# Presidency

## origins
- elected
  - electoral college
- constitutional powers
  - limited
  - vague
  - all the same
- four year term
- power growth
  - 20th century

## commander in chief
- tied with chief diplomat
  - use of armed forces
    - =credibility
    - holds bargainship
- huge powers during war
  - OTT in peace
- LINCOLN
  - right to do anything to protect the republic
- Roosevelt
  - took over private companies WW2
- nuclear power
  - = more presidential power

## chief executive
- carrys out policies and laws
  - from congress
- responsibility
  - 15 depts.
  - 2.8 million civil servants
- co-ordinate government
  - coherency in policy making
- federal budget
  - set to congress
  - expenditure for executive branch
- executive orders

## chief diplomat
- foreign policy
  - congress declares war
  - 1936
    - only pres. has rite to negotiate with foreign states
  - main focus on pres.
- developed
  - 19th century
- still need
  - financial
  - congress
  - support

## chief Legislator
- not part of legislative branch
  - increasingly important role
  - still passes legisilation
- 19th century
  - just executed law
- modern presidents
  - pass legislative programs
  - encourage congress to support them

## Other Roles
- voice of people
  - speakks on behalf of civilians
  - american affairs
- protector of the peace
  - natural disasters
  - race riots
  - emergencies
- world leader
  - only remaining super power???
- manager of prosperity
  - US economy