

12-5: The Organization of The Executive Branch

Learning Outcome 12-5: Role of executive branch

I. Introduction

A. The President's Cabinet

- **The Cabinet**: The group of advisors to the president
 - The cabinet is not defined in the constitution
- **The Kitchen Cabinet**: The group of unofficial cabinet members

B. Trump's Advisers

- Trump made little use of the advice of the cabinet
- Trump made his family part of the cabinet

II. The Executive Office of the President

- **The Executive Office of the President**: Group of staff agencies that assist the president in their major duties

A. The White House Office

- **The White House Office**: The personal office of the president
- **Chief of Staff**: The main advisor to the president, directs the White House staff
- **Press Secretary**: Member of the White House staff that holds conferences for the press

B. The First Lady

- **First Lady**: Spouse of the president

C. The Office of Management and Budget

- **Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**: Assists the president in proposing the annual budget

D. The National Security Council

- **National Security Council (NSC)**: Manages policies relating to security, foreign and domestic

III. The Vice President and Presidential Succession

A. The Role of the Vice Presidents

- The Vice President does not have many responsibilities

B. Presidential Succession

- **Twenty-fifth Amendment**:
 - When the president feels that they can no longer perform their duties, they must inform Congress of that in writing
 - Can also be invoked by agreement of Vice President and majority of cabinet
- Vice Presidential Vacancies
 - If the Vice President cannot serve, the president can appoint a new Vice President

Key Vocab: **Highlighted**