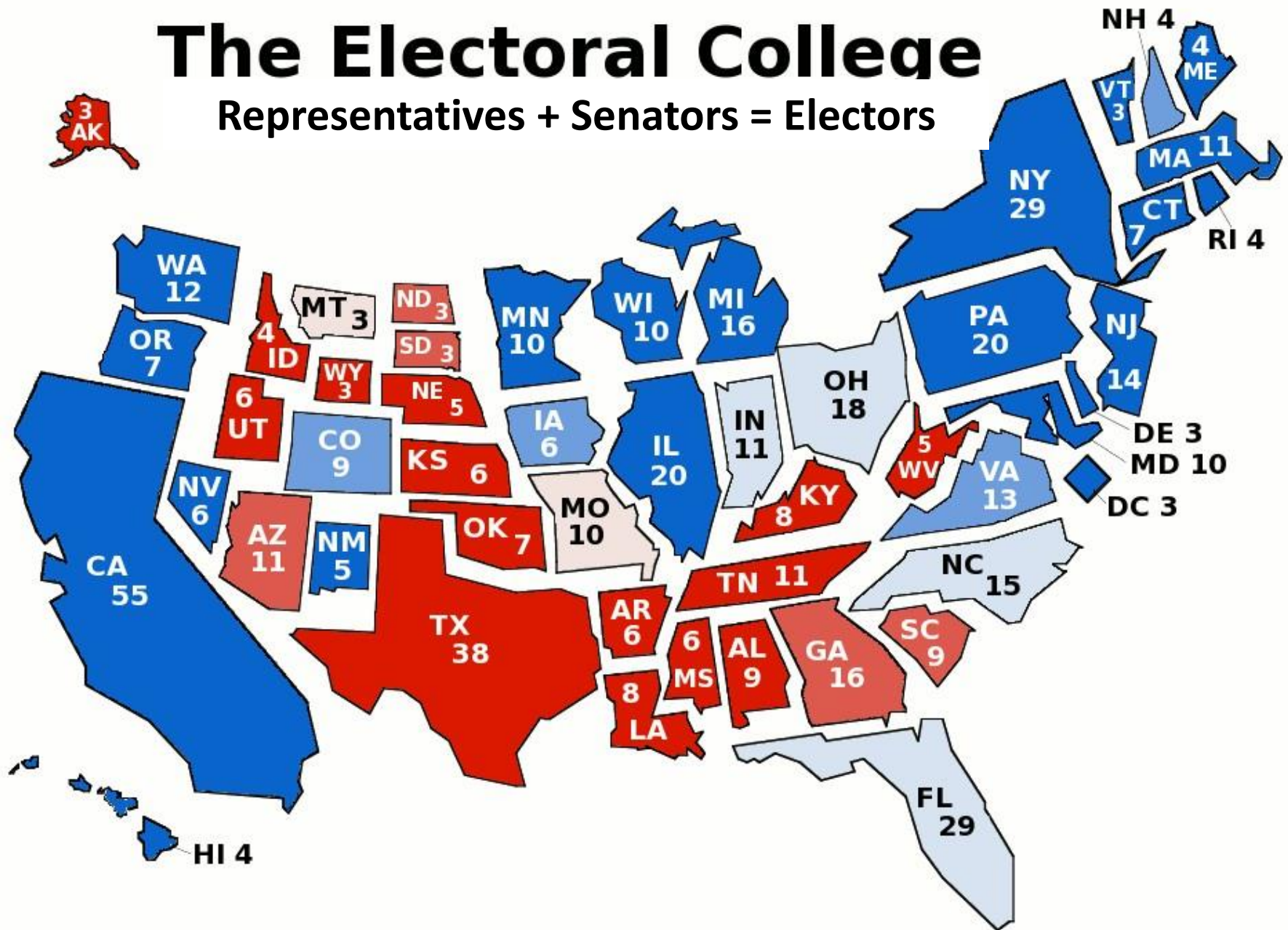
Presidential Primaries and Caucuses



States with two colors have different dates for the Democratic and Republican primaries.

The Electoral College

Representatives + Senators = Electors





306 trump ✓

clinton 232



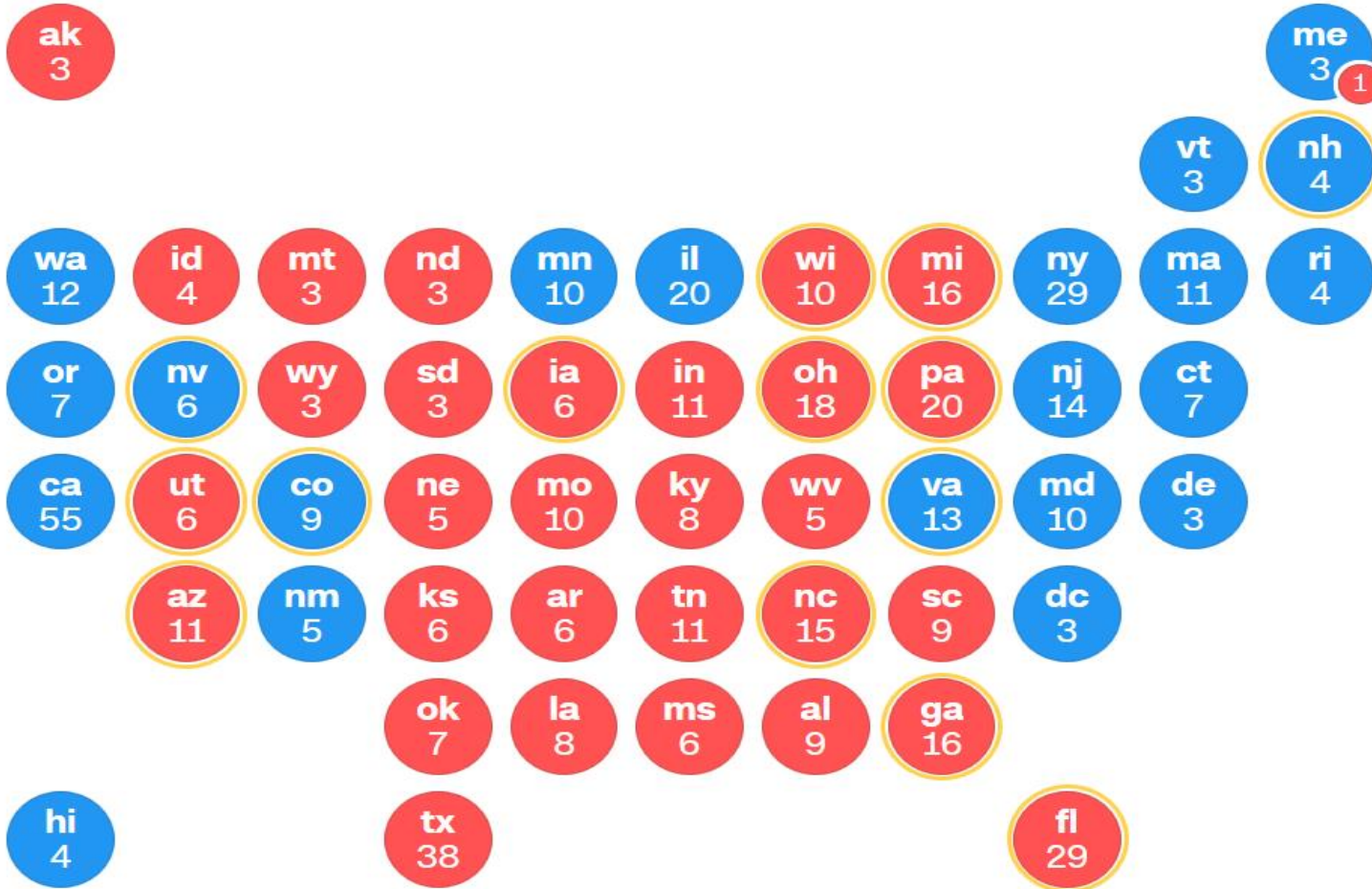
46.1% votes | 62,979,879

270 electoral votes to win

65,844,954 | 48.2% votes

national map

popular vote



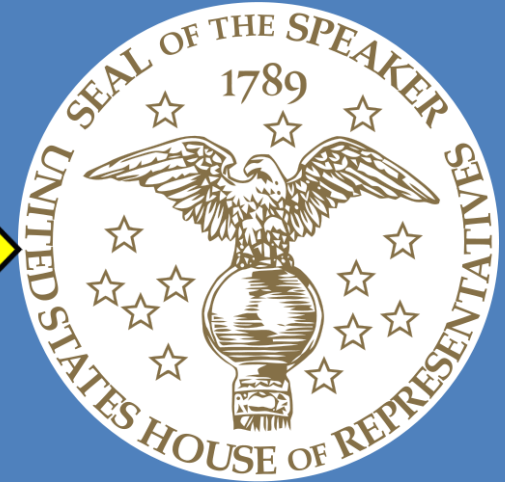
Presidential Order of Succession



President



**Vice
President**



**Speaker of
the House**

Speaker of the House of Representatives



Paul Ryan

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**If both the President and
the Vice President can no
longer serve, who becomes
President?**



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Question #31



the Speaker of the House

The Rostrum, a place for public speaking, is the location from which the Speaker of the House presides.

Courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol.

Question

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**What is the name of the
Speaker of the House of
Representatives now?**



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(Paul D.) Ryan

Paul Ryan, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.