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Please answer the following questions in either English or Chinese.

1. A comment on 2000 U.S. Presidential Election says:

“In the past, in landmark cases like *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954), which put an end to legal segregation, and *United States v. Nixon* (1974), which led to the first presidential resignation under threat of impeachment, were unanimously decided. After *Bush v. Gore*, the concern was that the Court had not only overreached itself but undermined its authority by not speaking with one voice. That split decision, 5-4, suggested that *Bush v. Gore* was a political, not a judicial, decision.”

According to above comment, please answer two questions:

(a) How does the Supreme Court influence politics? (30%)

(b) Should the electoral college be replaced by a national popular vote?(30%)

2. Please give an example of how the Executive Branch checks and balances the Legislative Branch. (20%)

3. Briefly describe the Great Compromise of 1787 and its impact on the US Constitution. (20%)