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Separation of Powers

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Checks and Balances

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Rule of Law

- Idea comes from Montesquieu

- Separate government powers into three branches so that one cannot be too powerful

each branch has its own job to do

Legislative -	Make laws
Executive -	Enforce laws
Judicial -	Interpret laws

* This is how the separate branches interact, they check each other to make sure balance is equal

Exec - can veto a bill, put people on court as a judge

Legis - Can impeach pres. or judge, reject Pres. treaty

Judicial - Can declare law or Pres. decision unconstitutional

- Laws are fair and reasonable

- The laws apply the same to everyone

- We all get "due process"

- Meaning we all have certain rights when accused of a crime

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Popular Sovereignty

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Federalism

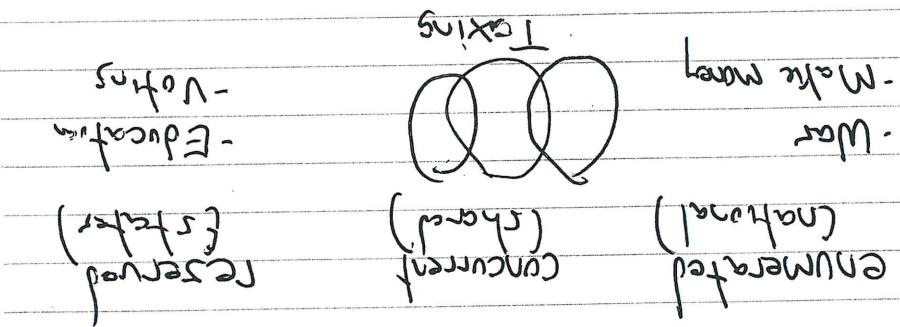
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X Idea comes from John Locke
but is also in the Declaration

Ex. We the People

Our government gets its power from the people.



Where power is shared between state and national govt.

- System of government