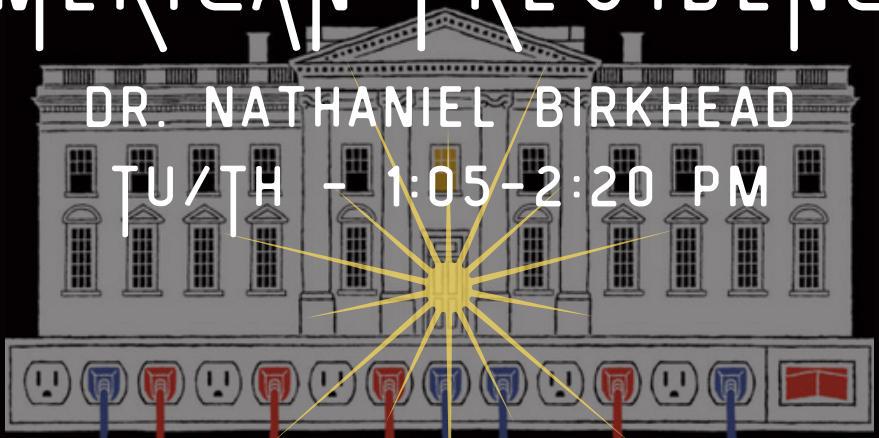
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Today, the president of the United States is universally recognized as one of the most powerful figures in the world. Originally, however, this was not the intention of the framers of the Constitution. They gave the president very few explicit Constitutional powers, and spread these few powers around different levels of government in an attempt to prevent the president from becoming too powerful. How has presidential power evolved so dramatically since the Constitution was ratified? Why have the other branches of government accepted the growth of power in a single office? Why have the American people allowed this shift in the balance of power? What implications does this power shift create for representative government?

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