

Veto Power I

- Last time: 2nd-half preview
- Veto power: an introduction

Presidents and policy preview

- Presidents and legislation: where and how can presidents affect the legislative process?
 - Negative agenda power: action-blocking powers in the legislative chain
 - Positive agenda power: action-forcing powers
- Presidents and implementation
 - action-blocking and action-forcing authorities

Federalist Papers and the prez

- Founders were reacting to the post-revolutionary experience with strong legislatures and weak executives
 - legislature is the biggest threat to liberty in a republic
- How to create a stronger national government without raising significantly the threat of a tyrannical national government?
 - Give the new government broad, new scope, but restrictive procedures for changing the status quo
delegation of tools and resources to policy implementors/enforcers and separate the initiators of policy change from the implementors via a buffer
 - divide the legislative power (bicameralism)
 - separate the legislative power from implementation