

Systems of Government Compared – Key

| | Britain | USA | Germany |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|
| years old | current year minus 1689 | current year minus 1788 | current year minus 1949 |
| head of state | Queen / King | president [' - -] | B.-Präsident |
| legis- lature | Parliament [' - -] | Congress [' - -] | Parlament |
| <i>lower house</i> | <i>House of Commons</i> (~ 659) | <i>House of Representatives</i> (435) | <i>Bundestag</i> |
| <i>upper house</i> | <i>House of Lords</i> (~ 760) | <i>Senate</i> (100) | <i>Bundesrat</i> |
| executive [-' - -] | prime minister , government | president , administration | B.- Kanzler, Regierung |
| judiciary [- ' - -] | Supreme Court (new!) | Supreme Court | BVerfG |

Terms of office / elections

| USA | | terms of office and elections |
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| president | 4 | every four years (20, 24, 28) |
| Congress | | |
| House of Representatives (435) | 2 | every two years (18, 20, 22) |
| Senate (100) | 6 | one third every two years |
| 9 Supreme Court judges | ∞ | appointed by the president for life (Congress must agree) |