**U3 Day 4 - Executive Branch**

**Executive Branch – Enforces or Carries out the Law**

* President
* Vice President
* Cabinet
  + Help president carry out the laws
    - Departments, agencies, and regulatory groups

**Policy:** Government’s plan for dealing with issues

* Gov’t Policy often reflects the views of a political party
* **Republican Policy:** traditional values = big, Gov’t helps people less
  + Fight Terrorism, Anti-Immigration, claim to lower taxes
* **Democratic Policy:** Equality, Gov’t helps people more
  + Healthcare, Medicaid, Medicare, Civil Rights

**President Influences Gov’t Policy**

* Proposes Legislation (laws)
* Appeals to the people (TV, “state of the union”)
* Sign or Veto Laws
* Appoints Judges and Officials

**Basic Jobs**

* Proposes a Budget
* Administers Federal bureaucracy

**President’s Titles**

* **Chief of State:**
  + Head of gov’t
* **Chief Executive:**
  + Head of Executive branch
* **Chief Legislator:**
  + Head of making laws
* **Chief of Party:**
  + Head of his political party
* **Chief Diplomat:**
  + Main representative for talking to other countries
* **Commander-in-chief:**
  + Head of Military