



The Legislative Branch

"The best form of government is that which is most likely to prevent the greatest sum of evil." President James Monroe made this statement in a speech. The three branches of government as defined in the United States Constitution directly affect my life. First, the government is actually set up and organized in Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution. There are general ways the division into three branches affects me on a daily basis.

The Constitution states that the Legislative branch shall have power to make all laws. For example, the underage drinking law, and Chelsea's Law to catch sex offenders help all young people like me stay safe. I found in the Constitution it says: "the Legislative branch "makes all laws, declares war, Spending policies, and Controls taxes."

The Legislative branch proposes bills that directly affect teens. For example, that Online impersonation is now illegal. It affects me by making sure no one can pretend to be someone they are not. So they can protect other people from cyberbullying. The last example would be that parents are responsible for their student's truancy. This measure prevents parents from allowing their children to skip ten percent of school or eighteen days.

In conclusion, the Constitution states in article 1: "All Legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States." This affects me by the laws the Legislative

branch creates like Chelsea's law. The Constitution was written to keep the United States of America in check and make sure people have their rights to do what they want.