



AMERICAN GOVERNMENT



POWER OF THE PURSE I

- 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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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



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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



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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?**