

# 6.6 National Security

*Government and Politics*

# Essential question for this unit

- *What is the role of the U.S. in a changing world?*

# Review diplomacy

- Secretary of State and ambassadors
- American foreign aid
- Regional security alliances - NATO
- United Nations
  - purpose
  - security council

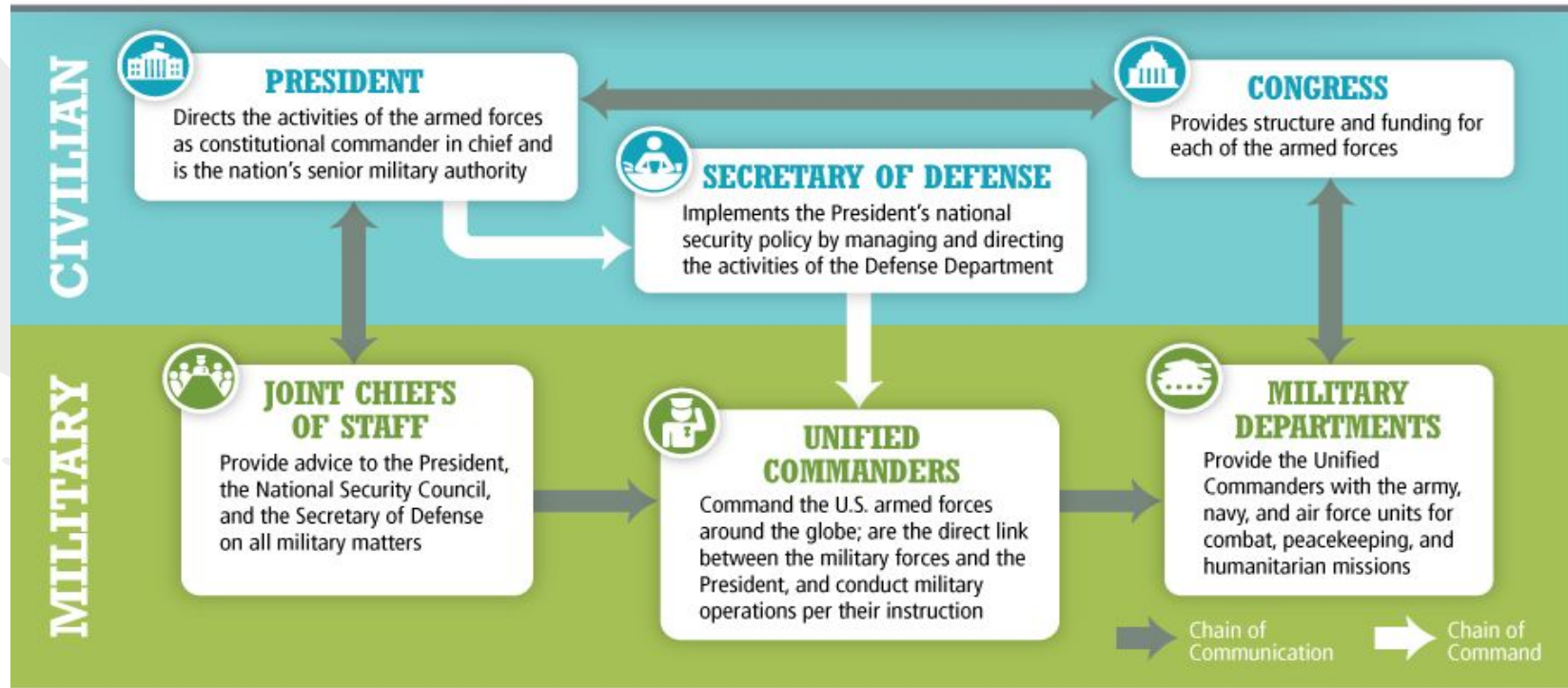
# National Security

- There are a variety of federal agencies involved with protecting the interests of the U.S.
- The Department of Defense is one of the most well known
  - created by Congress to unify the nation's armed forces

# National Security

- The Constitution stresses the importance of the nation's defense as well as the dangers inherent in military power.
- Therefore, there are provisions to make sure the military is subject to the control of the nation's civilian authorities.
  - President- commander in chief
  - Congress - power to declare war and other broad military powers

# ★ CIVILIAN CONTROL OF THE MILITARY ★



Civilian leadership of the military reflects democratic ideals of our nation; officials elected by the people have the ultimate authority. How does this structure balance power?

# Branches of the Military

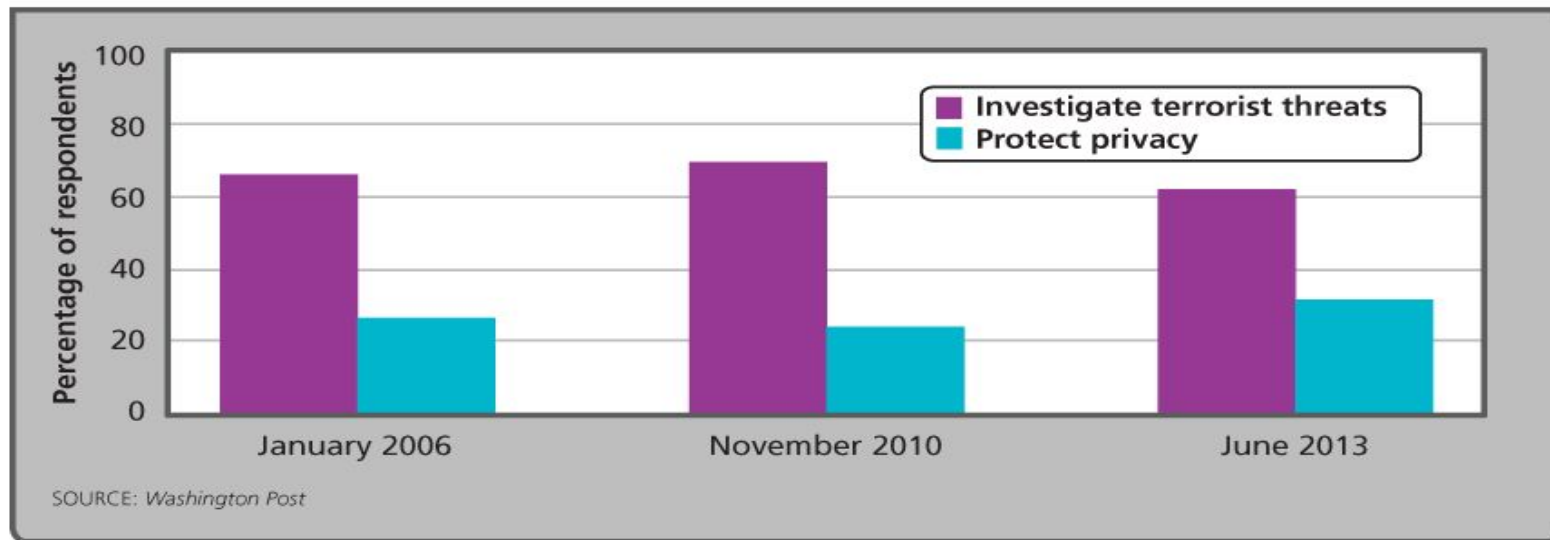
- Sub-cabinet departments within the Department of Defense
  - Army
  - Navy
  - Air Force
  - Marines
  - Coast Guard

# Balancing security and liberty

- Most Americans agree that the work of defense/intelligence agencies is essential to our security.
  - Ex. FBI / CIA: **espionage - spying**
- There is also concern though for how far those protections go, and if they threaten individual liberties.



## Combat Terrorism or Protect Privacy: Which Is More Important?



After the attacks by the Al Qaeda Islamist terrorist group, polling data on security and privacy heavily favored security. How have these preferences changed over the years?

# Department of Homeland Security

- Charged with the task of protecting the U.S. against **terrorism - use of violence to intimidate a government or society.**
- Created in 2002
- Coordinate all the public agencies operating in domestic security.
  - police, fire, medical, search and rescue, disaster response

# Department of Homeland Security

- Five responsibilities
  - border and transportation security
  - infrastructure protection
  - emergency preparedness and response
  - chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear defense
  - information analysis (intelligence)

# Review/Reflection

- Review national security