This chapter discusses what the executive branch of government is and what it does (with particular reference to the UK central government); how it relates to other branches of government (with particular reference to its relationship with Parliament); how it is held accountable, both politically and legally; the institutions and constitutional actors that make up the modern UK executive; and the considerable powers which it has at its disposal. It shows that the executive plays a pivotal role in the British constitution today, and that there are real concerns about whether it enjoys too much power—and about whether that power is subject to adequate oversight and control.
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