

Word Cards

70 tyranny

tyranny is the arbitrary or random use of power, usually in a cruel and oppressive way; despotism



Example: The Framers of the Constitution wanted to avoid the tyranny they experienced under the British empire.

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71 arbitrary

based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system

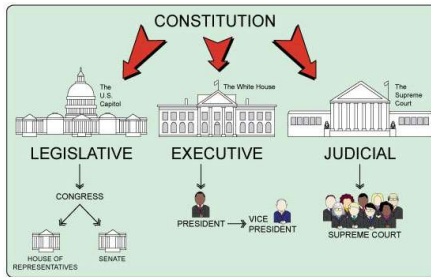


Example: Rule of law prevents the arbitrary use of power.

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72 branches of government

the division of governmental power into three separate departments: legislative, executive, and judicial



Example: The U.S. Constitution divides power into three separate branches of government.

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73 legislative branch

the part of government that makes laws



Example: The legislative branch is comprised of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

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74 executive branch

the part of government that implements, supports, and enforces the laws



Example: The President is the head of the executive branch.

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75 judicial branch

the part of government that interprets the law and administers justice



Example: The judicial branch is comprised of the court system, with the Supreme Court as the highest court in the land.

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elections**

a formal and organized process of making political choices



Example: Free and fair elections are essential for popular sovereignty.

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Congress**

the national legislative body in the United States, which is composed of the Senate and the House of Representatives



Example: Congress has the power to tax and spend.

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veto**

the constitutional right the president has to reject a decision or proposal made by a law-making body



Example: Congress can override the president's veto with 2/3 vote.

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appointment**

the act of assigning a job or position to someone

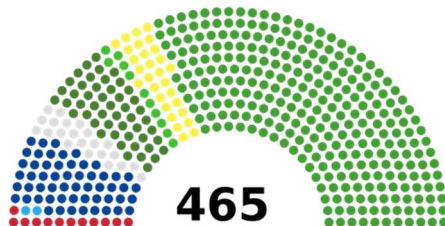


Example: The president has the power to appoint Supreme Court justices.

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override**

have final authority or say over; overrule



Example: Congress has the power to override the president's veto.

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