

ARTICLE I. SECTION 1.

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.



THE CONGRESS (I)



Congress and the Constitution
Congressional Powers.
Executive Branch Advantages.

Congressional Branch Passivity and Activism. Due to its relative lack of knowledge, fractious nature, torpid decision-making pace, and inability to maintain confidentiality, Congress has often been the minor partner in the national security process.

Congressional National Security Institutions

When considering the establishment of national security policy, Lehman writes, “it is the executive that proposes but the Congress that disposes.”¹ Yet how Congress disposes is a complicated process whereby members must placate varied constituencies, moneyed interests, personal ideological considerations, and, most importantly, each other.

THE CONGRESS (II)



National Security Policy

Analytically, national security policy can be separated into three varieties: structural, strategic, and war powers.

Structural policy relates to the allocation of resources.

Base Infrastructure, Weapons Procurement,
Foreign Military Sales, Personnel Policy

Strategic policy concerns these actions as well as the military, economic, and political posture of the U.S. government toward the accomplishment of nationally identified goals and objectives.

Budget Power and Treaty Ratification

Finally, **war powers policy** guards the nation from imminent danger both at home and abroad.

THE CONGRESS (III)

- the Constitutional issue of war powers
 - Those of the Congress
 - Those of the President
 - History of Increasing Presidential Prerogative
- War Powers Resolution
 - How handled by the Presidents
 - Constitutional?
- It recognized that the president must have the ability to make decisions providing for the immediate defense of the nation in a time of crisis; equally important, the president must be prevented from having a "blank check."

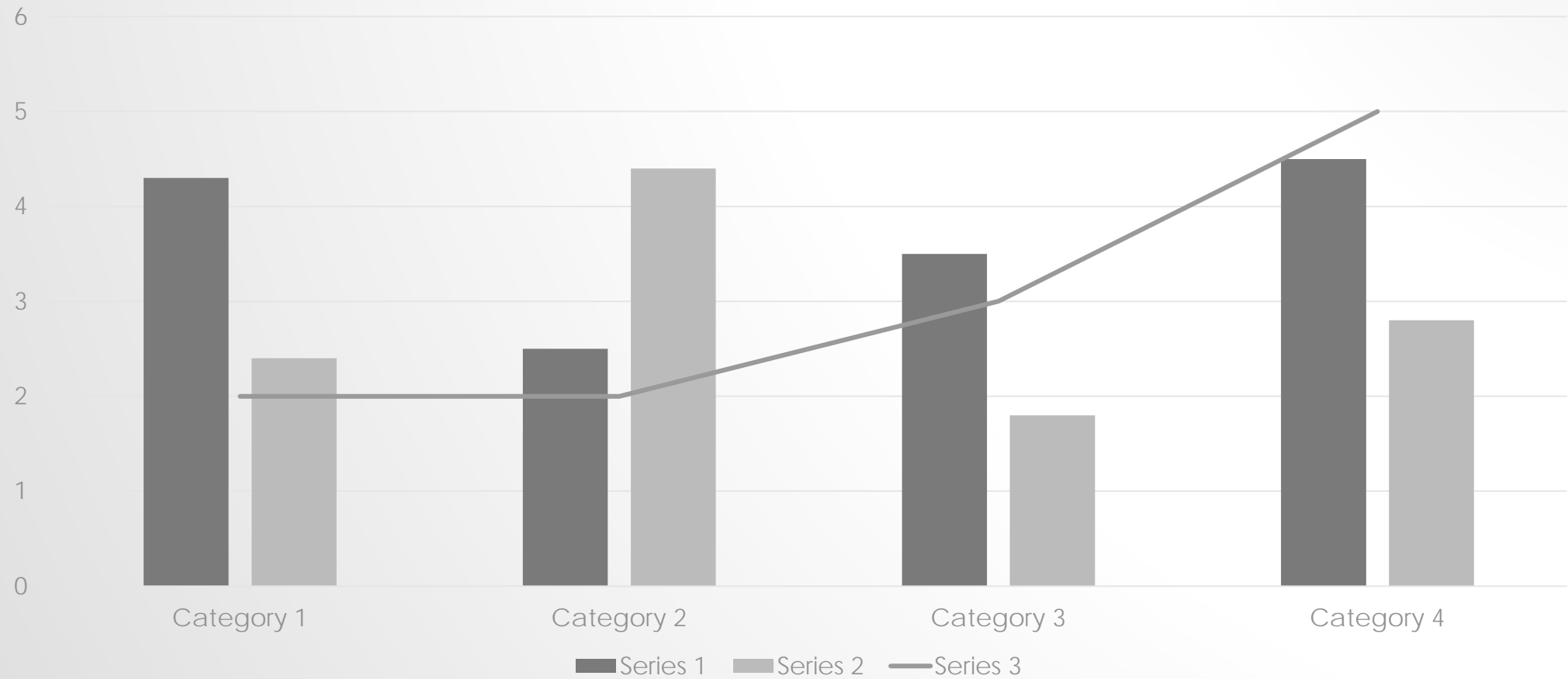
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