

## **Abstract**

The President of the United States has numerous powers. Many of them are explicitly granted by the Constitution or delegated by the Congress, however as the presidential office developed over the time, many of the presidents started to adopt inherent powers. Their legitimacy comes from president's position as the head of the executive branch. The subject of this thesis, emergency powers, is one counted as one of the inherent powers. The goal of this thesis is to analyze the use of emergency powers by presidents and to inspect their controversial aspects that come from their problematic nature and uncertain position within the American political system, especially in relation to other branches of the government, notably the Congress and the Supreme Court.