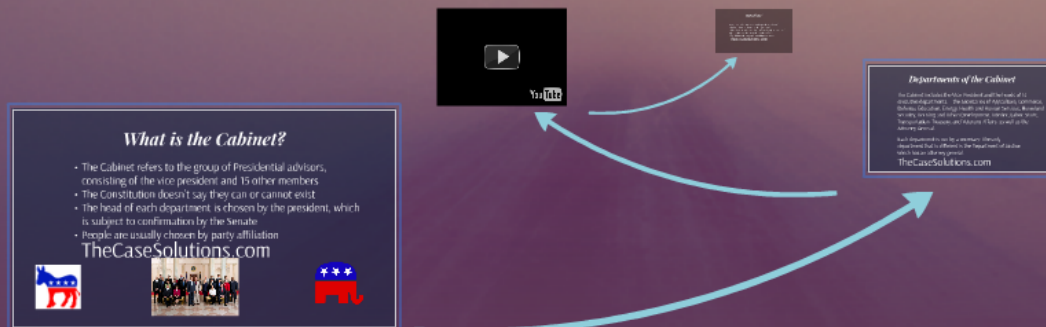


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What is the Cabinet?

- The Cabinet refers to the group of Presidential advisors, consisting of the vice president and 15 other members
- The Constitution doesn't say they can or cannot exist
- The head of each department is chosen by the president, which is subject to confirmation by the Senate
- People are usually chosen by party affiliation

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Departments of the Cabinet

The Cabinet includes the Vice President and the heads of 15 executive departments – the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs, as well as the Attorney General.

Each department is run by a secretary. The only department that is different is the Department of Justice which has an attorney general.

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Questions!



- 1) How many departments form the president's cabinet?
- 2) Who chooses the head of each department?
- 3) All cabinet members must be confirmed by the senate. T or F?
- 4) Is the vice president a member of the cabinet?
- 5) Which department is not headed by a secretary?

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