

US GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

Federal Republic (Strong Democratic Traditions)

Constitution

Legislative Branch

Senate

House

Executive Branch

President

Vice President

Cabinet Departments below

Judicial Branch

Supreme Court

Appeals Courts

Trial Courts

Agriculture

Commerce

Defense

Education

Energy

Health

Housing

Interior

Justice

Labor

State Dept

Transport

Treasury

Veterans

Government Agencies outside the Cabinet
(partial list)

Central Intelligence Agency

Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Election Commission

Amtrak

Securities & Exchange Commission

Small Business Administration

Social Security Administration

Peace Corps

Homeland Security

Both houses of Congress are elected by popular vote. Head of Executive Branch elected through popular vote tied to Electoral College. President appoints all cabinet and agency heads with approval of Senate. All judges (lifetime appointments) nominated by President and confirmed by Senate.