

Presidents term of office

Problem: The president of the United States (POTUS) is limited to two four year terms. This creates important conflicts of interest. Most importantly, during the first term, the President is both leader of the country, and leader of his or her party. This could cause the POTUS to pursue some policies favorable to his or her re-election, or the election of members of his party in preference to policies that are more favorable to the well being of the country. Another problem is that this bias could cause the POTUS to divert precious time from the unbelievably demanding job of running the country, to the less important political tasks.

Possible Solution: Before the U.S. constitution was ratified, the possibility of a single six year presidential term was considered. Since then it has been proposed numerous times, and efforts have been made to amend the constitution to make it the law of the land. Many past U.S. presidents have supported the concept. Among the advantages are:

- Once elected, the president would, hopefully, divest himself of party affiliation and become truly a president for all Americans.
- The President would then, hopefully, focus all of his or her time in carrying out the enormous tasks of the presidency and would do so in a way that would best serve the interests of the country,

There are excellent articles on this subject easily available on the internet.