While bills in Brazil are typically proposed and revised in the Chamber of Deputies before being passed to the Senate for review, the process can also flow in the reverse direction.

From: http://www.scielo.br/scielo.php?pid=30102-6909200000500006&script=sci_arttext#fig01

For: http://GlobalDirect today
The Chinese Communist Party is organized in parallel to the state itself, and is the only party able to form the government.

From: "William A. Joseph, "China"", in Introduction to Comparative Politics: Political Challenges and Changing Agendas; ed. Mark Kesselman et al. (Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Company; 2000), 517."
Collaborative EDemocracy

From: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collaborative_e-democracy

For: http://GlobalDirect today
Constitution of Nazi Reichstag in 1920

The Inter-War Period/Germany I (1918-23)

**BASIC RIGHTS**

- Arts. 109-164
- Possibility of limitation through Art. 48

**SUPREME COURT**
- Leipzig

- Judicial autonomy of the States

- Federal Court

**PRESIDENT**
- Appointment
- Dissolution

**CHANCELLOR**
- Nomination
- Appointment
- Dismissal

**CABINET**
- Confidence

**REICHSTAG**
- Direct election for 7 yrs
- Proportional representation

- 18 States

**REICHSRAT**
- 60 votes (1926)

**ARMED FORCES**
- Emergency decrees
- Supreme Command

**Emergency laws**

**Legislative initiative**
- P. = President
- P.M. = Prime Minister
- C. = Chairmanship by member of the gvt
  - **Highest judicial authority**
  - **Proposed by the Reichsrat**
  - **Proposed by the President**

**Acknowledged by the Reichsrat or the Cabinet**

**VOTING CITIZENS**
- (over 20 yrs)
- (Universal, equal, direct and secret suffrage)

**Plebiscite**
- Based on popular petition
- (by 1/10 of those entitled to vote)

"Weimar Constitution", 1919
Constitution US Thomas Paine In 1776

From: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_Sense_%26_pamphlet%29

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Delibereation Open Goverment

Social change
Social receptivity
Social "access points"

Society at large

Deliberation venues
Deliberation skills
Desire to deliberate
Societal (especially cultural) support for deliberation

Civil society


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The European Commission is a collective executive responsible for both proposing policies and the administration and execution of policy.

From: http://www.dadalo-europe.org/int/grundkurs4/eu-struktur_1.htm

For http://GlobalDirect today
The European Council is composed of the executives of member states and functions as a type of collective presidency, representing the EU in foreign affairs and serving as a forum for EU heads of state and government.

From: http://www.dadalo-europe.org/int/grundkurs4/eu-struktur_2.htm

For: http://GlobalDirect.today
The European Union’s legislative process involves both the European Parliament (EP) and the Council of the European Union (Council).

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The Conflicts Tribunal, or Jurisdictional Court, decides on conflicts between the Constitutional Court and the Court of Cassation, or Supreme Court Civil Court.

From: http://hersp.csg.ufl.edu/~malave/comparat/notes/new11.htm

For: http://GlobalDirect today
The Constitution Council vets the constitutionality of all legislation before it can become law. The Council is made up of living former Presidents of the Republic; and three members each appointed by the current President of the Republic; President of the Senate; and President of the Assembly.

The allocation of funds for basic research in Germany is a product of coordination between state and federal representatives, most of which are associated with respective ministries of education, technology, and the like.

From: http://erawatch.jrc.ec.europa.eu/erawatch/opencms/information/country_pages/de/country

For: http://GlobalDirect.today
While it is common in federal and unitary states for the capital city to have some unique status or special measure of autonomy, Germany is unique in having 3 city-states, including Hamburg and Bremen in addition to Berlin. The city-states are represented at the federal level as Länder and have having city- and state-authority consolidated at the local level.


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The German Federal Finance, Labor, and Social Courts are relatively unique to the German system and handle claims related to taxes, labor disputes, and social security respectively.

From: http://herp.og.de/u/lmalavet/comparat/notes/new11.htm

For: http://GlobalDirect today
In Germany's federal system, one of the legislative chambers, the Federal Council or Bundesrat, is constituted by representatives from the State Governments.

From: https://www.bundestag.de/htdocs_e/bundestag/function/legislation

For: http://GlobalDirecttoday
Germany Macro

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From: "Political System of Germany" by 111Allies_k_rner
For http://GlobalDirect today
Iran has an elected parliament and president in addition to its unelected religious and judicial leaders. However, the unelected Guardian Council has the ability to vet candidates for elected office and nullify laws duly passed by the legislature.

From: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/5061750.stm

For: http://GlobalDirect today
Family and non-family law in Japan is primarily dealt with in separate court hierarchies, but at the higher levels a single court hierarchy is used for both.


For: http://GlobalDirect today
The Emperor of Japan serves a ceremonial role only.


For: http://GlobalDirect.today
Legislative Oversight Theory

From: Parliamentary Oversight Tools: A Comparative Analysis. Riccardo Pelizzo, Frederick Stapenhurst
Routledge, Jun 17, 2013 - Political Science

For http://GlobalDirecttoday
In Liechtenstein both the People and the Prince function as sovereign; though approval of legislation by the population is only sometimes required.

"Russia is divided federally into several types of "federal subjects". Republics, autonomous okrugs and oblasts, and federal cities have varying degrees of autonomy."

From: "Joan DeBardeleben "Russia", in Introduction to Comparative Politics: Political Challenges and Changing Agendas; ed. Mark Kesselman et al. (Boston; MA: Houghton Mifflin Company; 2000); 428.

For http://GlobalDirect.today
EU Structural Funding in Slovenia was budgeted through collaboration between government ministries, industry associations, municipal government, labor unions, and other civil society groups.

From: "New modes of Governance and the EU Structural and Cohesion Policy in Slovenia" in New Modes of Governance and the EU Structural and Cohesion Policy in the New Member States.

For: http://GlobalDirect today
South Africa Department Water And Env.
The National Council of Provinces is the upper house of the Parliament in South Africa and serves the federal role of representing the governments of each province in the national government.


For: http://GlobalDirect.today
Legal matters concerning mergers and acquisitions and the competitive practices of businesses are under the jurisdiction of the Competition Appeal Court.

From: "Courts of South Africa schematic" by Hloni
The Chiefs' Courts administer customary African law.


For: http://GlobalDirecttoday
In South Korea the President is the true head of government, while the Prime Minister acts essentially as an assistant or auxiliary executive.


For: http://GlobalDirect.today
In the Spanish judicial system labor and social law are grouped together.

From: http://hersp.osg.ufl.edu/~malavet/comparat/notes/new11.htm

For http://GlobalDirect today
In the British parliamentary system the Prime Minister is the crucial figure in both the legislative and executive functions of the state. She is both at the top of the executive bureaucracy and of the hierarchy of the legislative leadership.


For http://GlobalDirect today
The United Kingdom is not a federal state, but has expanded the power of local governments in recent years. Local governments are to some extent divided along urban/rural lines.
The Queen's Bench Division hears cases in personal injury and contract law, while the Chancery Division hears a variety of cases in commercial law.


For: http://GlobalDirect today
While the House of Lords retains some legislative powers, the House of Commons is by far the dominant chamber of Parliament. Similarly, the House of Lords no longer functions as the UK's highest court. The Supreme Court took over this function in 2009.

From: http://ourgoverningprinciples.files.wordpress.com/2010/02/uk-fusion-of-powers.jpg

For http://GlobalDirect.today
The Union of Baltic Cities involves the municipal governments of over 100 cities; the Executive Board is composed of representatives from 10 cities, 1 from each of the 10 member countries.

From: "EU cohesion policy and new governance the example of the Baltic states" in New Modes of Governance and the EU Structural and Cohesion Policy in the New Member States; 
For http://GlobalDirect today
THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Committee and subcommittee
A bill is introduced and assigned to committee → Committee and subcommittee hearings and markup → Vote by subcommittee → Vote by full committee

Full chamber
Vote by full chamber → Debate and amendments by full chamber → If passed by full committee, bill is referred to the full chamber

Full Congress
If passed by full chamber, bill is referred to other chamber "If passed in identical form by other chamber, bill is presented to the President"

President
If the President signs the bill, or does no action while Congress is in session, the bill becomes law

If passed in different form by other chamber, bill goes to conference committee, which negotiates differences

From: Jason Stern, About America: How the United States is Governed (Hersdon, VA: Braddock Communications, Inc.; 2004), 10-11
For http://GlobalDirect today
After the US President submits her/his proposed budget to Congress, the budget is scrutinized and amended by various committees in both the House of Representatives and the Senate before it is considered by the whole House and Senate.

From: http://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RS20095.pdf

For: http://GlobalDirect.today
The US Courts of Appeals are divided into 12 geographic circuits which each cover the territory of multiple States.


For: http://GlobalDirect.today
The United States Court System

Supreme Court of the United States

United States Courts of Appeals 12 circuits*

United States Courts of Appeals for the Federal circuit**

United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

State Supreme Court

United States Tax Court

United States Court of International Trade

United States Claims Court

United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

Army, Navy-Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard Courts of Criminal Appeals

State Court of Appeals

64 district courts (including 3 territorial courts: Guam, Virgin Islands, and Northern Mariana Islands)

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* The 12 regional courts of appeals also review cases from a number of federal agencies.
** The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit also receives cases from the International Trade Commission, the Merit Systems Protection Board, the Patent and Trademark Office, and the Board of Contract Appeals.

US Macro

Checks and Balances

Executive
- Senate confirms presidential appointments to executive and judicial posts
- Congress can override a presidential veto
- Congress exerts oversight of executive activities
- Congress controls budget
- Congress can impeach and, upon conviction, remove the President from office
- Can veto legislation
- Vice President is President of the Senate and can break tie votes
- Appoints federal judges and justices
- Represents federal government before the court
- President can issue pardons for offenses other than impeachment
- Chief Justice presides over trials of presidential impeachment
- Can declare presidential acts unconstitutional

Legislative
- Senate confirms judges and justices
- Can impeach and remove judges and justices
- Sets size of Supreme Court
- Can initiate constitutional amendments
- Creates federal courts inferior to the Supreme Court
- Interprets legislation with power to declare it unconstitutional

Judicial

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