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# SEPARATION OF POWERS

# Separation of powers

- Trias Politica
- Described by Baron de Montesquieu in 17th century
- Political power is generally divided into 3 branches

# Montesquieu 's model

- 3 branches - executive, legislature, judiciary
- Based on British constitutional system
- the British system was no so independent



# Government systems

## Presidential government

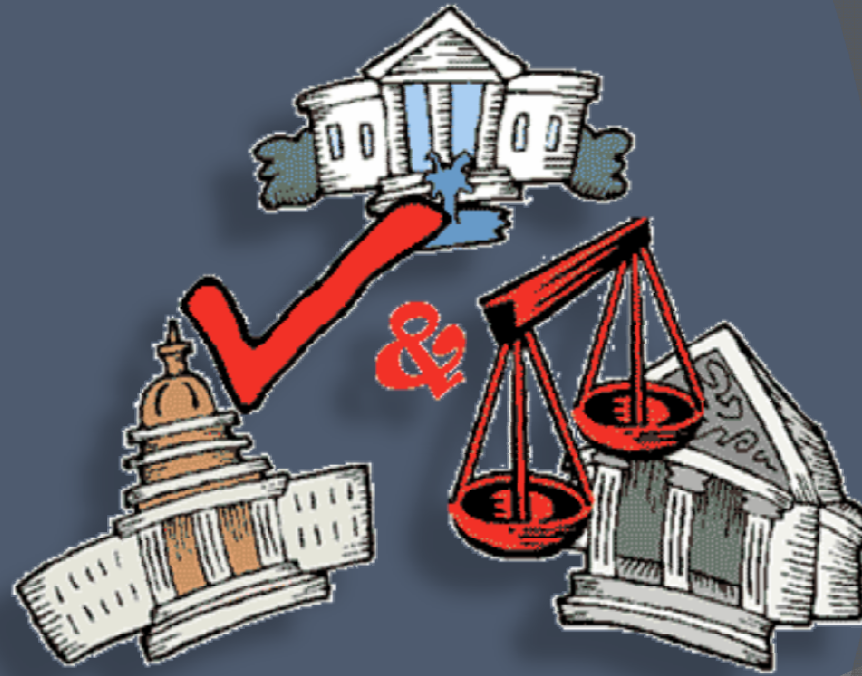
- Powers separation
- branches are equal
- The executive is elected

## Parliamentary government

- Fusion of powers
- one branch is supreme
- Legislature set together executive

# Checks and balances

- Described by Baron de Montesquieu
- Each branch has some power to limit another branch



# Another branches

- Press
  - fourth power
  - Influence over public opinion

- People

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