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Constitutional Powers

Powers of the President alone:

- Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces
- Grant reprieves and pardons (federal offences)
- Convene Congress in special session
- Receive ambassadors (Head of State)
- ‘Take care’ that the laws are faithfully executed
- Wield the ‘executive power’ (Head of Government)
- Appoint officials to lesser offices
Constitutional Powers

- Powers shared with the Senate:
  - Make treaties
  - Appoint ambassadors, judges and high officials

- Powers shared with Congress as a whole:
  - Approve legislation
Roles of the President

- Military Commander
  - Congress and War Powers Act (1973)
- Head Diplomat
  - Senate Treaty Powers
- Chief Executive
  - ‘Take care’ clause
  - Executive Privilege

Taking the “Commander-in-Chief” thing a bit too literally….
Roles of President (cont.)

- **Legislative Leader**
  - Agenda Setting (State of the Union)
  - Coalition Building (Influencing Members)
  - Bypassing Congress (‘Going Public’; Veto bargaining)

- **Party Leader**
  - Coattails
  - Fundraising

Bush using the “bully pulpit”…
Presidential Success in Congress

How often the president won on roll call votes on which he took a clear position.
Development of the Modern Presidency

Key powers of the President

- Power of persuasion (institutional advantage; political capital [Bush post-9/11]; personal Skill [Clinton])
- Two Presidencies (foreign vs. domestic)

Rise of presidential power

- Increased Salience of Foreign Policy
- Expansion of the Federal Government
- Mass Media (especially TV)
Executive Establishment

- Cabinet and Departments
- Vice President
- Executive Office of the President

The other part of the White House (Old Executive Office Building)
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Vice President

Joe Biden and Sarah Palin…

Is either one worth more than a bucket of warm spit???
Executive Office of the President

Diagram showing the structure of the Executive Office of the President, including various offices and their staffing.