



Legislatures and Executives

Legislatures



What is a Legislature?

- Structures in which policy issues are discussed, assessed, and enacted
- Three broad roles:
 1. Enactment of legislation
 2. Representation of the citizenry
 - Three models of representation
 3. Oversight of the executive
 - Ombudsman



A "debate" in the Russian Duma

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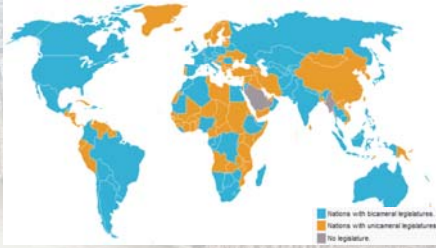
Legislative Structures:

- Number of legislative houses
 - Bicameral v. Unicameral
 - Role of Upper and Lower Houses

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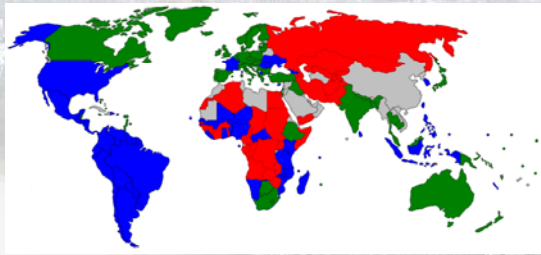
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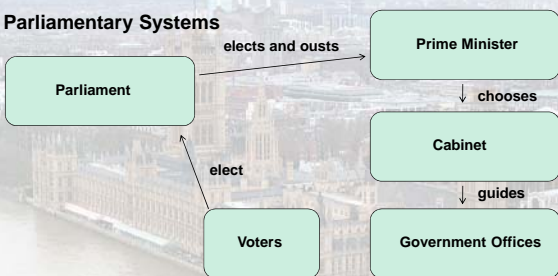
Presidential and Parliamentary Systems



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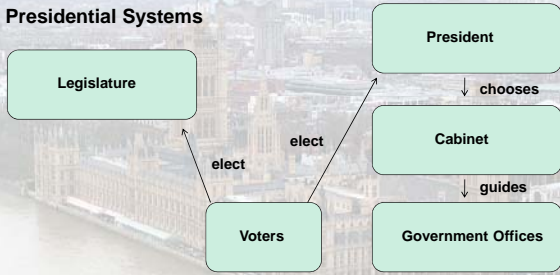
Parliamentary Systems



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Presidential Systems



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Parliamentary Case Study: Great Britain

- A Mixed Regime
- Fusion of Powers
 - Parliamentary sovereignty
- Indefinite Terms of Office
 - Vote of no-confidence
- Disciplined Parties
 - Party whips
 - Loyal Opposition

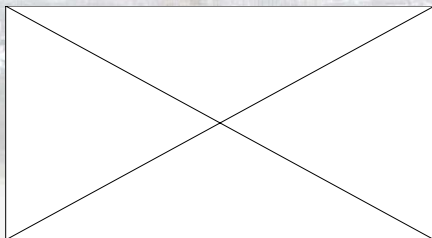


Gordon Brown

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Executives



Hugo Chavez

What is the Executive?

- The branch of the political system composed of a leader or group of leaders who are responsible for defining and managing the implementation of public policy
- Structural Arrangements:
 - Fused v. Dual Systems

Executives



Executive Functions:

- Eight main functions:
 1. Symbolic Leadership
 2. Chief of Government
 3. Party Chief
 4. Commander in Chief
 5. Top Diplomat
 6. Dispenser of Appointments
 7. Chief Legislature
 8. Emergency Leadership



Angela Merkel

Executives



Queen Elizabeth II

Becoming the Chief Executive

- Four primary methods:
 1. Ascription
 2. Appointment
 3. Force
 4. Election

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Types of Executive Institutions

- Hereditary Monarchies
- Directly-elected Chief Executives
- Parliamentary Chief Executives
- Nondemocratic Executives



Fidel Castro

Executives



Richard Nixon

Limits on Executive Power

- Term Limits
- Source of Power
- Government Institutions
- The Mass Media

Executives



Approaches to Executive Leadership

- Charismatic Authority
- Traditional Leadership
- Ration-Legal Authority
- Representative Authority
- Coercive Authority



Augusto Pinochet
