

USA N4/5 Knowledge Organiser

Key Points - Political system and influence

Political system

- political system
- participation
- representation

Influence on other countries

- political influence
- economic influence
- military influence

Political system	The way in which a country makes decisions. E.G America is a democracy. The different types of political systems are: • democracy • dictatorship • monarchy • oligarchy • theocracy
Participation	Voting, demonstrations, joining political groups, campaigning online, running for leadership
No participation	Lack of role models • Language barriers • Corrupt officials/government leaders • Discrimination • geographical location eg rural/urban
Representation	standing for election • voting in elections at various levels • participating in political parties • freedom of press • protection by the law.
Influence	Trade—effecting other countries through how much you charge for goods. • defence—military support—helping with money or advice • ideology - a country mirroring how USA runs a country

Key Terms

Federal Government	A federal government is a system that divides up power between a strong national government and smaller local governments.
Constitution	A constitution is an agreement of fundamental principles that everyone has to respect.
State Government	Medicare is a national health insurance program in the United States, it helps the poorest in society.
Military influence	Operation of all of the US military includes the Navy, Army and the Air Force. Any decision made can effect other countries.
Economic influence	USA can influence other countries with how they trade. E.G trade lots with a certain country, they will make money.

Evidence

Donald Trump was voted the President of America in 2016, he was voted in for a 4 year term.

29 States decide to have the death penalty.

U.S. goods imports from China was \$539 billion in 2018, up 6.7% (\$34.0 billion) from 2017

the U.S. Armed Forces are made up of the five armed service branches: Air Force, Navy, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and National Guard.

U.S. goods (physical items) trade was \$3.1 trillion and U.S. services trade was \$1.3 trillion.