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#### Overview

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#### **Announcements**

- Discussions going well
- Keep up with the Chapter assignments 15 days left until hard deadline
- Exam 1 due Midnight June 21
- Exam 2 June 24 to June 27
- Extra credit module



#### Elections Have consequences

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Barack Obama, 44th President of the United States, 2009



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We won the election Elections have consequences. We have the Senate, we have the White House, and we have a phenomenal nominee.

Donald Trump, 45th President of the United States, 2020



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#### Policy and Law

- Who makes law?
- Who makes policies and regulations?
- How do policies or regulations relate to law?
- Can you go to jail or pay a fine for breaking a policy or regulation?
- What is the role of Congress in agency policymaking / regulatory process?
- What is the role of the Office of the President in agency policymaking?



### Foreign Policy

- Constitutional Players
  - Role of the President
  - Role of the Senate
  - House of Representatives
- Other players
  - Courts
  - Federal Agencies

The Constitution places most powers for foreign policy in the hands of the President and the Senate.

Declaration of War requires both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

# The End