

# The Roles of the Executive

To Enforce the Laws

# Qualifications for the Presidency

- Article II, Section 1 -  
Presidential  
Qualifications and  
Restrictions
  - At least 35 years old
  - Natural born citizen of  
US
  - 14 year resident of US
  - Term 4 years (Maximum  
of 2)



# Presidential Roles: Chief of State

- Article II, Section 2 and 3
- Role: The president's role as chief of state is to represent the United States at public events.
  - If otherwise occupied President can send Vice President, Secretary of State, First Lady, Other Cabinet Members, ambassadors, or even past Presidents to represent United States



Vice President Al Gore at Kyoto Conference 1997

# Presidential Roles: Chief Diplomat

- Role: Being a diplomat involves interacting with leaders from other nations.
- The president is the main creator of foreign policy.
  - Meets with foreign leaders (or works through state department) to accomplish policy goals



# Presidential Roles: Chief Executive

- Role: The President controlled agencies have the responsibility and authority to carry out the laws made by congress.
- The president is the head of the Executive Branch, and has highest authority.
  - President makes appointments of people who shares the President's policy goals to different Executive Agencies



Confirmation Hearing of Scott Pruitt - 2016

# Presidential Roles: Chief Legislator

- Role: The President can voice his own ideas and opinions to Congress while they draft legislation.
  - Vice President serves as tie breaking vote in the Senate if needed
- Through speeches and meetings with different Senators the President can help advance legislation



LBJ Signs Highway Beautification Act - 1965

# Presidential Roles: Commander in Chief

- Role: The president is the commander in-chief of the U.S. armed forces.
- All military leaders report to and take orders from the president
  - President allowed to commit military with limitations by Congress



# Presidential Roles: Chief of Party

- Role: the president helps members of his political party get elected or appointed to office.
- Helps establish party platforms
  - Helps dictate party's position on different policy issues





# Presidential Roles: Chief Citizen

- Role: The moral leader of America. Act in the best interest of the general public.
  - Meant to be a role model and help sway public opinion



# Other Environmental Powers Reserved for the President

- The Antiquities Act – Allows the president to designate area as protected, can just as easily be revoked
- Executive Orders – Directive by the president that instructs an Executive Branch on how to operate. Subject to confines of a law, & judicial review. Can just as easily be overturned

