

The Powers of the President

Powers of the President Alone

- Serve as commander-in-chief of the armed forces
- Commission officers of the armed forces
- Grant reprieves and pardons for federal offenses (except impeachment)
- Convene Congress in special sessions
- Receive ambassadors
- Take care that the laws be faithfully executed
- Wield the “executive power”
- Appoint officials to lesser offices

Powers of the President Shared with the Senate

- Make Treaties
- Appoint ambassadors, judges, and high officials

Powers of the President Shared with Congress as a Whole

- Approve Legislation
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Theories of Presidential Power

- Prerogative- all power is his (FDR and Lincoln)
- Stewardship- do anything unless it is specifically forbidden (Teddy Roosevelt)
- Restrictive- do only what granted the power to do (Wm. H. Taft)

Roles (Hats) President

1. Chief of State = Queen
2. Chief Executive (CEO) = Bill Gates
3. Commander-In-Chief = 1st Soldier (WAR)
4. Chief Diplomat = Peace/Trade/Talk
5. Chief Legislator = State of the Union; Admin. Bills; vetos
6. Party Chief = 1st Politician, patronage

Functional Kinds of Presidential Leadership

1. Crises Manager
2. Symbolic Leader
3. Chief Recruiter
4. Priority Setter (Security/Economy)
5. Coalition Builder
6. Chief Administrator (Executor of the Laws)