Executive Orders Thinglink DBQ

**Should presidents have the power to issue executive orders?**

Background - Article II of the Constitution grants the president “executive power”. Presidents have used that language to issue executive orders. Executive orders are legally binding and do not require the approval of Congress. More than 16,000 have been issued since 1789.

Directions - Using the links on this [photo](https://www.thinglink.com/scene/937326062977679362), answer the questions that follow. Questions are organized to correspond with the links on the photo.

**Blue Link**

1. What is an executive order?
2. Why would a president issue an executive order?
3. How can executive orders be overturned?
4. What does the Constitution say about executive orders?

**Yellow Link**

1. How does this cartoonist feel about the president’s power to issue executive orders? You MUST defend your answer!

**Red Link**

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| Pros of a Strong President | Cons of a Strong President |
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**Green Link**

1. What patterns do you notice in the chart?
2. Why do you think these patterns exist?
3. Which president has issued the most executive orders?\* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*What question(s) do you need answered to better understand this data?

1. Look the average executive orders per year for all 45 presidents. Where does President Trump fall in relation to the average during his first six months in office?

(circle one): above average average below average