

US Constitution and Government

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The United States of America is the oldest democracy of the modern age, its constitution dating back to 1788. Despite this remarkable continuity, the political system of the United States has evolved considerably since the eighteenth century, both through constitutional amendment and political practice. This lecture will examine the American political system as it exists today as well as key changes it underwent in its history of more than 200 years. How does the system of “checks and balances” that the founding fathers envisioned work in an age of global American power and media-driven politics?

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