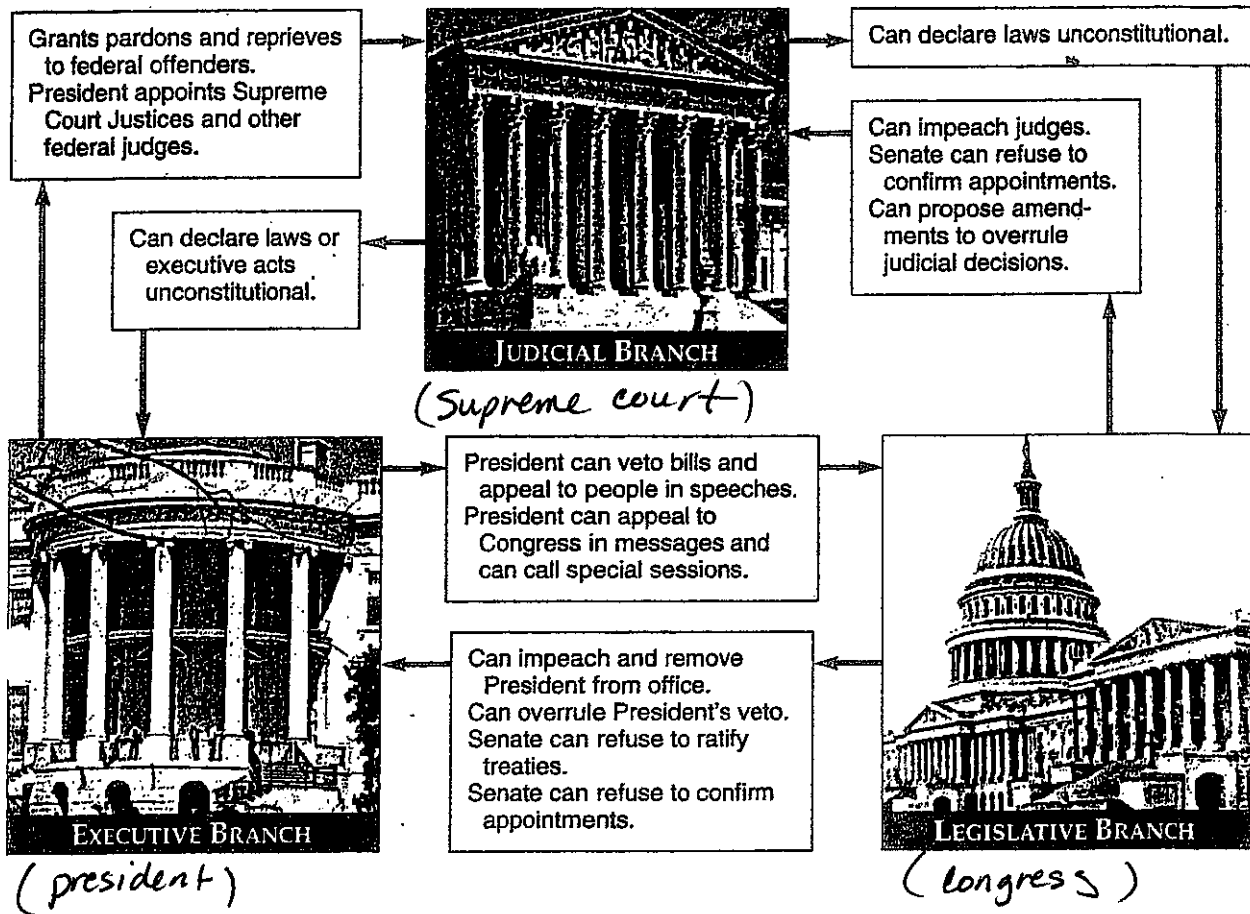


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Why did the Constitution include a system of Checks and Balances?

prevent one branch from getting too much power

"You must first enable the government to control the governed, and in the next place, oblige it to control itself." - James Madison (Father of Constitution)



Directions: Explain how each of the following actions can be checked on a separate sheet.

- The President of the United States violates the law. (2 answers) *L: can impeach + remove*
J: can declare laws or acts unconstitutional
- The President appoints an unqualified, personal friend to a Cabinet post. (2 answers).
L: Can refuse to ~~appoint~~ confirm appointments. J: Can declare acts unconstitutional
- Congress passes a ridiculous bill requiring American citizens to clothe their pets. (2 answers)
J: Can declare laws unconstitutional P: can veto bills
- The President negotiates a controversial treaty with the leader of France. (2 answers)
L: can refuse to ratify treaties J: can declare acts unconstitutional
- The Supreme Court delivers an unpopular decision. (1 answer)
L: can propose amendments to overrule judicial decisions
- A Supreme Court Justice is caught accepting bribes. (1 answer)
L: can impeach judges.
- Congress passes a bill that taxes according to height, the President signs it into law. (1 answer)
J: can declare laws unconstitutional
- Explain the judicial branch's only means of checking the power of the other two branches.
• can declare laws or acts unconstitutional