

# Differences between Greek and American political systems



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# Which is the form of government?

## GREECE

- Presidential Parliamentary Republic



## U.S.A

- Federal Presidential Republic



# How the president / prime minister of the country is elected?

## GREECE

- The prime minister is officially appointed by the president of Greece.
- The president shall appoint the leader of the political party with the absolute majority (150+) of seats in the parliament as prime minister.
- The minimum percentage that a party must have to form autonomous Government is 40.4%.

## U.S.A

- The President of the U.S.A. is not directly elected by the American people, but through representatives of the "College of Electors."
- The American people vote the presidential candidate of their own choosing and they give the "command" to Electors, to vote what the State has decided.
- The electors are 538. The president of U.S.A is elected when he takes 270 votes from the electors.

# How often a new president/prime minister is elected?

## **GREECE**

- The new prime minister of Greece is elected every four years.
- He can run for becoming the prime minister as many times as he wants to.

## **U.S.A**

- The President of U.S.A is elected every four years too.
- However he only can run for the presidency one more time.

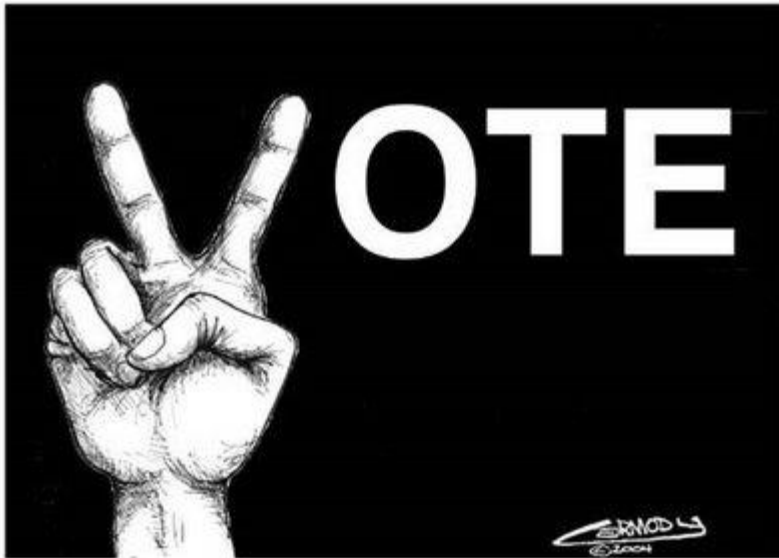
# At what age can we vote?

## GREECE

- After the 18th year of your life.

## U.S.A

- In the United States, twenty-one states permit 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections, and caucuses if they become 18 by election day.



# Important political figures.

## GREECE

### *Andreas Papandreou*

- The National System of Health was founded.
- Cultural and athletic associations were created all over the country.
- He legalized the right to civil marriage.
- He allowed people to vote at the age of 18.
- He established equality of the two sexes.

## U.S.A

### *Barack Obama*

- He signed decree on the closure of prisons in Guantanamo.
- In 27 February 2009 Obama announced that the military enterprises in Irak will terminate in 18 months.
- He received a Nobel prize for peace in 2009 for his vision and his work for a world without nuclear weapons of mass destruction.