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 The President & Foreign Policy
 Thursday, May 4

Outline

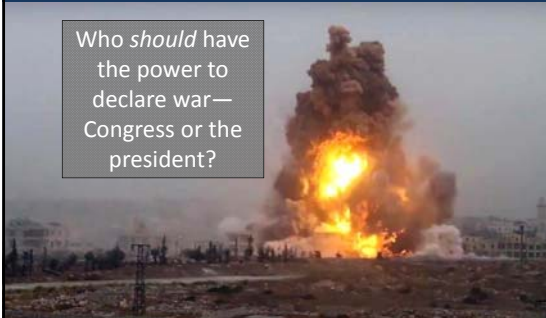
- I. Foreign Policy in the White House
- II. The War Powers Resolution
- III. Expanding Presidential Authority
- IV. The Foreign Policy Advisory System

Week 6, Day 2

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Lecture Question

Who *should* have the power to declare war—Congress or the president?



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Presidential Foreign Policy

A good leader understands how and when to expand foreign policy power. Restraint is essential.

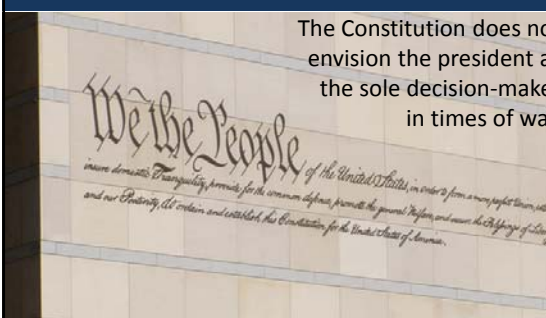


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The War Powers Resolution

The Constitution does not envision the president as the sole decision-maker in times of war.



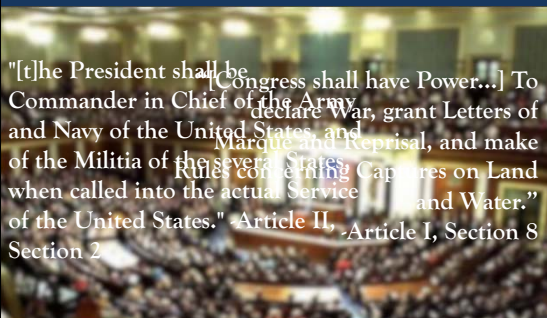
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Declaration of War

"[t]he President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States." Article II, Section 2

[Congress shall have Power...] To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water." Article I, Section 8



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Congress & War

Official Declaration

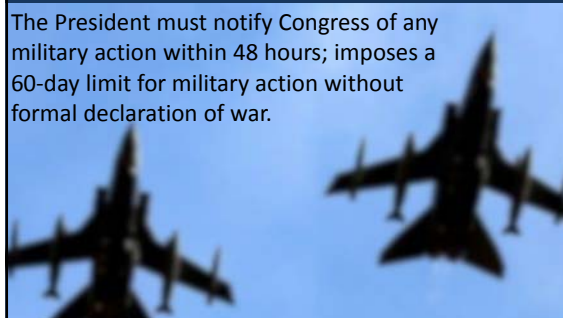
- War of 1812
- Mexican-American War
- Spanish-American War
- World War I
- World War II

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War Powers Resolution of 1973

The President must notify Congress of any military action within 48 hours; imposes a 60-day limit for military action without formal declaration of war.



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Expanding Presidential Power



The Authorization of the Use of Military Force Against Terrorists

The Authorization of the Use of Military Force Against Iraq

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Taking it to the courts



The fight between Congress and president over the AUMF plays out in the courts.

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The Constitutional Question

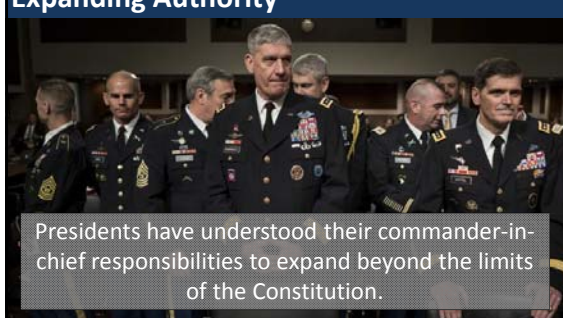


How does the War Powers Resolution push against the imperial presidency?

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Expanding Authority

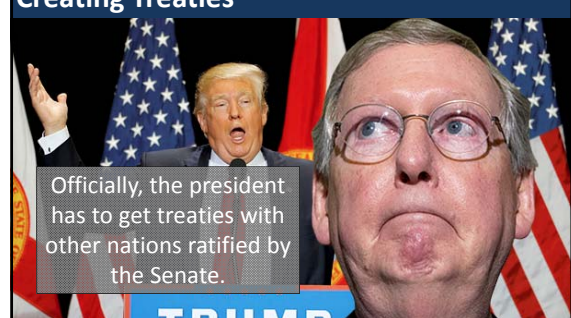


Presidents have understood their commander-in-chief responsibilities to expand beyond the limits of the Constitution.

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Creating Treaties



Officially, the president has to get treaties with other nations ratified by the Senate.

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Breaking Treaties

Presidents break treaties without the consent of the Senate.



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Executive Agreements

Executive agreements have allowed presidents to avoid treaty ratifications.



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Other Foreign Policy Powers

Appointment, head of state, and ceremonial powers also belong to the presidency.



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The Expansion of a Policy-Making Role

The president's role in foreign policy is expanding beyond the Constitution because of

- (1) A globalized world
- (2) The public view of the presidency & foreign policy



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The Foreign Policy Advisory System

The Secretary of State is the president's primary foreign policy advisor.




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The National Security Council

The president's National Security Council sets goals and priorities for the country's national security.



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Why Rely on Advisors?



Foreign policy advisors allow presidents to be quick and decisive.

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Foreign Policy vs. Domestic Policy



Is the president more successful in foreign policy?

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