



Worksheet 3b – Checks and Balances Rank

Rank the checks and balances of each branch in order of significance. Place a number in the column to the right of each branch to show your ranking.

LEGISLATURE		EXECUTIVE		JUDICIARY	
Overturf of presidential veto.		Presidential veto.		Interpretation of the laws.	
Ratification of treaties.		Power to propose legislation.		Interpretation of the Constitution.	
Confirmation of presidential appointments.		Patronage and appointments.		Judicial review.	
Power of the purse.		Issue of pardons.			