Systems of Government compared

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|  | **Britain** | **USA** | **Germany** |
| years old | ~ 400-800 | ~ 230 | >66 |
| head of state | Queen / King | president [ **'-** - - ] | B.-Präsident |
| legis­lature | **Parliament** [ **'-** - - ] | **Congress** [ **'-** - ] | **Parlament** |
| lower house | **H**ouse of **C**ommons (~659) | **H**ouse of **R**epresentatives (435) | Bundestag |
| upper house | **H**ouse of **L**ords (~1000) | **S**enate (100) | Bundesrat |
| executive [-**'-** - -] | prime minister, government | president,  administration | B.- Kanzler, Regierung |
| judiciary  [ - **'-** - - ] | Supreme Court (new!) | Supreme Court | BVerfG |

**Terms of office / elections**

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| **USA** |  | **elections** |
| president | **4** | every four years (16, 20, 24) |
| **Congress** |  |  |
| (435) | **2** | every two years (16,18, 20) |
| (100) | **6** | one third every two years |
| 9 Supreme Court judges | ∞ |  |

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