

**Revision Checklist – Paper 2 (US Government & Politics)**  
**Section A: Government of the USA**

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11.4	Checks and balances				
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11.6	The amendment process				
11.7	Protection of civil liberties by the Constitution				
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12.2	Functions & powers of Congress				
12.3	House of Representatives vs Senate				
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12.6	Parties in Congress				
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13.2	Sources of presidential power				
13.3	Limits on presidential power				
13.4	The president and foreign policy				
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<b>Chapter 4: The judicial branch of government</b>					
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14.2	Appointment to the Supreme Court				
14.3	Nature of judicial power				
14.4	The constitutional role of the Supreme Court				
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14.6	Landmark Supreme Court rulings				
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15.3	Candidate selection & nomination				
15.4	The electoral college				
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16.2	Polarisation of the two main parties				
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16.4	Two-party dominance				
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