# **CHECKS AND BALANCES**

### Executive Branch (President carries out laws)

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#### Checks on the Legislative Branch

Can propose laws
Can veto laws

Can call special sessions of Congress Makes appointments

Negotiates foreign treaties

#### Checks on the Judicial Branch

Appoints federal judges
Can grant pardons to federal
offenders

#### Legislative Branch (Congress makes laws)



#### Checks on the Executive Branch

Can override President's veto
Confirms executive appointments
Ratifies treaties
Can declare war
Appropriates money
Can impeach and remove President

#### Checks on the Judicial Branch

Creates lower federal courts Can impeach and remove judges

Can propose amendments to overrule judicial decisions Approves appointments of federal judges

## Judicial Branch (Supreme Court interprets laws)



#### Check on the Executive Branch

Can declare executive actions unconstitutional

#### Check on the Legislative Branch

Can declare acts of Congress unconstitutional