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Structure of the Federal Government

The federal government is divided into three branches: the legislative branch, the executive branch, and the judicial branch. The legislative branch is responsible for making laws, the executive branch is responsible

for enforcing laws, and the judicial branch is responsible for interpreting laws.

The legislative branch is made up of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Senate is composed of 100 members, two from each state. The House of Representatives is composed of 435 members, who are elected from districts within each state.

The executive branch is made up of the President, the Vice President, and the Cabinet. The President is the head of the executive branch and is responsible for enforcing laws and managing the federal government.

The judicial branch is made up of the Supreme Court, the federal courts of appeals, and the federal district courts. The Supreme Court is the highest court in the United States and is responsible for interpreting the Constitution and federal laws.

Functions of the Federal Government

The federal government has a wide range of responsibilities, including:

- Making and enforcing laws
- Collecting taxes
- Borrowing money
- Regulating interstate commerce
- Declaring war and peace
- Maintaining the armed forces
- Protecting the environment

- Providing social welfare programs
- Conducting foreign policy

History of the Federal Government

The federal government was established in 1789 with the ratification of the Constitution. The Constitution created a new form of government that was based on the principles of federalism and separation of powers.

Federalism is a system of government in which power is divided between a central government and state governments. Separation of powers is a system of government in which power is divided among different branches of government.

The federal government has undergone significant changes since its founding. The most significant change was the Civil War, which resulted in the abolition of slavery and the expansion of federal power.

The federal government has also played a major role in the development of the United States. The federal government has been responsible for building the interstate highway system, creating the Social Security system, and regulating the economy.

Agencies and Departments of the Federal Government

The federal government is made up of a large number of agencies and departments. These agencies and departments are responsible for carrying out the functions of the federal government.

Some of the most important agencies and departments of the federal government include:

- Department of State
- Department of the Treasury
- Department of Defense
- Department of Justice
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Labor
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Education
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Department of Homeland Security

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