










## COMPARING Governments

### Presidential Powers

Country	Term	Election Method	Constitutional Powers						
			Control armed forces	Approve legislation	Appoint executive officials	Appoint judges	Appoint prime minister	Dissolve legislature	Suspend rights
 Argentina	4 years	Direct election by the people	●	●	●	●			
 Egypt	6 years	Nominated by the legislature and approved by an absolute majority of the people	●	●	●		●		
 France	5 years	Absolute majority of the people; direct election	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
 Mexico	6 years	Direct election by the people	●	●	●	●			
 Philippines	6 years	Direct election by the people	●	●	●	●			●
 South Africa	5 years	Elected by the legislature from its members		●	●	●			
 United States	4 years	Electoral College system	●	●	●	●			

Source: Maddex, Jr., *Constitutions of the World* (Washington, D.C.: CQ Inc., 2001).

**Making Comparisons** Presidential governments often have more similarities than differences. *What differences are there between the United States and French presidential powers?*