

#### Ways Legislative checks Executive:

- Passes laws
- Overrides presidential vetoes
- Ratify (approve) treaties the president makes
- Ratify (approve) presidential appointments
- Impeaches president (H of R)
- Tries the impeachment (Senate)
- Only Congress can declare war

#### Ways Legislative checks Judicial:

- Sets up lower courts
- Decides jurisdiction (areas of responsibility)
- Ratify (approve) the appointments of judges & justice
- Impeaches judges (H of R)

- Tries the impeachment (Senate)
- Amend the Constitution

#### Ways Executive checks Legislative:

- Suggests laws
- Vetoes laws
- Enforces laws
- Appoints officers, cabinet positions, etc.
- Makes treaties
- Can call Congress into session
- Can send troops for limited time (as Commander-in-Chief)

#### Ways Executive checks Judicial:

- Appoints judges and justices

- Grants pardons (excuses from serving time)
- Postpones (commutes) sentences

#### Ways Judicial checks Legislative:

- Interprets laws (Judicial Review)
- Declares laws unconstitutional
- Interprets treaties that Congress has ratified
- Presides at impeachment trials

#### Ways Judicial checks Executive:

- Interprets laws president has signed
- Interprets treaties president has signed
- Chief Justice presides at presidential impeachment trial
- Serves for life (cannot be removed by president)