

Executive Branch

(Carries out laws)

Checks on the Legislative Branch

- Can propose laws to Congress
- Can veto laws that Congress passes
- 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

(Makes laws)

Checks on the Executive Branch

- Can override president's veto
- Confirms or rejects executive appointments

Checks on the Judicial Branch

- Creates lower federal courts
- Can impeach and remove judges
- Can propose amendments to overrule judicial decisions
- Approves or rejects appointments of federal judges

Judicial Branch

(Interprets laws)

Checks on the Executive Branch

- Can declare executive actions unconstitutional

Checks on the Legislative Branch

- Can declare acts of Congress unconstitutional