THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY:
An Historical Primer

David M. Kennedy
“A feeble executive implies a feeble execution of the government. A feeble execution is but another phrase for a bad execution: And a government ill executed, whatever it may be in theory, must be in practice a bad government.”

Alexander Hamilton, Federalist #70
We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

ARTICLE I: 51 Paragraphs

ARTICLE II: 13 Paragraphs
“The President is at liberty, both in law and conscience, to be as big a man as he can.”
DEWEY SMASHES SPAIN'S FLEET

Great Naval Battle Between Asiatic Squadron and Spanish Warships Off Manila.

THREE OF THE BEST SPANISH VESSELS WIPED OUT, OTHERS SUNK.

The Damage Done to the American Boats Engaged Only Nominal. -Hundreds of the Enemy Blain in the Encounter.

LISBON, Portugal, May 1. P. M. — The Spanish fleet was completely defeated at Cavite, Philippine Islands, according to trustworthy wires received here.

WASHINGTON, May 1. Midnight — President McKinley expresses entire satisfaction over the reported battle between Commodore Dewey's squadron and the Spanish fleet. He accepts the news as true, but believes it is worse for the Spanish than they will admit. There has been no official confirmation of the same.

Nothing official is reported for forty-eight hours.

THE THREE SPANISH WARSHIPS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

In his report to Spain he says many ships were burned and sunk and the losses in officers and men enormous.

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$50,000 REWARD — WHO DESTROYED THE MAINE?

DESTRUCTION OF THE WARSHIP MAINE WAS THE WORK OF AN ENEMY.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt convinced the explosion of the War Ship was not an Accident.

The Journal Offers $50,000 Reward for the Conviction of the Criminals Who Sent 258 American Sailors to Their Death. Naval Officers Unanimous That the Ship Was Destroyed.