

III. OBJECTIVES #3 – Checks & Balances

Explain the system of Checks and Balances* found in the U.S. Constitution. Give one example for each branch of government in its use of Checks and Balances against the other two. Identify reasons for Checks and Balances.

A. Checks & Balances

1. Each branch has power to keep the other from getting too powerful

a. President

- Picks Judges/Makes Treaties/Hires People
- Veto**- Can cancel a law passed by Congress

b. Congress (Senate)

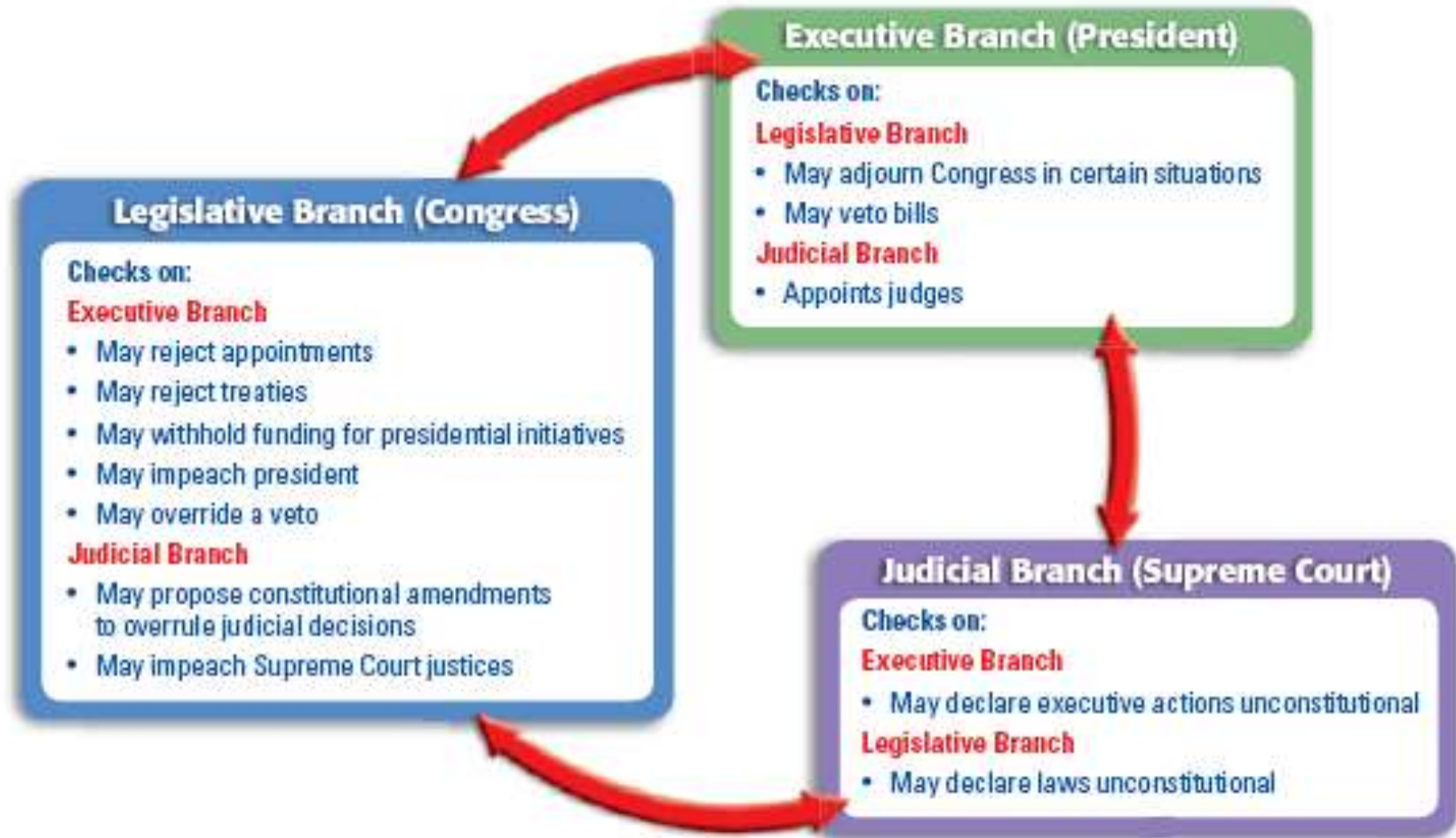
- OK's President's picks (Can say NO!!)
- Can Override Veto

c. Judicial

- Judicial Review . . . declare laws unconstitutional or find people accused by government 'not guilty'



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