

The three branches of government are:

- **Judicial**
  - The role of the Judicial branch is to interpret the law. They also review lower-court decisions.
- **Legislative**
  - The Role of the Legislative branch is to make laws. They grant money, declare war, appointed treaties, and confirms presidential appointments.
- **Executive**
  - Last but most important is the Executive branch. This branch proposes laws, administers the laws, command armed forces, appoints ambassadors and other officials, conduct foreign policy, and make treaties.

**Checks and Balances of the three branches:**

- **Executive branch:**
  - The Executive branch checks on the Legislative branch by vetoing bills or adjourning congress in certain situations.
  - They check on the Judicial branch by appointing judges.
- **Judicial branch:**
  - The Judicial branch checks on the Executive branch by declaring some of their acts unconstitutional.
  - They check on the Legislative by declaring some of their laws unconstitutional.
- **Legislative branch:**
  - The Legislative branch is the check master. They check on the executive in many ways.
  - They can reject their appointments, reject treaties, withhold funding for president initiatives, impeach the president, and override the president's veto.
  - They can check on the Judicial branch by impeaching Supreme Court justices, and proposes constitutional amendments to overrule judicial decisions.
  - The President gets elected by electoral votes. The citizens vote for who they want as the president and the Electoral College usually goes by the citizens' choice.
  - Congress elected Supreme Court justices.

# Three Branches of Government

## FEDERAL LEVEL

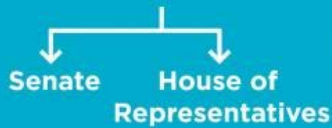


The U.S. Capitol

**LEGISLATIVE**  
(Makes Laws)



**Congress**



The White House

**EXECUTIVE**  
(Enforces Laws)



**President**



The U.S. Supreme Court

**JUDICIAL**  
(Interprets Laws)



**Supreme Court**



## LEGISLATIVE



- ★ Makes laws
- ★ Approves presidential appointments
- ★ Two senators from each state
- ★ The number of congressmen is based on population

## EXECUTIVE



- ★ Signs laws
- ★ Vetoes laws
- ★ Pardons people
- ★ Appoints federal judges
- ★ Elected every four years

## JUDICIAL



- ★ Decides if laws are constitutional
- ★ Are appointed by the president
- ★ There are 9 justices
- ★ Can overturn rulings by other judges