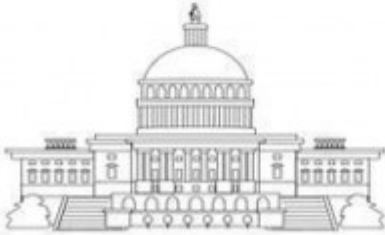




Three Branches of Government

There are three departments that make up the United States Government. These departments are often referred to as the three branches of government.

| Legislative | Executive | Judicial |
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|  <p>The Legislative Branch makes the laws. Congress and Senate make up the Legislative Branch.</p> |  <p>The Executive Branch enforces the laws. The President and Vice President are part of the Executive Branch.</p> |  <p>The Judicial Branch judges the laws. It is made up of nine supreme court justices.</p> |

Checks and Balances



The three branches are designed to check and balance each other. No one branch should have all the power. Each branch is important to the functioning of our government.