

Institutional Choices:  
Re-Writing US Constitution

**Instructions:**

Propose a way to re-write United State's constitution to address its governance challenges.

**Contest Rules:**

- 1) Your group will have 15 minutes to make your decisions and 5 minutes to present your plan.
- 2) After the presentations, the class will vote for the team with the best plan. **You may not vote for your own team.**

**Incentive:**

Members of the winning team are excused from the written assignment on Friday, 04/01.

**Institutional Choices to Consider:**

*1. Parliamentary, Presidential?*

- a. If there is a president, how should power be divided between the executive and the legislature?
- b. How should executive and legislative representatives gain office (Elections? Appointments? Who participates in the election?)

**Be sure to justify your choices**

*2. Majoritarian vs. Proportional representation Rules?*

- a. Electoral rules: plurality vs. proportional representation
    - i. Should districts be single- or multi-member?
    - ii. Will people elect *individuals* or select from *party lists*?
    - iii. For PR, what is the minimum threshold to earn a spot in the legislature?
- Consider how these electoral rules will influence the party system and outcomes we care about, as you justify your choices**

Decision	Description/Justification
Parliamentary vs. Presidential	
<i>Electoral Rules:</i> plurality vs. proportional representation	