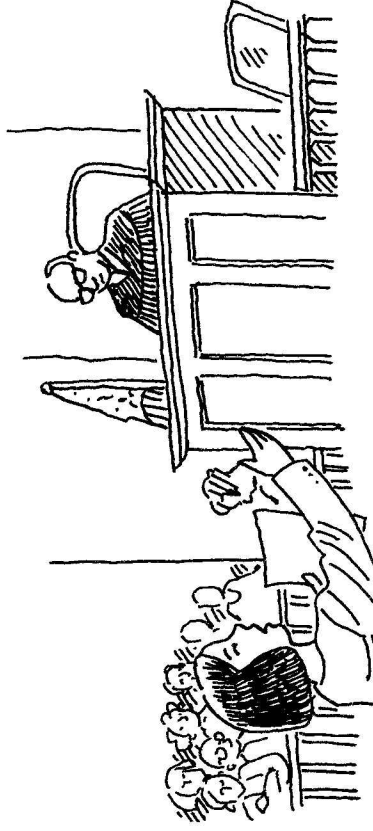


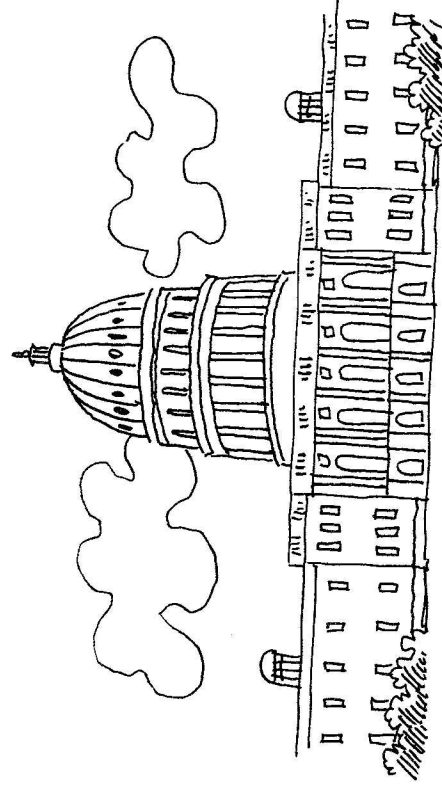
The executive branch makes sure the laws work and that people obey them. The president is the head of the executive branch.

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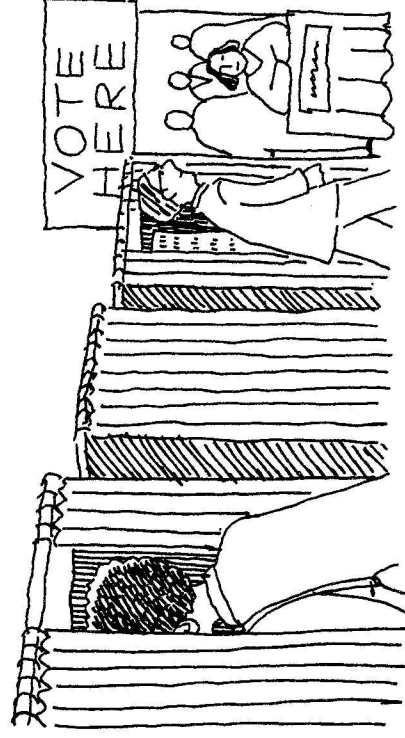
The judicial branch interprets the laws, or figures out what they mean. When people disagree about a law, a judge will help them decide what is right.



The United States government has three parts, called branches. They all work together to help the country run smoothly.

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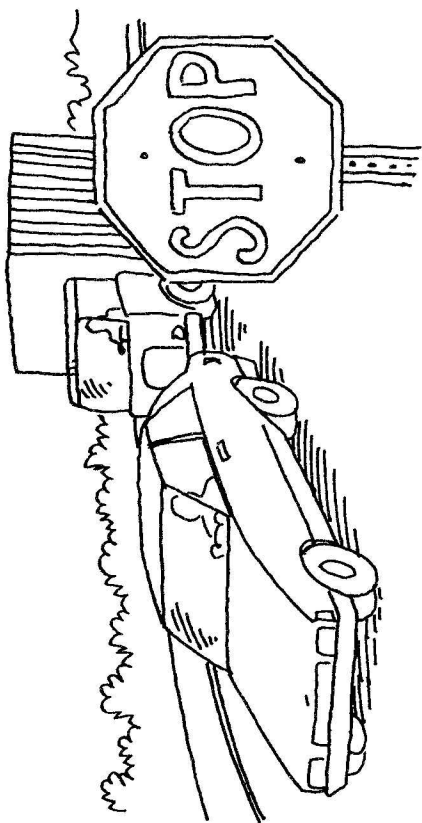
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U.S. citizens have a voice in government. Those who are age 18 or older have the right to vote. They choose the leaders who will make and carry out the laws.



The government needs money to do its jobs. It gets money from people who live in the United States. Congress decides how much money the government will need and how it will be spent.



The legislative branch is called Congress. Congress makes the laws, or rules, that all U.S. citizens must follow.



When people choose their leaders, the government is called a democracy. The United States is a democracy. It is run by and for the people of our nation.

Who Leads Our Nation?

