



governmental power is divided into 3 parts (Branches) - Separation of Powers

### Legislative Branch

### Executive Branch

### Judicial Branch

Description <u>Congress</u>	
House of Representatives 435 Representatives # of reps. from each state depends on population 2 year terms	Senate 100 Senators 2 per state 6 year terms
Main Job writes laws	
Other powers/responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>introduce bills</li> <li>control gov. spending (HofR)</li> <li>approve/reject treaties (S)</li> <li>approve/reject judges (S)</li> <li>override veto</li> <li>approve cabinet members (S)</li> <li>remove judges (impeach)</li> <li>remove Pres. (impeach)</li> <li>declare war</li> </ul>	

(S) = Senate only  
 (HofR) = House of Reps. only

Description President, VP, heads of departments (cabinet) Pres. get 2-4 year terms	
Main Job carries out laws	
Other powers/responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>approves/vetos bills</li> <li>recommends new laws</li> <li>directs national defense (commander in chief)</li> <li>directs foreign policy (makes treaties)</li> <li>run government agencies</li> <li>can veto bills</li> <li>appoint judges</li> </ul>	

Description Supreme Court of 9 justices (judges) Lower Courts - Appellate Courts, District Courts Federal Judges serve for life	
Main Job uphold and interpret the Constitution	
Other powers/responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strikes down laws that are unconstitutional</li> <li>declare Pres. actions unconstitutional</li> </ul>	