

**Current Leaders and Politics**  
AP United States History  
Mr. Broach, 2009

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**Executive Branch**

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**President of the United States**

- Barack H. Obama
- Roles (or "hats") of the President?
- Current issues



Source: change.gov (Official Portrait)

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## Vice President of the United States

- Joseph R. Biden
- President of the Senate
- 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment
- New roles?



Source: whitehouse.gov

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## Secretary of State



- Hillary Clinton
- Head of diplomatic affairs



Source: state.gov

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## Secretary of Defense

- Robert Gates
- Organization of the Defense Department
- War on Terror



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## Secretary of Homeland Security

- Janet Napolitano
- Domestic Security from Terrorism
- FEMA since Hurricane Katrina
- Immigration
- War on Terror? Can we call it that?
- Swine Flu?



Source: dhs.gov

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## Secretary of the Treasury

- Timothy Geithner
- Different from the Treasurer of the U.S.
- Economic Issues?
- Recession



Source: treasury.gov

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## Attorney General of the United States

- Eric Holder
- FBI
- U.S. Attorneys
- Different from the Judiciary of the United States



Source: usdoj.gov

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## Cabinet and the Executive Office

- <http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/cabinet.html> [Link](#)



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## Politics

- Congress and the President
- What are the major issues?

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The United States Congress  
Legislative Branch

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## U.S. House of Representatives

- Speaker of the House
- 435 members (by population; set 1910)
- Majority and Minority Leaders
- Current Issues?

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## Leadership of the House



Speaker of the House  
Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)

Source: house.gov



Majority Leader  
Steny Hoyer (D-MD)

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## Minority Leadership



John Boehner,  
Republican Leader  
(R-OH)

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## United States Senate

- President of the Senate
- President Pro Tempore
- Majority Leader; Minority Leader
- 100 members (2 per state)
- "Advise and Consent"
- Current issues?
- LINK: Senate Leadership [↗](#)

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 <p>President of the Senate <a href="#">Joseph R. Biden, Jr.</a> U.S. Vice President</p>	 <p>President Pro Tempore <a href="#">Robert C. Byrd</a> Democrat, West Virginia</p>
 <p>Majority Leader <a href="#">Harry Reid</a> Democrat, Nevada</p>	 <p>Assistant Majority Leader (Democratic Whip) <a href="#">Richard Durbin</a> Democrat, Illinois</p>
 <p>Minority Leader <a href="#">Mitch McConnell</a> Republican, Kentucky</p>	 <p>Assistant Minority Leader (Republican Whip) <a href="#">Jon Kyl</a> Republican, Arizona</p>

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The Federal Judiciary  
Judicial Branch

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## The Supreme Court of the United States

- 9 justices
- Chief Justice: John Roberts (2005-)
- Role of the Court
- *Writ of certiorari*



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## Federal Judiciary

- United States Courts of Appeals \*
- United States District Court \*
- United States Court of Bankruptcy
- Issues handled by the Courts

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## Who will replace Justice Souter?



Or President?



Who is this guy?



Does this count for experience?

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