

President Barack Obama i Politisk Tid

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Presidentenes ettermæle

- "The president is at liberty, both in law and conscience, to be as big a man as he can"
 - Woodrow Wilson, 1907.
- "The overall performance of U.S. presidents [are predicted by] years in office, war years, scandal, assassination, heroism in war, and intellectual brilliance."
 - Dean Keith Simonton, 2001.
- "How is the quality of presidential performance affected by the changing shape of the political order?"
 - Stephen Skowronek, 2008.

Presidentens makt

- Veto (1.7)
- The Executive power
- Commander in Chief
- Require the Opinion
- Pardon
- Make Treaties
- Appointment and Commissioning
- Advisory Legislative Powers
- Convene and Adjourn Congress
- Receive Ambassadors
- Take care
 - Title
 - Oath of Office
 - Qualifications
 - Amendments (12, 20, 22, 25)

Makt versus autoritet

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Tab 1: Presidentenes politisk autoritet (legitimitetsproblemet).

		Presidentens tilknytning til regimet	
		Tilknyttet	I opposisjon
Styrken på det politiske regimet før tiltrødelse	Sårbar	Frakobling	Rekonstruksjon
	Robust	Artikulering	Forkjøp

(Kilde: Skowronek 1997, 2006, 2008)

USAs seks politiske regimer

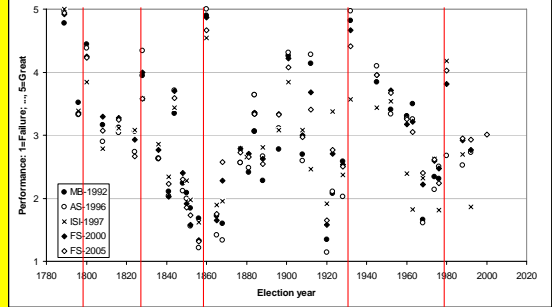
- Federalist nationalism, 1789-1800;
- Jeffersonian democracy, 1800-1828;
- Jacksonian democracy, 1828-1860;
- Republican nationalism, 1860-1932;
- New Deal liberalism, 1932-1980;
- Republican conservatism, 1980-?.

Presidenter i Politisk Tid

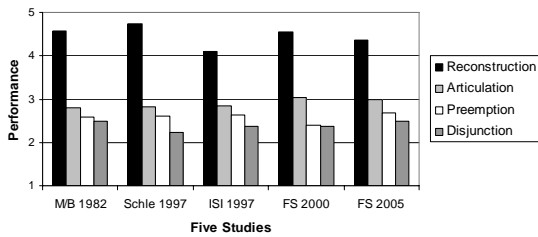
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Classification based on Skowronek 2008.

Presidential Performance 1789-2008



Four Types of Political Authority



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GOP i 2004 v. Dems 2008

- "The Republican Party is in a stronger position today than at any time since the Great Depression."
 - (K. Mehlman, in Wash. Post 28. nov, 2004).
- "The Democratic Party is now in a more powerful position than it has been at any time since the second world war."
 - (The Economist, 17 jan 2009: p.17).

Hvor er Obama i politisk tid?

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