AP GOPO Government Salaries

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Salaries

**Governmental Salaries (2018)**

**Legislative**

Rank and file member of House or Senate $174,000

House and Senate Majority and Minority Leaders $193,400

Speaker of the House $223,500

**Executive**

VPOTUS $233,000

POTUS $400,000

Level I Executive Schedule (cabinet members) $235,300

**Judiciary**

Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court $270,700

Associate Justices of US Supreme Court $258,900

Federal Circuit Judges $223,700

Federal District Judges $210,900

**Private Sector Salaries/Earnings (2018)**

James Simons - Hedge Fund Manager           $ 1,600,000,000

Beyoncé Knowles $ 105,000,000

Grumpy Cat - (in two years earned) $ 100,000,000

Thomas RutledgeCharter Communications Inc. $ 98,000,000

Cristiano Ronaldo $ 93,000,000

LeBron James $ 86,000,000

Katy Perry $ 33,000,000

U.S. Secretary of State $ 235,300

**Questions**

1. What surprised you the most about this data?
2. Who is the most overpaid of the governmental salary list?
3. Who is the most underpaid of the governmental salary list?
4. Who decides on these governmental salaries?
5. Are the private sector jobs more valuable that the governmental jobs?
6. Why are private sector salaries so much higher than governmental salaries?
7. What questions do you have about this information?