



The U.S. Constitution establishes a system of government with distinct and independent branches—congress, the presidency, and the Supreme Court. Our Constitution also defines the powers for the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of our government and outlines how they interact. These three separate branches share power, and each branch serves as a check on the power of the others.

Join us over the next several days (weeks) as we explore the ideas of separation of powers and checks and balances and how they set up a framework for freedom. Yet, this framework is not self-executing. We the people must continually act to ensure that our constitutional democracy endures, preserving our liberties and advancing our rights.

*Next installment: **Separation of Powers & Checks and Balances***