

***Legislative Branch  
(Makes the Laws)***

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**Can check the  
Executive Branch  
in these ways:**

- By refusing to pass a bill the President wants
  - By overriding a veto and passing a law with a two-thirds majority
  - By impeaching the President who may have done something wrong, in hopes of removing him/her from office
  - By refusing to approve a Presidential appointment (Senate power only)
  - By refusing to ratify (pass) a treaty the President has signed (Senate power only)
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**Can check the  
Judicial Branch  
in these ways:**

- By impeaching a judge or justice for wrong doings, in hopes of removing him/her from the bench.
- Can amend the Constitution

***Executive Branch  
(Carries out the Laws)***

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**Can check the  
Legislative Branch  
in this way:**

- By vetoing a bill Congress has passed
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**Can check the  
Judicial Branch  
in this way:**

- By nominating federal court judges and Supreme Court justices

***Judicial Branch  
(Interprets the Laws)***

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**Can check the  
Legislative Branch  
in this way:**

- By saying that a law is unconstitutional, and therefore not allowed
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**Can check the Executive Branch  
in this way:**

- By declaring (saying) that actions by the President, or others in the Executive Branch, are unconstitutional and must be stopped