

How the system of checks and balances works in the US political system? Explain with example.

Introduction:

The political system of US has prominent feature of "Separation of power". All the organs of government are not dependent of each other like the political system of UK and Pakistan. However, the American constitution has not provided the clean severance to all three organs. To weaken the authority, fathers of constitutions have introduced checks and balances. So, that one organ can interrupt the misuse of power of others. Legislatures have some powers to obstruct the orders of Executive and same like that Judiciary have powers to veto any law or ordinance.

System of separation of powers:

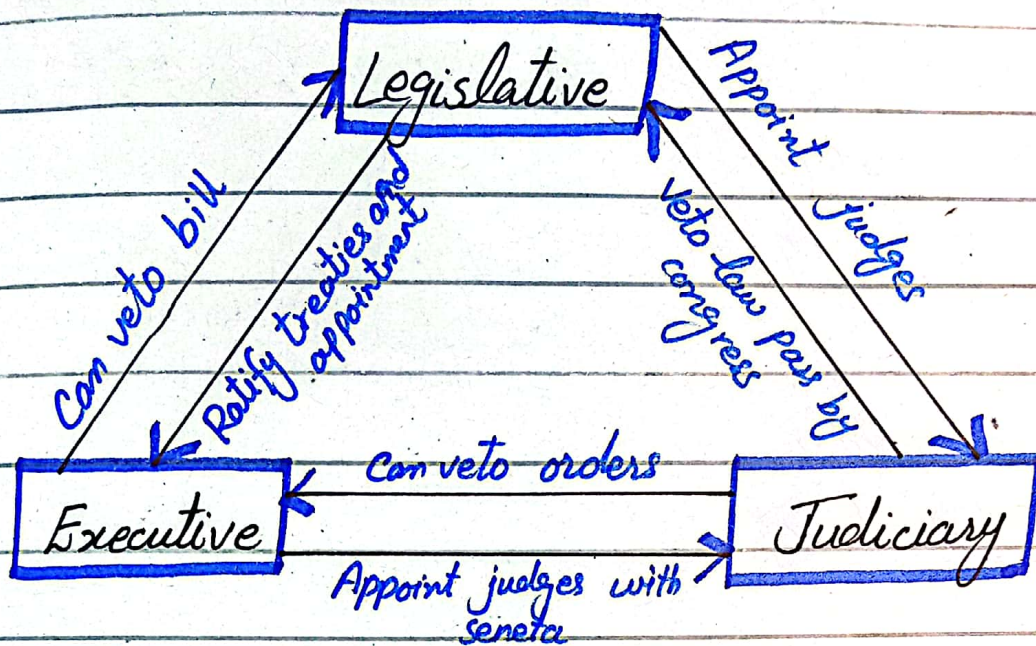
In the US political system, all institutes have separate

powers, they are not dependent on each other. There is no other constitution where powers are so clear. Like other constitutions in the world, UK's parliament is dependent on Prime Minister, he can dissolve it and vice versa House of Commons can pass vote of no confidence against PM. But in US, both organs are independent, however, Senate can impeach President by some allegations and process. To keep check on authority of all organs or to avoid the misuse of their powers, fathers of constitution has introduced "Checks and Balances" system.

Checks and Balance system of America:

The US constitution has provides the checks and balances system to control the all organs legislative, executive and judiciary.

Diagram:



Checks and Balances by Legislatives:

The Senate has power to ratify all the appointments by the President. Moreover, it has power to ratify the all the international Treaties made by the President. Senate controls the any misuse of power by executive.

Despite the separation of powers, Senate keep a check on President and it can veto the any

treaty or appointment of President.

Example:

The Senate refused to ratify the "Treaty of Versailles" in 1919 which was made by the President Woodrow Wilson.

It can also impeach the President and high officials of US.

Checks and Balances by Executive:

As the legislature have control on executive, same like that executive have power to veto the bill passed by the senate if it is against the spirit of constitution. The bill is presented before the President after it pass by Senate. He may veto and congress can override it by 2/3rd majority voting separately in both houses.

Checks and Balances by Judiciary:

Both Senate and Executive appoint the judges of Supreme Court. President appoint them with consultation of Senate. Moreover, the Senate determines their salaries.

On the other side, Judiciary has control over these two organs.

Checks on Legislatives: It can veto the any bill or law passed by the Senate if it is violates the constitution of US or against the interest of State.

Checks on Executive:

Similarly, Judiciary can also veto the order issued by executive if it found it violation of constitution.

Judiciary has power of Judicial Review. Supreme Court is also called the 3rd chamber of Congress.

Maintaining checks and balances on the power of the judiciary branch and the other two branches is vital to keep the form of government set up by our founding fathers.

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~~Analysis~~ Conclusion

The political system of US, although, has separation of powers, but all the institutes have complete check on one another. Not any law can be passed by Senate which are contradictory to constitution.

Separation of powers is most prominent feature of US constitution which has also kept checks on authorities.
