

Checks and Balances



Executive

Who's in it?

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Cabinet & Executive Office of the President
4. Other federal agencies

What do they do?

- carry out and enforce laws
- conduct diplomacy and foreign policy
- command the military



Judicial

Who's in it?

1. Supreme Court
2. Circuit Courts
3. District Courts

What do they do?

- interpret laws
- interpret the Constitution



Legislative

Who's in it?

1. Congress
 - a. Senate
 - b. House of Representatives

What do they do?

- create and change laws
- make the government's budget
- declare war

investigates and impeaches;
ratifies/rejects treaties;
approves/rejects
appointments; overrides
vetoes with two-thirds
majority

vetoes bills;
executive
orders

rules executive orders
unconstitutional

appoints federal judges;
presidential pardons

rules laws
unconstitutional

investigates and impeaches;
approves/rejects appointments;
sets number of justices on
Supreme Court