

Answer Key to Handout II: “Supreme Court Confirmation Flow Chart”

| Steps | Description of the process | Explain the power granted and how it serves as a check on another branch |
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| President Nomination | President nominates candidates and submits the names to the Senate | Gives the President power choose nominees for key government jobs and power to select members of another branch (the Judicial branch) |
| White House Review | Members of the Executive Branch review the qualifications of the nominee | Ensures other members of the Executive Branch approve of the nominee and help ensure he/she supports the President’s efforts |
| Paperwork Financial Disclosure | Nominee fills out forms (after all this is the government) and discloses information about their financial status. | |
| FBI Investigation | FBI investigates nominees for past actions and any possible encounters with the law, | |

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| Senate Confirmation Hearings | Members of the Senate Judicial Committee interview and question nominees about a wide range of topics related to their qualifications and past cases. | Senate hearings ensure that representatives from the Legislative Branch (representing the citizens) has an opportunity to verify the nominees' qualifications. |
| Senate Vote | The full Senate confirms or rejects the appointment of the nominee by a majority vote. | Majority vote from Senate ensures the Legislative Branch is in favor of the executive Branch's nominee or rejects it because they feel the person isn't qualified |