

PRINCIPLES of GOVERNMENT Questions 1-7

Principle #1: Federalism

Power is divided between the national government and the states.

Principle #2: Republicanism

Citizens elect representatives to carry out the will of the people.

Principle #3: Limited Government

Government can do only what the people say it can do.

Principle #4: Popular Sovereignty

All government power belongs to the people. ("We the People")

Principle #5: Checks and Balances

Each branch of government is able to check the other branches.

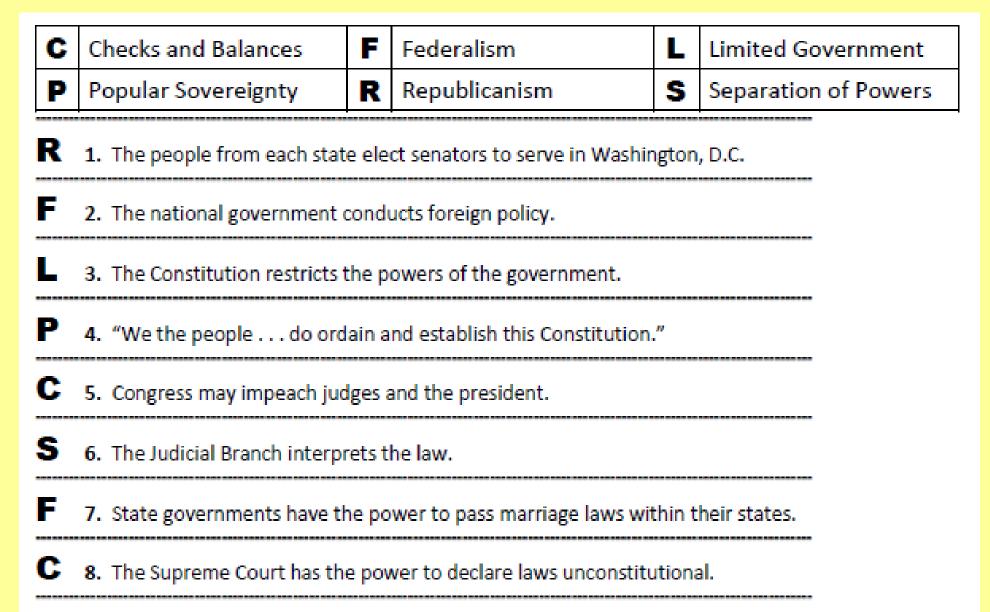
Principle #6: Separation of Powers

Power is divided among three branches of the national government.

Principle #7: Individual Rights Individual rights are protected. (Bill of Rights)

APPLYING the PRINCIPLES of GOVERNMENT

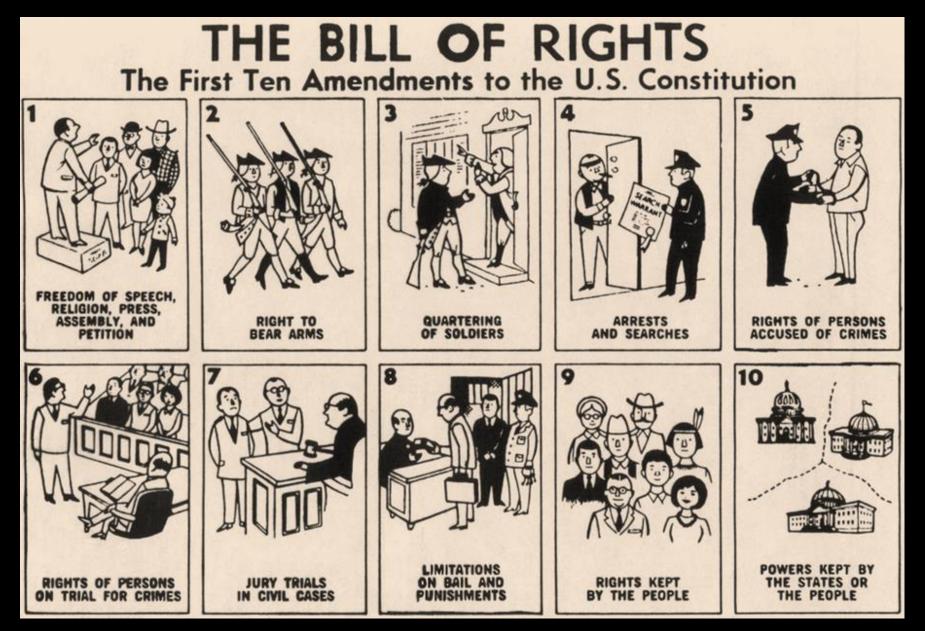
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- **9.** The Executive Branch has the responsibility to carry out the laws.
- P 10. Government is by the consent of the governed.
- C 11. The president appoints federal judges.
- 12. Only the federal government can coin money.
- **C** 13. More than 900 state laws have been struck down by the courts.
- 14. All government officials are never above the law.
- **C** 15. Congress can override a presidential veto by a two-thirds vote in each house.
- **16.** Both the federal and state governments can impose taxes.
- **P** 17. All power flows from the people.
- 5 18. The Legislative Branch makes the laws.
- **C** 19. The president can veto laws passed by Congress.

BILL OF RIGHTS | Question 8



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Amendment 1	 Freedoms of <u>Religion</u>, <u>Speech</u>, and <u>Press</u>; Rights to <u>Assemble</u> and <u>Petition</u> the Government
Amendment 2	 The Right to Keep and Bear Arms
Amendment 3	 Limits on Housing Soldiers in Private Homes
Amendment 4	 Limiting Searches, Seizures, and Warrants
Amendment 5	 Clarifying Rights of the Accused
Amendment 6	 Right to a Speedy Trial in Criminal Cases
Amendment 7	 Right to a Jury Trial in Civil Cases
Amendment 8	 Limiting Bails, Fines, and Cruel/Unusual Punishment
Amendment 9	 Rights Reserved to the People
Amendment 10	 Powers Reserved to the States



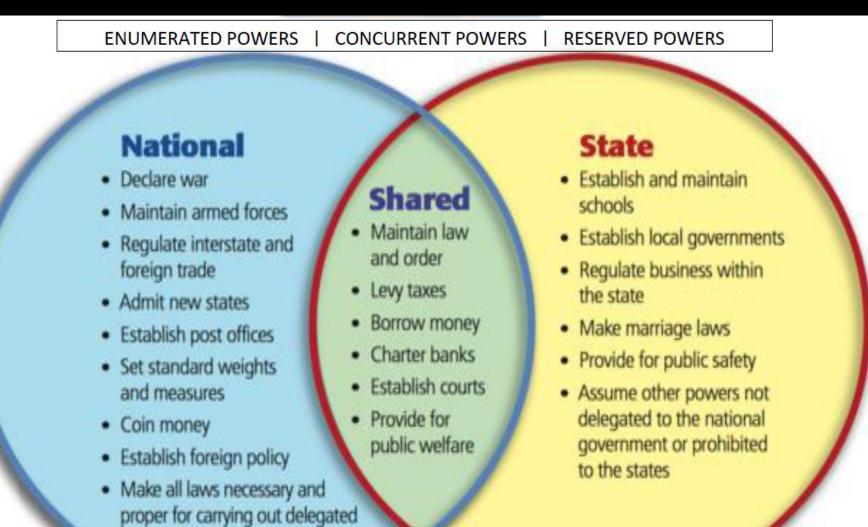
U.S. & TEXAS BILL OF RIGHTS: DIFFERENCES | Question 10 U.S.—10 ITEMS / added by AMENDMENT TEXAS—34 ITEMS / ARTICLE I

U.S. & TEXAS CONSTITUTION: DIFFERENCES | Question 12 U.S.—CHANGED ONLY 27 TIMES TEXAS—CHANGED OVER 450 TIMES

CONSTITUTIONS Questions 11 & 12

U.S. & TEXAS CONSTITUTIONS: A COMPARISON Questions 11-12					
Characteristics	U.S. CONSTITUTION	TEXAS CONSTITUTION			
Style	Brief and vague	Long and detailed			
Length	7,000 words	93,000 words			
BILL OF	Y E S	Y E S			
RIGHTS	(10—Amendments)	(34—Article I)			
Separation of	Y E S	Y E S			
Powers	(3 branches: Leg Exe Jud)	(3 branches: Leg Exe Jud)			
Checks and Balances	Y E S	Y E S			
Legislative Structure	Bicameral	Bicameral			
Executive Power	Unitary	Plural			
Veto Power	Simple	Line-item			
Judicial System	One supreme court	Two supreme courts			
Amendments	27	498			
Amendment Process	Difficult	Relatively easy			

FEDERALISM Question 14



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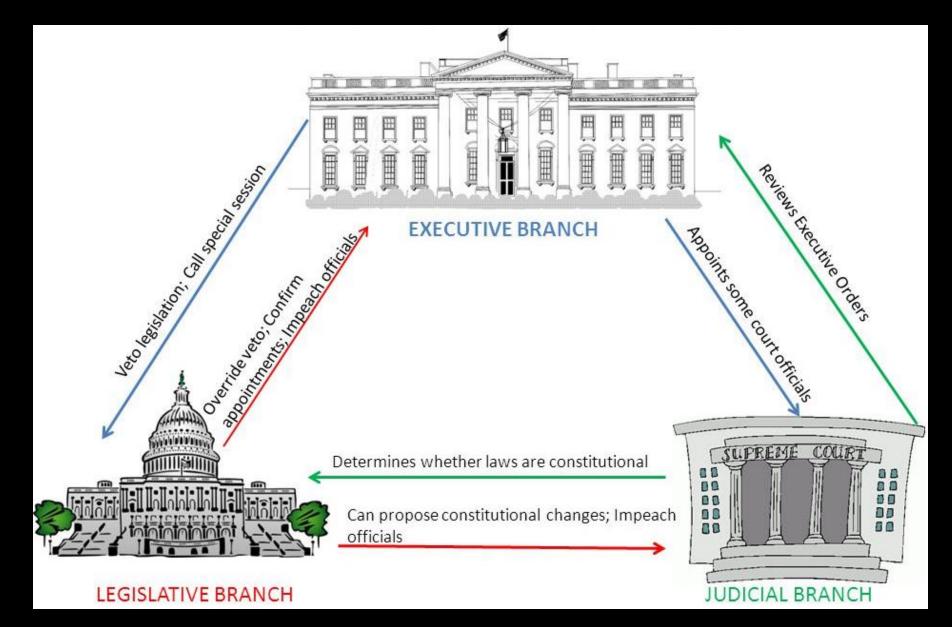
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FEDERALISM Question 14

Federal Powers	Shared Powers	State Powers
Print money	 Pass and enforce laws 	 Provide licenses for driving, marrying, and other activities
 Carry out foreign policy 	 Tax individuals and businesses 	Hold elections
 Make treaties with other countries 	Borrow money	Form local governments
• Declare war	Form courts	Establish public schools
 Regulate commerce between states 	Build roads	Approve amendments to the Constitution
 Maintain an army and navy 	 Provide charters to banks and corporations 	Control commerce within the state
Create post offices		
		Source: US Government Printing Office

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CHECKS & BALANCES Question 15



CHECKS & BALANCES | Questions 13 & 15

Executive Branch (President carries out laws)	Checks on the Legislative Branch Can propose laws Can veto laws Can call special sessions of Congress Makes appointments Negotiates foreign treaties	Checks on the Judicial Branch Appoints federal judges Can grant pardons to federal offenders
Legislative Branch (Congress makes laws)	Checks on the Executive Branch Can override President's veto Confirms executive appointments Ratifies treaties Can declare war Appropriates money Can impeach and remove President	Checks on the Judicial Branch Creates lower federal courts Can impeach and remove judges Can propose amendments to overrule judicial decisions Approves appointments of federal judges
Judicial Branch (Supreme Court interprets laws)	Check on the Executive Branch Can declare executive actions unconstitutional	Check on the Legislative Branch Can declare acts of Congress unconstitutional

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