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Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances Revisited



Powers of Government

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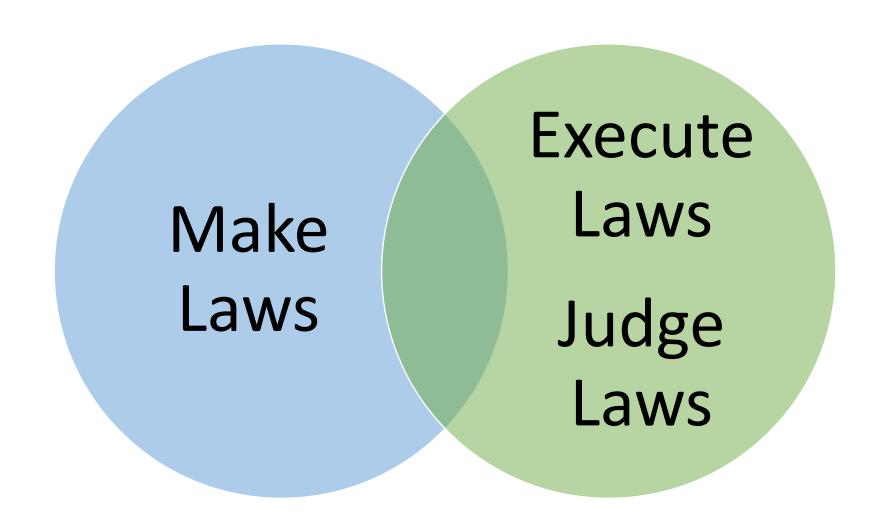
Make laws

Execute laws

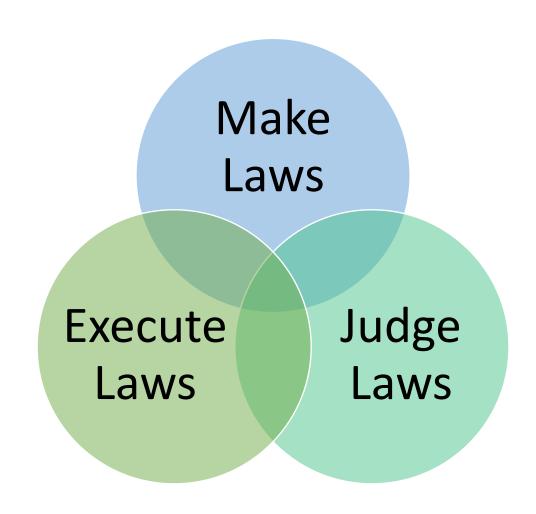
Judge laws



Powers of Government: Separating Powers



Separation of Powers





Separate and Independent but Overlapping

Branches of Government

Legislature:

House + Senate

Make Laws

Representatives elected directly by voters in each state; Senators originally selected by state legislators, now elected directly by voters of each state

President and Vice President elected by voters through the Electoral College

Executive:
President +
Bureaucracy
Execute Laws

Judiciary:
Supreme Court
+ Other Federal
Courts

Judge Laws

Supreme Court
Justices and other
federal judges
nominated by
President and
approved by
Senate; serve for
life



Are the branches really separate?

