

HIERARCHY OF THE U.S. Government

Federal

President – Signs or vetoes bills that are passed to his/her desk by the U.S. Senate and U.S. House. The head of the federal government.

50 Senators – Each state has two Senators, and each senator represents the whole of the state.

435 Representatives – The number of House members a state has is based on state population, which is determined using the Census. Pennsylvania has 18 districts.

Who is affected?

Everyone! All 300+ million people living in the United States of America.

Decisions made by the federal government impact the entire country.

All of the federal government officials are elected by vote in General Elections

State

Governor - Signs or vetoes bills that are passed to his/her desk by the state Senate and state House.

50 Senators – Pennsylvania has 50 state Senators. Each Senator represents the approximately 260,054 residents of their district.

203 Representatives – Pennsylvania has 203 state Representatives as stipulated in the state constitution. Each Representative represents a district of approximately 64,053 residents. Rep. Regina Young is a member of the state house and represents the 185th district

Who is affected?

All 13 million residents of Pennsylvania.

Senators represent districts of about 260,000 people, but the legislation they introduce affects the whole state.

Representatives represent districts of about 64,000 people, but the legislation they introduced affects the whole state.

Each elected official holds the power of one vote.

Municipal

Includes:

County Commissioners

Mayors

City, County, Township, Borough, Town and School District commissioners and councils.

City, County, Township, Borough, Town and School District workers, police, and fire departments

Who is affected?

All people in a community. This number varies widely. The city of Philadelphia has a population of approximately 1.6 million people. The city has 10 district council members, each representing about 160,000 people – more than a state representative!

However, the Borough of Colwyn has a population of about 2,000 residents and seven council members. Their decisions only affect the 2,000 in the borough.

Judicial

Includes:

District Courts, Courts of Appeals (We're in the 3rd Regional Circuit - PA, NJ, DE), and Supreme Court

Includes:

Magisterial District Courts & Philadelphia Municipal Court, Court of Common Pleas, Superior Court and Commonwealth Court, and Supreme Court

Who is affected?

Everyone! The Judiciary is one of the three equal branches of government. Federal courts have limited jurisdiction that hear cases in special circumstances related to the U.S. Constitution and laws. State courts handle the “day-to-day” cases, including most criminal activity, traffic, real estate, family, and more, dealing with state laws and state constitutions. Multiple levels of courts are designed to afford for appeals and reviews ensuring correct interpretation of the law.

Community

Includes:

Organizations, Nonprofits, Ward Leaders, Block Captains, Committee Members, Families, Individuals

Who is affected?

This is your neighbors and friends. A community can be as big or as small as you make it.

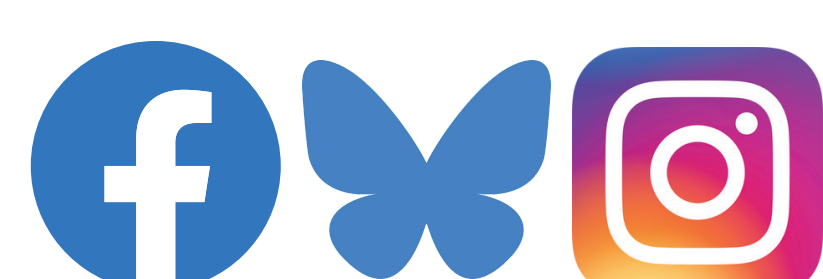
It can even be just you! The community are the voters. Without votes, no one in elected offices have any power.

SO WHO HOLDS THE POWER?

You!



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