

# Notes — Week 9

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## Period 3

- There are 435 members of the House of Representatives
- Great Compromise — Created a House of Representatives based on population
- Created a senate based on equality (2 per state = 100)
- Congress contains 535 members (100 from senate + 435 from HoR)
- Minimum majority to win in the electoral college is 270
- A census occurs every 10 years, at the beginning of a decade (2020, 2030, 2040, etc.)
- Ordered Liberty:
  1. Separation of Powers [Branches]
  2. Checks + Balances [Branches + Federalism]
  3. Federalism: Division of Power between Federal & State Government
  4. Popular Sovereignty [Majority Rule w/ Minority Rights]
  5. Judicial Review
  6. Limited Government [Positive Law (Art. 1, Sect. 8) + Negative Law (Art. 1, Sect. 9/10)]
- Congress raises all of its money through taxes
- Congress controls fiscal policy; the Federal Reserve controls monetary policy
- Congress has the right to borrow in the name of the United States
- Congress has used the commerce clause to grow its powers exponentially
  - *United States v. Lopez* — Congress had exceeded its commerce clause power by prohibiting guns in a school zone