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Abstract

This paper provides basic information on transparency, public participation and government accountability in U.S. rulemaking procedures, in constitutional and historical context. Under the U.S. Administrative Procedure Act, regulatory agencies must (1) provide the public with sufficient specific information about a regulatory proposal to fairly apprise interested parties of the subjects and issues involved so that they may present responsive data or arguments, and (2) consider, analyze and address significant public comments when issuing any final rule.

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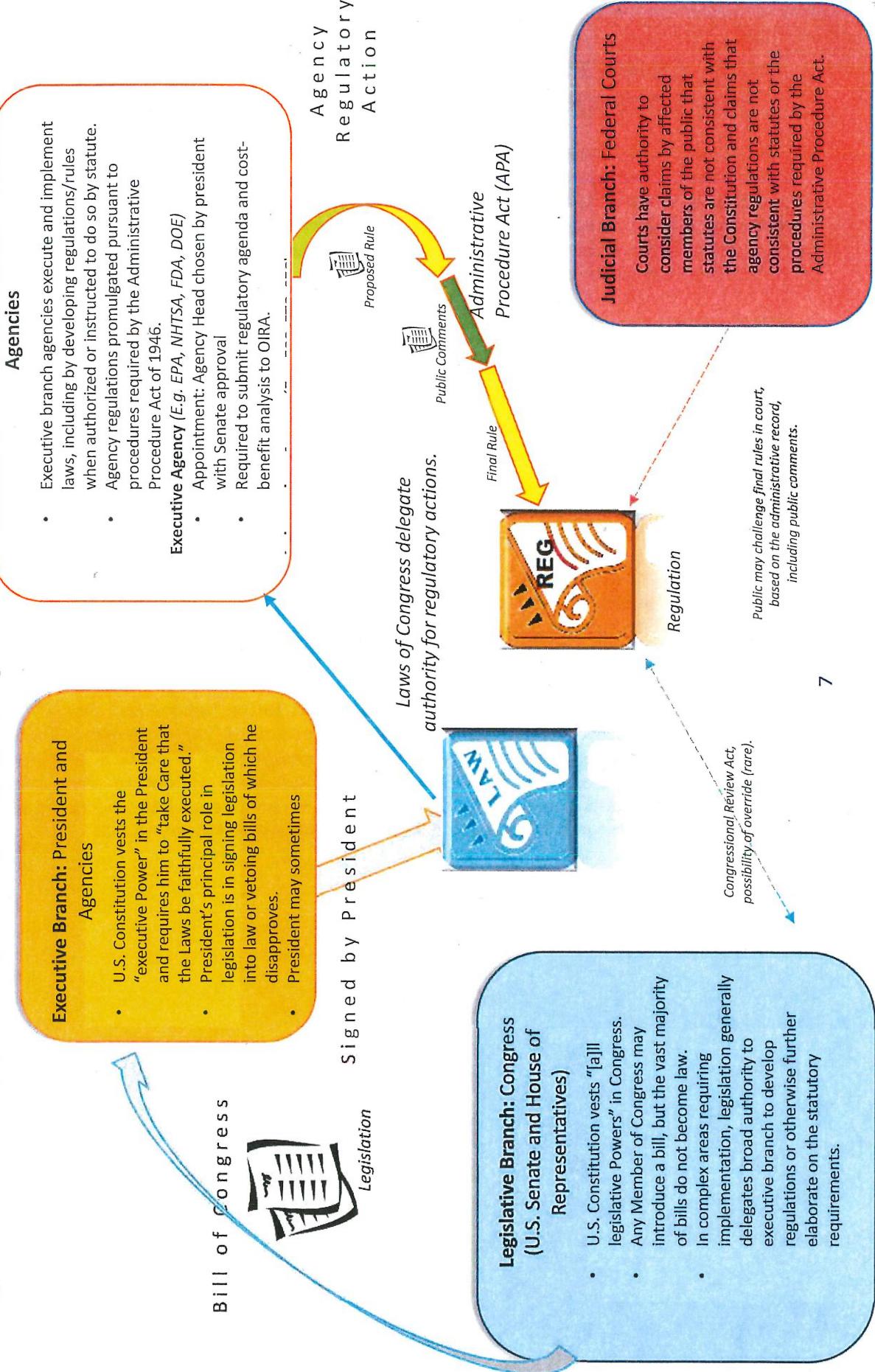
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Figure 1 U.S. Constitutional Framework for Rulemaking



U.S. Executive Branch Regulatory Development: Public Notice, Input Opportunities, and Government Accountability

