# Policy Power Puzzle – Printable Card Sheet

Print and cut out the cards below. Each cell is one card.

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| Congress | President | Supreme Court |
| Federal Agencies | **State Governments** | **Local Governments** |
| Governors | **Mayors** | **State Courts** |
| Federal Courts | **Regulatory Commissions** | **Legislative Committees** |
| Executive Office Staff | **Bureau Chiefs** | **School Boards** |
| Law Enforcement Agencies | **Public Health Departments** | **National Guard** |

# Policy Power Puzzle – Instructor Answer Key

Suggested answers. Multiple answers may be correct depending on student reasoning.

## A city wants to ban facial recognition technology.

- Local Governments

- State Governments

- Law Enforcement Agencies

- State Courts

## Congress considers raising the federal minimum wage.

- Congress

- President

- Federal Agencies

## A state passes a law restricting social media for minors.

- State Governments

- State Courts

- Federal Courts

## The president limits the use of AI in federal agencies.

- President

- Federal Agencies

- Executive Office Staff

## An agency proposes new emissions regulations.

- Federal Agencies

- Congress

- Federal Courts

## A state challenges a federal immigration policy in court.

- State Governments

- Federal Courts

- Supreme Court

## Local officials change school curriculum requirements.

- School Boards

- State Governments

- Local Governments

## A governor deploys the National Guard during a health emergency.

- Governors

- National Guard

- State Governments

## Congress investigates a private company after a data breach.

- Congress

- Regulatory Commissions

- Federal Agencies

## The Supreme Court hears a challenge to a voting rights law.

- Supreme Court

- Federal Courts

- Congress

Policy Power Puzzle Student Worksheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Who has clear constitutional authority in your scenario?

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2. Which government actor is most likely to shape the outcome in practice?

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3. Could another branch or level of government challenge or limit this action? Explain.

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4. What conflicts or tensions might arise among governmental actors?

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5. Who should have responsibility for this issue and why?

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Word Cards for Sorting Roles

Cut out the cards below. Use them to sort, match, or map roles to different parts of your scenario.

Congress

President

Supreme Court

Federal Agencies

State Governments

Local Governments

Governors

Mayors

State Courts

Federal Courts

Regulatory Commissions

Legislative Committees

Executive Office Staff

Bureau Chiefs

School Boards

Law Enforcement Agencies

Public Health Departments

National Guard

# Policy Power Puzzle – Scenario Grid

Place your cut-out cards onto the grid as you determine which actors have authority or influence.

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| Scenario | Place Cards Here |
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| The president limits the use of AI in federal agencies. |  |
| An agency proposes new emissions regulations. |  |
| A state challenges a federal immigration policy in court. |  |
| Local officials change school curriculum requirements. |  |
| A governor deploys the National Guard during a health emergency. |  |
| Congress investigates a private company after a data breach. |  |
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