



# **Separation of Powers**

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# Congress

- Passes federal laws
- Raises taxes
- Regulates foreign and interstate commerce
- Declares war
- Raises and funds the military
- May borrow money by issuing bonds for sale

# President

- Commander-in-chief of the military
- Makes treaties with other countries
- Appoints ambassadors, federal judges, Supreme Court justices
- Administers U.S. laws
- Acts as head of state

# Supreme Court

- Reviews lower federal court rulings and appeals from state courts that involve federal law or constitutional issues
- Hears cases involving foreign ambassadors as first and final courts
- Rules on disputes between the states

