

Module 4: The Presidency

Topic 2 Content: Roles of the President

Introduction



Demi Tracy: Welcome to WUSG News. I'm Demi Tracy, here with my cohost, Glover Mint. Today we have Preston Dent joining us with his segment, *Presidential Presence*, in order to discuss the roles of the President.

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Presidential Presence











Preston Dent: Welcome back to *Presidential Presence*. There are different ways to break down the responsibilities of the President. There may be more or fewer roles depending on how you categorize them. In this segment, we will be discussing eight roles of the President of the United States.

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Chief of State

		<h3>Roles of the President</h3> <h4>Chief of State</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ceremonial head of the U.S. government• Visits foreign leaders, celebrates national holidays, makes speeches to mark special occasions, and awards medals• The symbolic head of the U.S.• The face of our nation while in office
		
		
		

Preston Dent: Serving as the Chief of State means that the President is the ceremonial head of the United States government. Think of all the times that you have seen the President greet visiting foreign leaders, celebrate national holidays, make speeches to mark special occasions or events, and award medals and other honors. This is because the President is essentially the symbolic head of America. The President is the face of our nation while in office.

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Chief Executive

		<h3>Roles of the President</h3> <h4>Chief Executive</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clearly established in the U.S. Constitution• Enforces the laws of the land• Decides how laws will be enforced• Appoints Cabinet members and agency heads• Issues executive orders• Gives the State of the Union address to Congress
		
		
		

Preston Dent: This role is clearly established in the U.S. Constitution. As the Chief Executive, the President is responsible for enforcing the laws of the land. The responsibilities of this role include deciding how the laws of the United States are going to be enforced; appointing Cabinet members, agency heads, and other government positions; issuing executive orders; and giving the State of the Union address.

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Chief Administrator

		<h3>Roles of the President</h3> <h4>Chief Administrator</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Runs the executive branch of government• Every member of the executive branch serves the President• Holds meetings to discuss public policy• Reads reports from government agencies• Directs the organization as a whole
		
		
		

Preston Dent: Imagine that all of the government employees in the executive branch are a corporation. The President would be considered the CEO of that corporation. Every single member of the executive branch of government serves the President of the United States. Just like a CEO, as the boss of the executive branch, the President must hold meetings to discuss current public policy, read reports from various government agencies; and direct the organization as a whole.

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Chief Diplomat



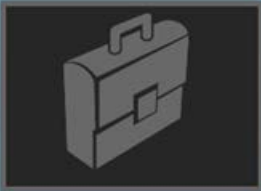





		<h3>Roles of the President</h3> <h4>Chief Diplomat</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serves as the nation's main spokesperson to the world• The architect of the nation's current foreign policy• Represents America during meetings with world leaders• Has the power to make treaties with other nations
		
		
		

Preston Dent: As the symbolic head of the American government, the President also serves as the nation's main spokesperson to the world. Although assisted by appointed advisors, diplomats, and Secretary of State, the President is the architect of the nation's current foreign policy. This means the President is responsible for representing America during meetings and correspondence with world leaders. The Constitution also clearly states that the President has the power to make treaties with other nations, pending Congressional approval.

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Commander-in-Chief



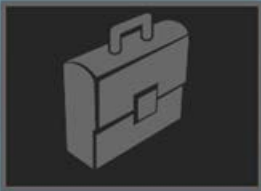





		<h3>Roles of the President</h3> <h4>Commander-in-Chief</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensures the safety and security of the nation• Serves as the head of the U.S. military• Has the final call in all military matters• The only person with the ability to authorize the use of nuclear weapons
		
		
		

Preston Dent: The President has the responsibility to ensure the safety and security of the nation. Congress has the power to declare war, but it is the President who coordinates the military campaigns. The President serves as the head of the United States military. This includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, and the Marines. The President has the final call in all military matters, meaning that Generals and Admirals take their orders from the President. The Commander-in-Chief is also the only person with the ability to authorize the use of nuclear weapons.

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Chief Legislator



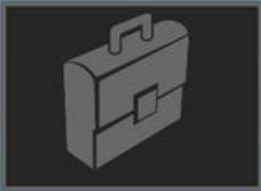





		<h3>Roles of the President</h3> <h4>Chief Legislator</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May influence Congress while it creates public policy• May urge Congress to pass a bill or defeat legislation• Indirectly influences legislation through speeches• Directly influences legislation with the State of the Union address and the federal budget proposal• Decides whether to sign a bill into law or veto it
		
		
		

Preston Dent: The legislative branch makes the laws; however, the Constitution allows the President to influence Congress while it creates public policy. The President may urge Congress to pass a bill or defeat a piece of legislation. The President may do this indirectly, through speeches to the American citizens, or directly, through the State of the Union address and the federal budget proposal. Additionally, when new legislation is passed, the President decides whether to sign the bill into law or veto it.

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Chief of Party




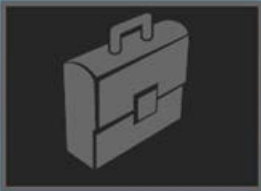





		<h3>Roles of the President</h3> <h4>Chief of Party</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Viewed as the highest ranking member of whichever political party he or she belongs to• Serves as the head of the party• Responsible for nominating party members to different positions and campaigning for politicians
		
		
		

Preston Dent: The President is viewed as the highest ranking member of whichever political party he or she belongs to. While in office, the President serves as the head of the party, and is responsible for nominating party members to different positions and campaigning for politicians who support the party's policies.

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Chief Citizen

		<h3>Roles of the President</h3> <h4>Chief Citizen</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acts as the representative of all citizens of the U.S.• Supposed to work for the benefit of the people• Personal interests should come after the interests of the nation as a whole 
		
		
		

Preston Dent: The President acts as the representative of all citizens of the United States. As an elected representative in a representative democracy, the President is supposed to work for the benefit of the people. The President's interests should come after the interests of the nation as a whole.

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Demi Tracy: When discussing the different roles of the President, sometimes the roles of Chief Executive and Chief Administrator are combined. Other times the role of Chief Manager of the Economy is added to the list. Until next time, this is WUSG News wishing you a wonderful day.