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## EXERCISE FOR THE BRAIN

The voters have spoken and a new President is about to enter office. The "first 100 days" of an incoming administration are a time of great festivity and pomp, important decisions regarding personnel and, usually, significant signals regarding the direction of government policy. Pressing, unfinished matters from the previous administration often require immediate consideration. Join us as we cover the transition from the Obama administration to that of his successor.

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#### Jan. 16 | 2:00 - 3:30pm | RSVP by Jan. 12

#### Hail to the Chief

On January 3, 2017, a new Congress, the One Hundred Fifteenth, takes office. Its first official duty is to meet in a joint session on January 6 to certify and formalize the preceding year's Presidential vote. On January 20, the incoming President and Vice-President are inaugurated and the President delivers an inaugural address. Then, Washington comes alive with parades, Presidential Balls and other festivities. We'll look at notable Presidential inaugurations and orations from America's past.

#### Jan. 30 | 2:00 - 3:30pm | RSVP by Jan. 26

#### Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal

Conceived as a plan to heal America's economy from the ravages of the Great Depression, many of the New Deals programs were introduced in the first one hundred days of the Presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt. It became a vehicle for widespread societal change. From relief to banking regulation to rural electrification to Social Security to workplace reform, Americans began to look to Washington in times of need.

#### Feb. 13 | 2:00 - 3:30pm | RSVP by Feb. 9

#### The State of the Union

Although not required by the Constitution to do so, a newly inaugurated President usually advises the American people, before a joint session of Congress, as to what he or she believes are the most pressing challenges and issues confronting our nation. While extolling the great virtue and industriousness of the American people, Congress is urged to take up the initiatives put forward by the Chief Executive.

#### Feb. 27 | 2:00 - 3:30pm | RSVP by Feb. 23

#### **Our Mangled Legislative Process**

The President proposes, Congress disposes, and the courts interpret. That is the shorthand description of the checks and balances in America's federal system. Not anymore. Today, Presidents legislate via executive order, courts cast aside the will of Congress in reaching decisions and Congress impedes the activities of the Executive and the courts by ignoring nominations for vacant positions, paralyzed in a constant state of gridlock.

#### Mar. 13 | 2:00 - 3:30pm | RSVP by Mar. 9

#### The Supreme Court

By March, the President will have nominated someone to fill the vacant Supreme Court seat created by the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, with perhaps several more to follow in this term. That nominee must be considered by the Senate who must render its "advice and consent" for the nominee to take his lifetime seat on the Court. Once a formality, the battles to confirm Robert Bork and Clarence Thomas show how contentious these matters have become.

#### Mar. 27 | 2:00 - 3:30pm | RSVP by Mar. 23

#### Mr. Chief Justice

The Chief Justice serves as a spokesperson for the judicial branch, leads the business of the Supreme Court and presides over oral arguments. When the court renders a decision, he often decides who writes the opinion. Throughout our nation's history, men like John C. Marshall, Roger Taney, Earl Warren, Warren Burger, William Rehnquist and John Roberts have served as powerful, yet often anonymous leaders of a coequal branch of American government.

#### Apr. 10 | 2:00 - 3:30pm | RSVP by Apr. 6

#### All the President's Men (and Women)

Who did the President nominate to serve as the Secretaries of State, Defense, Treasury, Homeland Security, Attorney General and other important Cabinet positions? Were they quickly confirmed by the Senate? How goes the implementation of policy regarding the economy, jobs, ISIS, health care and other Presidential priorities? Have the first accusations of scandals and inappropriate behavior involving the new President been made?

#### Apr. 24 | 2:00 - 3:30pm | RSVP by Apr. 20

#### The Bonds of Federalism

What do state Governors and Legislatures think of the new Administration? How goes the balance between the power of the national government and that of the States? Throughout America's history, Presidents and Congress have waged battles trying to expand or constrict Federal power in the course of this enduring national debate. What does the 10th Amendment really mean? Do States have the right to nullify Federal Laws or secede from the Union?