



# **Check and Balance**

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# Congress vs. President

- Overrides Veto
- Approves or rejects president's budget
- Ratifies treaties (Senate)
- Approves or rejects president's cabinet nominations, ambassadors, and others.
- Investigates and reorganizes executive departments
- May impeach the president

# Congress vs. Supreme Court

- Proposes constitutional amendments to override rulings
- Changes size of Supreme Court and numbers of lower federal courts
- Approves or rejects Supreme Court nominees
- May impeach federal judges

# President vs. Congress

- Veto laws
- Orders special sessions
- Exerts political pressures
- Appeals directly to citizens

# President to Supreme Court

- Nominates Supreme Court justices and federal judges
- Pardons those convicted under federal laws
- May refuse to enforce federal court orders

# Supreme Court to Congress

- Rules on constitutionality and legality of laws passed by Congress and signed by the president

# Supreme Court to President

- May rule the actions of the president or others in the executive branch unconstitutional or illegal
- Interprets treaties signed by president

