# Branches of the U.S. Government

**LEGISLATIVE**
Congress

Makes Laws

435 members → House of Representatives

- Representatives serve a two-year term
- Must be 25 years old
- Must be a citizen for seven years
- House can propose tax laws
- House can impeach President

100 members → Senate

- Senators serve a six-year term
- Must be 30 years old
- Must be a citizen for nine years
- Senate can approve Presidential appointments
- Senate approves treaties with foreign governments
- Senate tries President after impeachment

**EXECUTIVE**
President, Vice President & Cabinet

Enforces Laws

- Must be 35 years old
- Must be a U.S. citizen by birth
- Must be a U.S. resident for 14 years
- President has power to approve/veto laws
- President makes treaties with foreign governments
- President nominates judges to Supreme Court

**JUDICIAL**
Supreme & Federal Court

Interprets Laws

- Serve for life
- Can declare laws unconstitutional
- Can settle disputes involving the U.S.
- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court presides over the impeachment trial of the President

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