



Worksheet 3 – Presidential Power Diamond Rank

Write the number of each statement in the most appropriate box on the diamond.

1. The President is now the leader of the most powerful country in the world, economically and militarily.
2. The President is the only nationally elected office holder.
3. Through the inaugural address and state of the union speeches the President sets the direction of the nation's foreign and domestic policy.
4. The President is Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces and also controls the nation's nuclear arsenal.
5. The nation looks to its President to provide leadership at times when it feels under threat.
6. Congressional checks on the President are less effective when the same party controls both the executive and the legislature.
7. As Head of State the President is the focus of media attention and news coverage.
8. On average, public confidence in Congress is historically lower than in the presidency.
9. Congress rather than the president is held responsible during times of governmental "gridlock".

Greatest

Least