

CONSTITUTIONAL NORMS AND REALITY OF THE SERBIAN GOVERNMENT

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Summary: In constitutional law theory and political practice of most states government is the carrier of the executive power. And since the adoption of first constitutions, with some exceptions, the executive power leads constitutional state. The Constitution of the Republic of Serbia gives to the Government the executive branch. Considering such constitutional position of the Government it would seem that the Government is the first political body in the state. However, the directly elected President of the Republic often goes ahead of the Government in the exercise of the executive power. This is especially obvious when the President of the Republic is at the head of the ruling political party, which was almost the rule. Therefore, this paper highlights the discrepancy between the constitutionally prescribed position of the Government and the extent of its actual power and political power.

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