

Comparison of US and Canadian Political Systems

	<b>Canada</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>Both</b>
<b>System</b>	Parliamentary System (executive and legislative branch combined)	Presidential Democracy	Federal Republic (powers shared by federal and local govts)
<b>Executive</b>	Prime Minister (chosen by majority party of Parliament) British Monarch (ceremonial only)	President (elected by electoral college)	Cabinet (appointed by Prime Minister/President)
<b>Legislative</b>	Senate (chosen by Prime Minister; similar number of Senators per region)	Senate (elected; two Senators per state)	House of Commons/House of Representatives (elected; number of members based on population)
<b>Judicial</b>			Supreme Court (life term/75 years; can be removed)
<b>Elections</b>	no elections for Monarch, Gov. General, or Senators elections for members of House of Commons (MPs)	elections for President, Senators, House of Representatives	
<b>Checks on Powers</b>	Members of majority party can remove PM at any time Parliament laws checked by Supreme Court Supreme court impeachment Constitution can be amended	President can be checked by Congress and Supreme Court Congress can be checked by President and Supreme Court Supreme Court can be impeached by Congress Constitution can be amended	both have checks and balances