

When our founding fathers were building our country, they felt that our new nation should have a Constitution that would balance a limited form of government against the sovereignty of its people. In order to do this and safeguard the rights of the citizens they created a system of checks and balances, bicameral legislatures, and a republican governmental structure that would become known as federalism. Of the three, the Checks and Balances portion would play an important role in protecting the citizens of this new republic from the potential abuses of government.

In order to understand the Checks and Balance system, we must first understand that it is an integral part of our federal government. It plays an important role in a federation that unites political entities into a single cohesive unit and that its goal is to work together to maintain the integrity of individual rights.

Through the Checks and Balance system, the founding fathers and state delegates decided that the federal government should possess limited power over the people. They wanted a government that would respect its citizens and provide as much local control as needed to maintain the feeling of freedom, which would be the foundation of the new democracy.

Based on the ideology of natural laws and natural rights, our founding fathers developed the concept of constitutional checks and balances to separate the three branches (Executive, Legislative, and Judicial) of government to ensure that governmental power would not be used in an abusive manner.