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A government shutdown in the United States occurs when Congress fails to pass funding legislation, resulting in reduced services, furloughs for federal workers, and the suspension of non-essential operations. First enforced in 1980, shutdowns are driven by strict interpretations of the Anti-Deficiency Act and can lead to significant economic and societal disruptions. Notable shutdowns occurred in 1995-96, 2013, and 2018-19. Unlike in many parliamentary systems, U.S. shutdowns highlight extreme political divisions, often centered on budget and policy disagreements.