

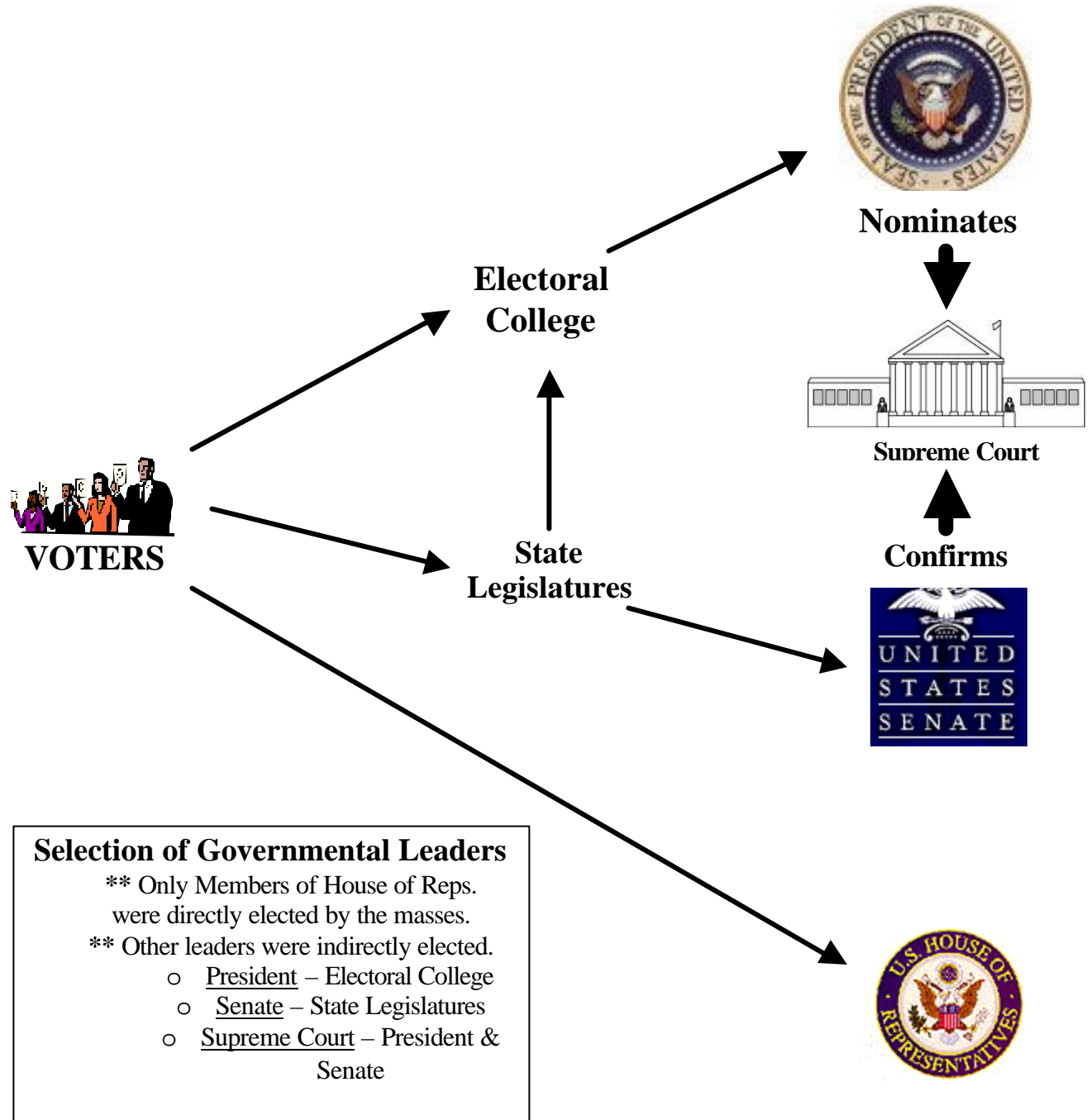
The Madisonian Model

* The framers believed that human nature was based on self-interest, and that inequalities of wealth was the principal source of political conflict.

* With these ideas in mind the framers feared that any group (primarily the non-wealthy majority) could gain majority control of the government and tyrannize the minority (the wealthy) **TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY**

* To deal with these issues the framers came up with a conceptual design of government that came to be known as the **MADISONIAN MODEL**. According to this model the best way to prevent the “**TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY**” was to ensure the following things were done when creating the new government:

1. Place as much of the government as possible beyond the control of the majority.
2. **Separate the powers** of the different governmental institutions.
3. Construct a system of **CHECKS AND BALANCES**.



Selection of Governmental Leaders

- ** Only Members of House of Reps. were directly elected by the masses.
- ** Other leaders were indirectly elected.
 - President – Electoral College
 - Senate – State Legislatures
 - Supreme Court – President & Senate