

The Government of the United States of America

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Is it a Democratic Republic? Federal Republic?! There are a lot of questions and arguments about what type of government the US has. Specifically, I believe it is a **Federal Constitutional Republic**. Which means it is a country that is represented by the people, and the president is elected by the people. It also means the government is careful not to give someone too much power, so they have three branches in their government: legislative, executive, and judicial.

The legislative branch are the Congressional members who think of new laws. The executive branch are the members who enforce/carry out the laws, like the president, vice president, etc. The judicial branch are the people (like the judge), that make sure that the laws are followed. Of course, the government provides water, food (for the needy), education, infrastructure, and services.

The US was formed because the people of western Europe (mostly British) didn't like their country's government, so they moved to what is now called the U.S. They formed a government represented by the people that offered more freedom.

Since the US has taken over other lands like the Philippines, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, this does make the U.S. an imperialist country. If a country is imperialist, it means they have colonized a country. For Puerto Rico, they had a war against the Spanish Empire and took over the land. For the Philippines, they had another war with the Spanish Empire and, again, took over the land. But the Philippines got their independence back in 1946. And for Hawaii, the U.S. slowly started to send more people there so that eventually it became a state. Nowadays, the U.S. still has Puerto Rico as a territory.

Government systems change when there is a war and/or revolution. But other countries could help with the problem, or if the citizens can vote, there might be a big chunk of people who want the government's ways to change.

Citizens can influence their government by communicating to their representative, so he/she can then put forward concerns. Of course, if the government realizes that a lot of people want a certain thing, then the government will probably change. Citizens can also form groups, like a party, to make changes. Not many people do this, but a citizen can also run for an elected position, to try to make changes by representing the general population.

In most dictatorships the government influences their citizens with fear and propaganda. Governments can also influence citizens with privileges and positive and negative actions. This can make the citizens feel proud of their government. If a government puts ads (positive ads to benefit your health or life, etc) in the newspaper or some form of communication, then it will be like good propaganda.

Questions, questions, questions are all you had. Now all you have are answers, answers, answers about the government of the U.S.A.

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