




# CHECKS AND BALANCES

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| <p><b>Executive Branch</b><br/>(President carries out laws)</p>      | <p><b>Checks on the Legislative Branch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can propose laws</li> <li>Can veto laws</li> <li>Can call special sessions of Congress</li> <li>Makes appointments</li> <li>Negotiates foreign treaties</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Checks on the Judicial Branch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appoints federal judges</li> <li>Can grant pardons to federal offenders</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Legislative Branch</b><br/>(Congress makes laws)</p>          | <p><b>Checks on the Executive Branch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can override President's veto</li> <li>Confirms executive appointments</li> <li>Ratifies treaties</li> <li>Can declare war</li> <li>Appropriates money</li> <li>Can impeach and remove President</li> </ul> | <p><b>Checks on the Judicial Branch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates lower federal courts</li> <li>Can impeach and remove judges</li> <li>Can propose amendments to overrule judicial decisions</li> <li>Approves appointments of federal judges</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Judicial Branch</b><br/>(Supreme Court interprets laws)</p>  | <p><b>Check on the Executive Branch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can declare executive actions unconstitutional</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Check on the Legislative Branch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can declare acts of Congress unconstitutional</li> </ul>   |