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ACTIVITY #2_ Rule of Law

Skills: Research & Public Speaking

On September 17th Americans begin to celebrate the signing of the US Constitution (1787) which set up rules to govern the new nation of united states—and one that would set up a “democratic” form of government. Key concepts were “Rule of Law” and “balance of powers” among the three (3) branches of government—Executive, Legislative and Judicial.

Since 9/11/2001 “national security” issues have resulted in new provisions added to the Patriot Act such as a 2006 provision to give the FBI authority to carry out secret surveillance programs to get information about people in the USA.

QUESTION: Does this pose risks to a healthy “checks and balances” government?

RESEARCH & PUBLIC SPEAKING PROJECT

GO TO GOOGLE or to your Public Library and look up the concepts mentioned above.

1. Answer the QUESTION – First try to defend a “Yes” answer. Then try to defend a “No” answer.
2. Try some PUBLIC SPEAKING – Find a friend with a position different from your answer. Have a “friendly debate” before an audience.