Three branches of government were created in the Constitution. These are: the Legislative, the Executive, and the Judiciary branch. Each of these branches has certain powers, and each of these powers is limited. Thirdly, even though more American courts have the ability to address constitutional issues, they can only address constitutional issues in the context of adversarial disputes. To maintain its structure and to guarantee fundamental human rights, an independent judicial branch of government was created and formed a central part of the American legal system. The American public law system is distinctive in how political it always has been and still remains in terms of the way officials with formal legal authority come to acquire their positions. From the first political rally to Inauguration Day running for President is a long and complicated process. In choosing a President the ordinary voter has little to say until Election Day. Here is a simple outline of how an American president is chosen. First a candidate campaigns within his party to win his party's nomination. Then follows a period when he runs against the candidates of the other major party and perhaps, a third and a fourth party. The showdown comes in November - on Election Day. The President is not elected directly then.