

- John Locke argued a single person or small group can act faster than a legislature can
- While we do have a legislative branch, the framers took into consideration this argument and created the executive branch, both to check/balance Congress and to allow for quick emergency decision making.

UNIQUE TO OLD PRESIDENCY

- Not much power was granted explicitly.
- The President would not be the figurehead, Congress would still be the largest and more powerful body.
- Not very many limits either (no term limits, etc.)
- Most powers were left up for interpretation as implicit powers

COMMON WITH NEW PRESIDENCY

- President is democratically elected through the EC
- President checks and balances the other two branches of government
- One person with ultimate power
- Impeachable