

The 25th Amendment

Below you will find a series of made-up situations.

Imagine you are a member of the President's cabinet. By working with a partner, a group or on your own, decide whether you think the 25th amendment should be invoked in each of the instances below. If you suggest that the 25th amendment should be invoked, which section are you choosing to invoke?

Use historical examples and reasoning to support your two paragraph answers.

1. A hypothetical President has an unexpected heart attack and is rushed to the hospital for open heart surgery. The hypothetical President has been sedated for surgery.
2. A hypothetical President has been impeached but not convicted.
3. A hypothetical Vice President has died in office.
4. A hypothetical President has just announced that they suffer from a newly diagnosed illness. This illness causes the President to hear imaginary voices from people who do not exist. The President, in their statement disclosing their newly diagnosed illness, explains that the illness is under control with the proper use of medication. The hypothetical President's doctor has affirmed that under his medical care, the President is expected to be fit to serve. The hypothetical President intends to continue serving as President. At the same time, many other doctors have come forward to the press expressing serious concern about the hypothetical President's fitness to serve in office.



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