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Q: To what extent is it true that the President of U.S. is more powerful than the Prime Minister of the UK? Justify your answer with comparative analysis.

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Introduction:

The UK and US follow different political systems and the U.S President and British Prime Minister are elected through different processes. A comparative analysis of their functions and authorities reveal that both have functions which can be more powerful than the other. Main characteristics of the President of U.S and the U.K's Prime Minister include: secure versus dependent tenure, direct versus indirect elections, and shared appointment-making versus exclusive appointment-making.

Is the U.S President More Powerful than the British PM? A Comparative Analysis.

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1- Secure vs Dependence

Tenure:

The US President is elected for a fixed tenure of 4 years. He cannot be removed through a vote of no confidence. Conversely, the British PM depends on the confidence of the Parliament and he can always be removed through a vote of no confidence motion.

2-Direct vs Indirect Election:

The US President is directly elected by the people. On the other hand, the British PM is elected by members of Parliament (MPs). In this way, the US President enjoys the direct confidence of the citizens.

3-Accountability to Legislature:

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The US President is not accountable to the US Congress. Neither is he a member of it. On the other hand, the PM is drawn from and is accountable to the Parliament. Moreover, he is the leader of the majority party in the Parliament.

4-Head of Government vs Dual Role:

The British PM is only the head of the government. However, the American President is both the head of the state and head of the government.

5-Cabinet Authority: Boss vs First Among Equals

The Prime Minister is the head of the cabinet but his cabinet members are also

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elected ministers. Ignoring their advice or removing them may have consequences. On the contrary, the cabinet members of the US President are not elected ministers. The President can ignore their advice and can even remove them without any political implications.

6-Powers of Enacting Laws:

It is difficult for the President to enact laws if the majority in Congress is against him. However, the PM can easily enact laws because he is the leader of the majority party in the legislature.

7-Powers of Dissolving the Legislature:

The US President cannot dissolve the Congress but

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The Prime Minister can advise the British monarch to dissolve the Parliament—his advice are binding on the monarch.

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of the U.S. President
and British P.M.

- Direct vs Indirect Election
- Boss vs First Among Equals
- Head of the Government vs ~~Head of State~~
- Accountability vs non-accountability
- Powers to Enact Laws
- Dissolution of the Legislature

8-Powers of Appointment: Shared vs Exclusive

When the U.S. President nominates an official, they have to be approved by the legislature. However, the British P.M. does not have such constraints—the presidential approval is a mere formality.

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A comparative analysis of the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of the Britain reveals that in some areas the US President is more powerful while in others, the English Prime Minister. For instance, the President can remove his secretaries but cannot dissolve the Congress. Similarly, the PM can make appointments independently but he can be removed by the Parliament.