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House Leadership

(114th Congress)

<http://clerk.house.gov/>

Leadership Position	Current Leader	How Selected	Purpose/Responsibilities
Speaker of the House	Paul Ryan R-WI	Chosen by majority party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chief presiding officer (constitutionally) of the House ❖ Decides whom to recognize to speak on the floor ❖ Rules on germaneness of motions ❖ Decides to which committee bills go ❖ Schedules bills for action ❖ Appoints members of special and select committees ❖ Has some patronage power
House Majority Leader	Kevin McCarthy R-CA	Chosen by majority party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Assists Speaker ❖ Plans party's legislative program ❖ Steers important bills through the House ❖ Party leader
House Majority Whip	Steve Scalise R-LA	Chosen by majority party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Party floor leader ❖ Keeps close watch on how majority members intend to vote (keeps a "nose count" of members' floor votes) ❖ Attempts to influence voting
House Minority Leader	Nancy Pelosi D-CA	Chosen by minority party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Party leader ❖ Performs similar tasks to House Majority Leader ❖ Has no power over scheduling work in the House
House Minority Whip	Steny Hoyer D-MD	Chosen by minority party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Assists party minority leader ❖ Keeps close watch on how majority members intend to vote ❖ Attempts to influence voting

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Senate Leadership

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Leadership Position	Current Leader	How Selected	Purpose/Responsibilities
President of the Senate (Vice President)	Joe Biden D-DE	Elected in general presidential election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chief presiding officer (constitutionally) of the Senate ❖ Cannot participate in floor debate ❖ Casts vote only in case of tie
President Pro Tempore	Orin Hatch R-UT	Chosen by majority party; usually most senior member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Presides over Senate in absence of vice-president
Senate Majority Leader	Mitch McConnell R-KY	Chosen by majority party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Majority party leader in Senate ❖ Steers party's bills through Senate ❖ Plans Senate's work schedule in consultation with Minority Leader ❖ Makes sure majority members attend important sessions
Senate Majority Whip	John Cornyn R-TX	Chosen by majority party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Assists Majority Leader ❖ Rounds up members for key votes ❖ Heads group of deputy whips
Senate Minority Leader	Harry Reid D-NV	Chosen by minority party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Minority party leader in Senate ❖ Develops criticisms of bills from majority party ❖ Consults with Majority Leader re: Senate's work schedule ❖ Tries to keep members working together
Senate Minority Whip	Dick Durbin D-IL	Chosen by minority party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Assists Majority Leader ❖ Rounds up members for key votes ❖ Heads group of deputy whips