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**Deliberation Question: Should the President be able to exercise executive powers as identified in the “take care” clause during times of Congressional gridlock?**

Directions:

1. First, define these words before reading the articles or using the videos from C-SPAN Classroom Deliberations. Try a Google search or dictionary for definitions.

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| Word | Definition/Explanation |
| “take care” clause |  |
| Executive orders |  |
| Statute |  |
| Execute |  |
| Overreach |  |
| Discretion |  |
| Gridlock |  |
| Delegated |  |
| Reserved |  |
| vested |  |

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Video Questions Handout – Use the tiny url at the top of 1st page**

Questions for Video #1

1. What is President Obama saying in the State of the Union about his powers versus Congress’ powers?

Questions for Video #2

1. What two Presidential powers does Roger Pilon address?

2. Does Pilon think that President Obama is abusing or over-reaching his Constitutional powers? Why or why not? Explain.

3. Lazurus thinks that one of the main parts of Article II’s delegation of powers to the President is the “take care” clause. How does Lazurus define the “take care clause”?

4. Does Lazurus’ think that President Obama is abusing or over-reaching his Constitutional powers?

Questions for Video #3 “Shall take care that laws are faithfully executed”

1. What does “shall” mean?

2. What does faithfully executed mean?

3. What is the historical context for the “take care” clause?

**Note-taking chart**

**Directions:** Use this chart to take notes on the strongest arguments for & against the question as you watch C-SPAN’s videos & read the linked articles. For each argument, include the source (name of the speaker or writer), a direct word-for-word quote, & a summary in your own words.

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| **YES (Arguments FOR)** | **NO (Arguments against)** |
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What questions do you have? What terms do you need to clarify?