**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