Represent U.S. **territories (e.g., Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa).**

**(Delegates)**

**Senate**

* Represents the states equally.
* Each state has **2 senators**, regardless of population.
* Members serve **6-year terms**.
* Focused on national and international issues, checks and balances, and confirmations.

**Main functions of Congress:**

* Pass laws, control the federal budget, approve treaties (Senate), confirm presidential appointments (Senate), and oversee the Executive Branch.

**Key difference from parliamentary systems:**

* In the U.S., the president does not depend on Congress to stay in power. Congress cannot “dissolve” the government as in parliamentary systems. The president only leaves office via elections or impeachment.

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* Serve in the House of Representatives.
* Represent districts within states.
* Number per state depends on population.
* 2-year terms.
* Focus on local concerns.

**Members of the House of Representatives**

**Main ideology:** more conservative.

**Government and economy:** prefer limited government intervention, lower taxes, free market principles, and private initiative as the driver of the economy.

**Republicans**

**Main ideology:** more liberal /progressive.

**Government and economy:** support stronger government intervention to reduce inequality, social programs, corporate regulation, and higher taxes on the wealthy.

**Democrats**