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THE STRUCTURES OF GOVERNMENT

We examine here the key institutions of national government: executives, assemblies, bureaucracies. We also look at 'the state in uniform': the military and the police. In most societies these are the central structures through which power is exercised, and policy is shaped and implemented. However, it is the relationships between these institutions, rather than their internal workings, which are crucial. We therefore begin this part with a chapter on constitutions, federalism and the judiciary. In a growing number of countries, though by no means all, these provide a framework within which the institutions of national government operate.