

# Political Science 171: State Politics

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  - Started to become more prominent nationally – now many presidents are/were governors



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  - Modern history of state politics is an evolution of adding increased energy and authority in the executive

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