

What Congress Does and Why it Matters

Worksheet 1: Studying the Diagram

1. What is the topic of this diagram, and how is it organized to express it?

2. Give examples of how Congress does each of the four major actions shown on the diagram.
 - a. Legislates:

 - b. Exercises powers granted in the Constitution:

 - c. Represents constituents:

 - d. Balances powers within Congress itself and between branches:

3. In which of the four major actions does Congress interact with other parts of the government?

4. Which of the four major actions does the public know the least about? Why?

5. Which of the four major actions should the public to understand better? Why?