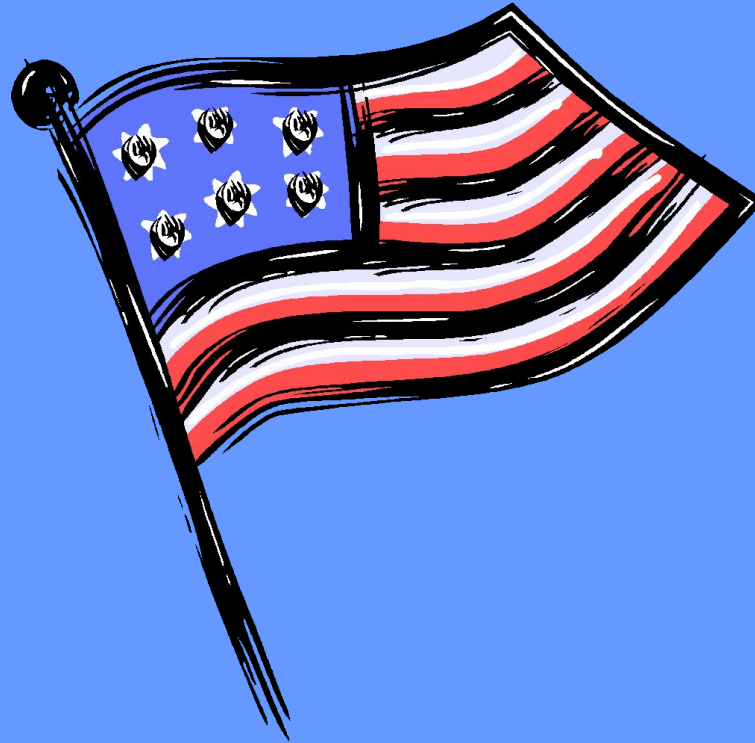


The 6 Principles of U.S. Government



Principle 1: Popular Sovereignty

- The People Rule
- All power comes from the people
- The people consent to be governed (social contract)



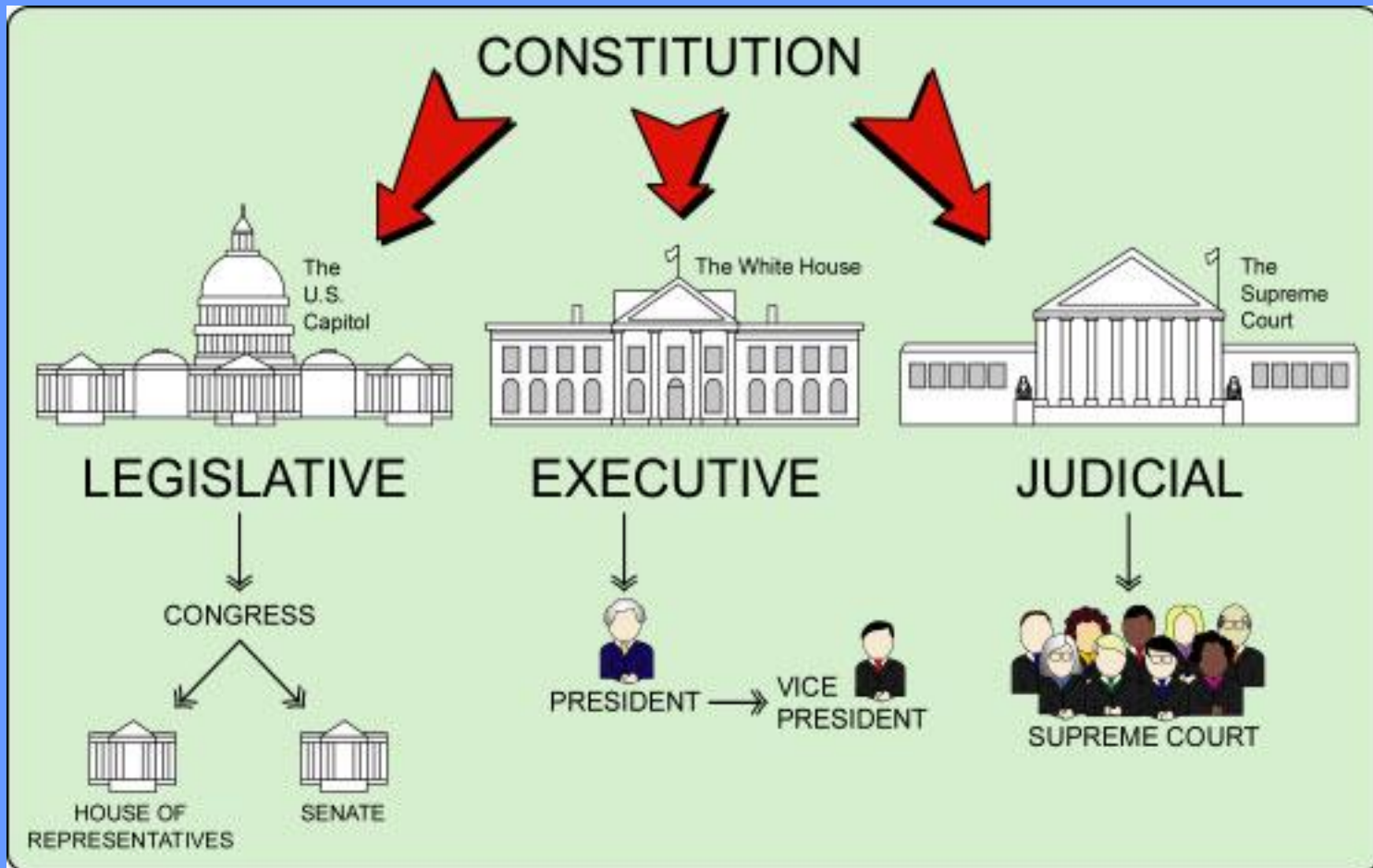
Principle 2: Limited Government

- The government may only do those things the people have given it the power to do.
- Where do we find a list of these governmental powers?
- “Constitutionalism”



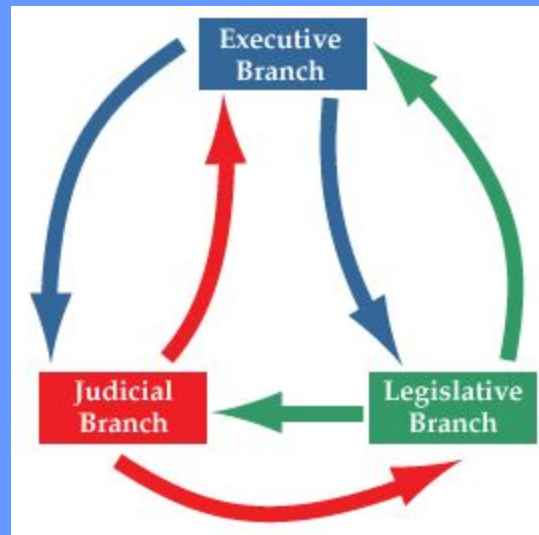
Principle 3: Separation of powers

- Three branches of government, each with its own powers...



Principle 4: checks and balances

- Each branch has ways to 'check' the power of the other branches
- Why was this so important to the Framers?



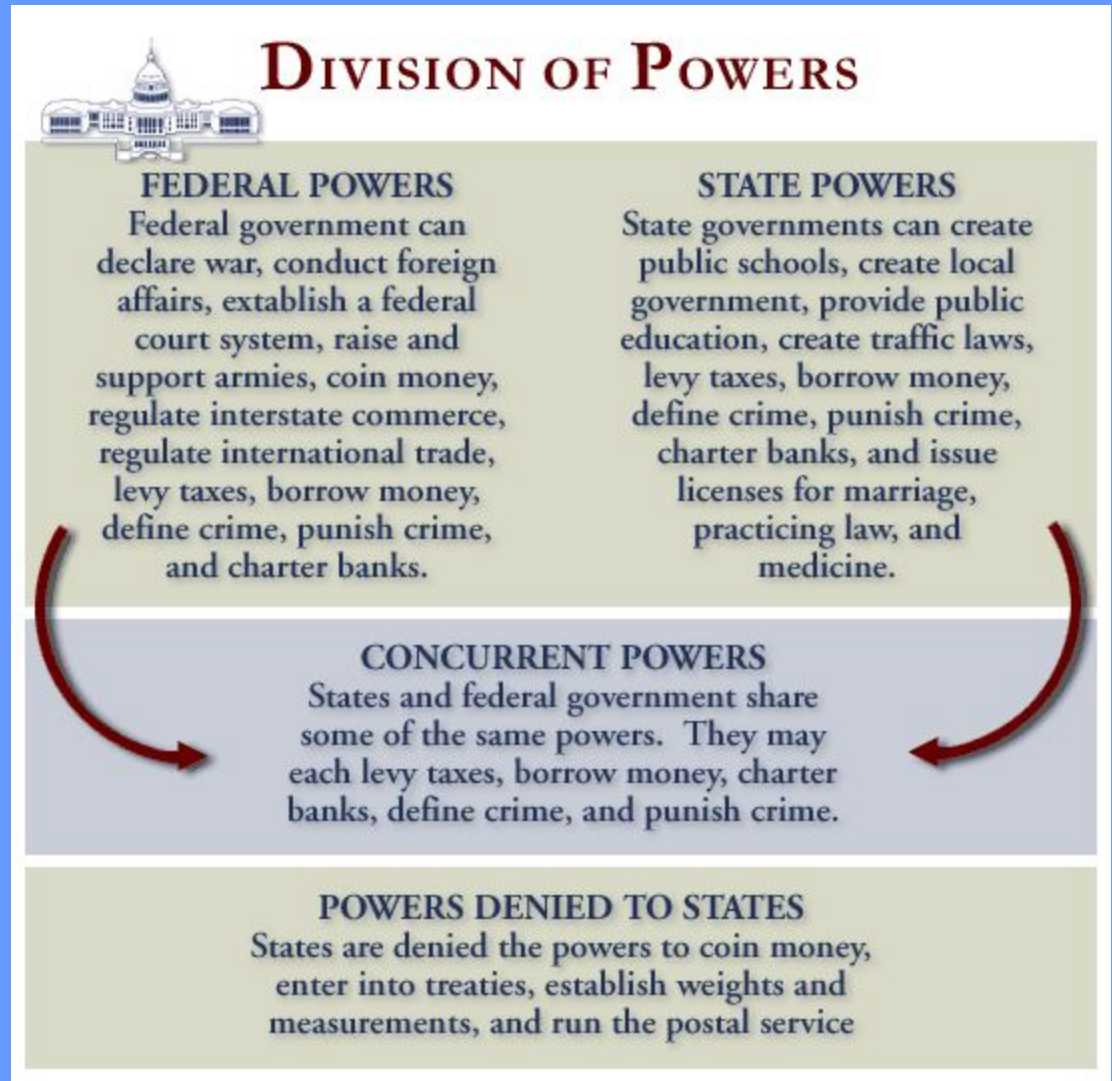
Principle 5: judicial review

- The power of the courts to determine whether what government does is aligned with the Constitution
- “Unconstitutional”
- Marbury v. Madison



Principle 6: Federalism

- Power is divided between the national, state, and local government
- Why?



Checks and Balances

Legislative Branch Powers

Executive Branch Powers



Judicial Branch Powers