

How effectively is presidential power checked by Congress?

1) Congress's legislative powers

How can Congress check the president's power to propose and veto new legislation?

Why can it be hard for Congress to use its legislative powers to challenge controversial executive orders etc.?

2) Congress's financial powers

How can Congress use its 'power of the purse' to challenge unilateral executive action?

Why is the president's power to propose a budget so limited?
Why do most budget fights focus on non-defence discretionary spending?

Why can it be difficult for presidents to veto appropriations bills?

What is the debt ceiling? Why is it difficult for president to veto bills that raise the debt ceiling?

3) Congress's confirmation powers

How has the Senate's ability to filibuster and delay the president's nominations changed since 2013?

How did President Trump attempt to avoid Senate checks on his executive branch appointments?

4) Congress's war and treaty powers

How have foreign policy checks been weakened by both the executive and legislative branches?

5) Congress's oversight powers

To what extent does the Congressional Review Act (1996) limit the president?

How does executive privilege complicate congressional oversight?

What is impeachment?
How does this power work?