

| <b>Executive Branch of the United States</b>          |  |  |  |  |                                      |
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| President & Vice President                            |  |  |  |  |                                      |
| <b>Dept.</b>  | <b>Executive Office of the President (EOP)</b>             | <b>Cabinet (15 departments)</b>                | <b>Independent Agencies</b>  | <b>Independent Regulatory Commissions</b>                                  | <b>Government Corporations</b>       |
| Appointed by the President and approved by the Senate |  |  |  |  |                                      |
| <b>Purpose</b>  | Advise and assist president with responsibilities          | Implement and apply the law                    | Coordinate and execute government functions                              | Make rules on issues of elections, communications, economics, and commerce | Provide government service at a cost |
| <b>Report to</b>                                      | President  | President and Congress                         | Congress   | Congress   | Congress                             |
| <b>Examples</b>                                       | National Security Council; Office of Management and Budget | Department of Education; Department of Justice | Central Intelligence Agency (CIA); Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) | Federal Election Commission; Federal Reserve System                        | U.S. Postal Service; Amtrak          |