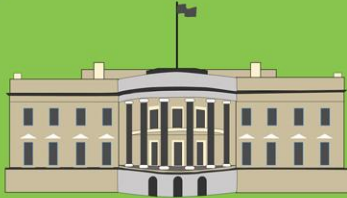


# Checks and Balances

## Executive Branch

(President carries out laws)



### 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)



### Checks on the Executive Branch

- Can declare executive actions unconstitutional

### Checks on the Legislative Branch

- Can declare acts of Congress unconstitutional