

# 19-Roles of the President

*The President's job is complex...he/she wears many different "hats"  
...as the nation has grown, so has the job of being President  
1790-50 civilian employees in the civil service  
2018-over 2,800,000 employees and up to 9 million depending on who counts!*

## Chief Executive

- Actual job as described in Article 2 of Constitution
- Duty is to carry out the laws passed by Congress
- Oversees the **federal bureaucracy**-all the people who work for the government
- Appoints government officials (some require Senate approval)
- Issues **executive orders**-orders to carry out work of the executive branch that carry the same force as law

## Chief Diplomat

- Deals with foreign governments
- Appoints ambassadors (our representatives to other nations) with Senate approval
- Makes treaties with Senate approval
- Makes visits to promote American interests and mediate between other nations

## Commander-in-Chief

- Civilian leader of the armed forces
- Can order troops into battle, but cannot declare war; only Congress can declare war
- Picks military leaders and directs military plans

## Legislative Leader

- Promotes laws that will benefit the nation and his party
- Focuses heavily on economy
- Uses Presidential influence but cannot make or vote on any laws
- **State of the Union Speech**-yearly speech required by the Constitution where the President addresses the nation on our present situation and lays out the goals for the coming year (today always televised)

## Judicial Leader

\*Head of Law Enforcement  
\*Appoints Federal Judges and Supreme Court Justices (must be approved by Senate)  
*President's judicial powers*  
**Immunity**-grant of freedom from prosecution  
**Pardon**-forgives a person from a crime  
**Reprieve**-delay of punishment  
**Commutation**-reduction of punishment  
**Amnesty**-pardoning of a group of people

## Chief of State

- Symbolic leader of the United States
- Meets foreign leaders
- Makes speeches and visits memorials and celebrations
- Mostly symbolic

## Party Leader

The visual leader of the party, pursues policies that are favorable to the party

Uses **patronage system**-system where jobs, positions, and titles are given to supporters

Gives endorsements during campaigns-an **endorsement** is a formal show of support for a candidate from a famous person and or politician