



**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE**  
**US AND THE GREEK**  
**POLITICAL SYSTEM**

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# SOME IMPORTANT FACTS

- First of all, Greece is divided in 13 regions, while the USA is a federal government which consists of 50 states.
- Greece declared its independence in 1825 and it was officially recognized in 1830, while the US declared its independence in 1776 and it was recognized by Britain in 1783.
- The government type of Greece is parliamentary republic; the USA is federal republic.
- Both governments consists of three branches: the legislative, the executive and the judicial. With my presentation, I am going to refer to 2 of them.

# DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE THREE BRANCHES: THE EXECUTIVE BRUNCH

- In Greece, the Cabinet is appointed by the president of democracy following the recommendation of the prime minister, while in the USA by the president with the approval of the senate.
- The President of Greece is elected by the Parliament for a five-year term and can be reelected for another five years. In the US, the president and the vice president are elected by representatives who are elected directly from each state. The president and vice president serve for four years and can be reelected for only another four years.

# THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

- In Greece, the judicial branch consists of the Supreme Civil and Criminal Court. All judges are appointed for life by the president after the consultation of a judicial council. It also consists of lower courts such as the Supreme Administrative Court and Court of Auditors, the Courts of Appeal and so on.
- In the US, the same branch consists of the Supreme Court (it's the highest court of the country and his nine justices which are nominated by the president and confirmed with the advice of the Senate. They serve for life). There are also lots of lower courts similar to those in Greece.

# HERE ARE SOME INTERESTING FACTS

- Greece is ranked fourth in the world in the domain of democracy and rights, while the US is ranked 13<sup>th</sup>, which means that Greece is a more democratic country than US.
- Greece is ranked 76<sup>th</sup> in the Parliament's seats held by women with a percentage of 21%, while US is ranked 91<sup>st</sup> with a percentage of 17.78%, according to a recent survey.



**THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

Sources: <http://www.nationmaster.com/country-info/compare/Greece/United-States/Government>