

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

POWER OF THE PURSE 1



- 1. **What is the purpose of Article 1, Section 7, Clause 1?**
 - a) To define the powers of the executive branch
 - b) To outline how money bills are to be introduced in Congress
 - c) To establish the President's role in spending decisions
 - d) To describe the powers of the judiciary
- 2. **Which body of Congress has the sole power to originate revenue-raising bills?**
 - a) The Senate
 - b) The House of Representatives
 - c) The Executive Branch
 - d) The Judiciary
- 3. **What does the term "power of the purse" refer to in the context of the Constitution?**
 - a) The Senate's control over money bills
 - b) The President's control over spending
 - c) The House of Representatives' authority over taxing and spending
 - d) The Supreme Court's role in budget allocation
- 4. **What is the role of the Senate in the budget process according to Article 1, Section 7, Clause 1?**
 - a) Originate revenue bills
 - b) Approve budgets without amendment
 - c) Propose and concur with amendments
 - d) Control taxation and spending
- 5. **Why did James Madison believe the House of Representatives should control revenue bills?**
 - a) Because it represents the states equally
 - b) Because it is most directly connected to the people
 - c) Because it has more members than the Senate
 - d) Because it can work faster than the Senate



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IMPEACHMENT 2

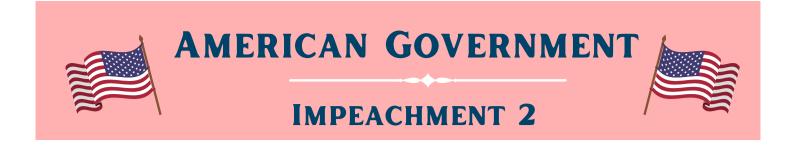


- 6. **What is one key distinction between the legislative process for money bills and other bills?**
- a) The President can veto money bills
- b) Only the Senate can propose amendments to money bills
- c) Money bills must originate in the House of Representatives
- d) The Supreme Court can review money bills before approval
- 7. **How did Madison describe the House's control over spending in Federalist 58?**
- a) As a weak and ineffective power
- b) As a power that should be shared with the Senate
- c) As a powerful tool for controlling the government's size and power
- d) As a symbolic gesture with no real impact
- 8. **In what way does Article 1, Section 7, Clause 1 ensure a check on government power?**
- a) By giving the Senate the power to initiate spending bills
- b) By giving the House the authority to control taxation and spending
- c) By allowing the judiciary to review the budget
- d) By granting the President control over the budget
- 9. **According to Madison, what is the purpose of the power of the purse in relation to the size of government?**
- a) To expand the government's reach
- b) To reduce the size and overreach of government powers
- c) To give the executive more flexibility in spending
- d) To centralize power within the federal government
- 10. **What concern did Mr. Grayson express regarding the Senate's power to propose amendments to money bills?**
- a) He believed it gave the Senate too much control over spending
- b) He thought the House should have more authority over spending
- c) He wanted the President to have more input on spending
- d) He believed the judiciary should have a role in the process



Answer Key:

- 1. b) To outline how money bills are to be introduced in Congress
- 2. b) The House of Representatives
- 3. c) The House of Representatives' authority over taxing and spending
- 4. c) Propose and concur with amendments
- 5. b) Because it is most directly connected to the people
- 6. c) Money bills must originate in the House of Representatives
- 7. c) As a powerful tool for controlling the government's size and power
- 8. b) By giving the House the authority to control taxation and spending
- 9. b) To reduce the size and overreach of government powers
- 10. a) He believed it gave the Senate too much control over spending



- 1. **Why do you think the Constitution gives the House of Representatives, rather than the Senate, the power to originate revenue-raising bills? How does this reflect the framers' belief in representation?**
- 2. **What is the significance of the "power of the purse" in maintaining checks and balances in government? How can this power prevent government overreach?**
- 3. **How does the distinction between the House and Senate roles in the budget process ensure fair representation?**
- 4. **Why did some founders, like Mr. Grayson, express concerns about the Senate's ability to propose amendments to money bills? Do you agree with these concerns?**
- 5. **How might the modern use of budget processes differ from the original intent discussed by Madison and other founders? What impact could these differences have on government accountability?**