

WORKSHEET 2

Articles I and II of the Constitution Illustrated

Article I of the United States Constitution outlines the powers of the legislative branch of the government (Congress), and Article II outlines the powers of the executive branch (the Presidency). Each of the cartoons below refers to the constitutional powers of the branches, or their relationship to the people and each other.

DIRECTIONS:

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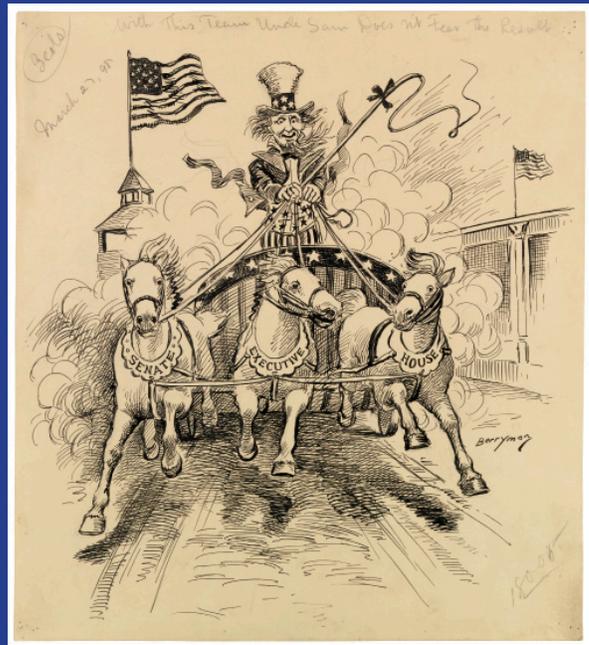
Discuss the cartoons and captions to formulate a hypothesis on what these cartoons say about Congress and the Constitution.

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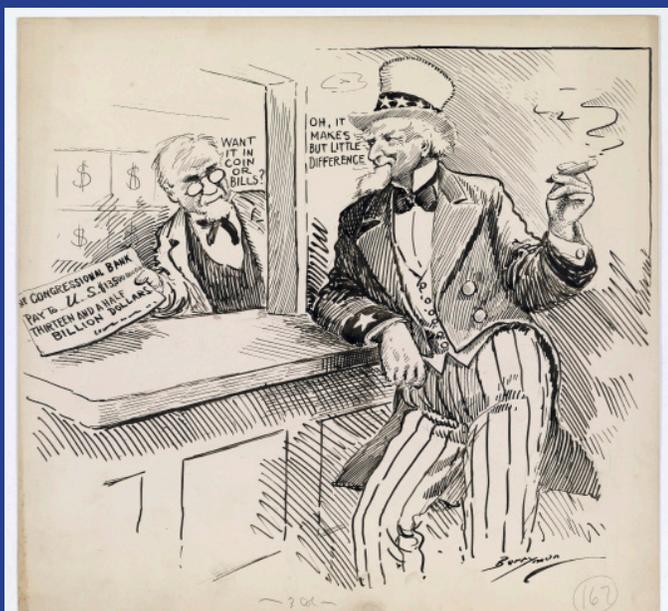


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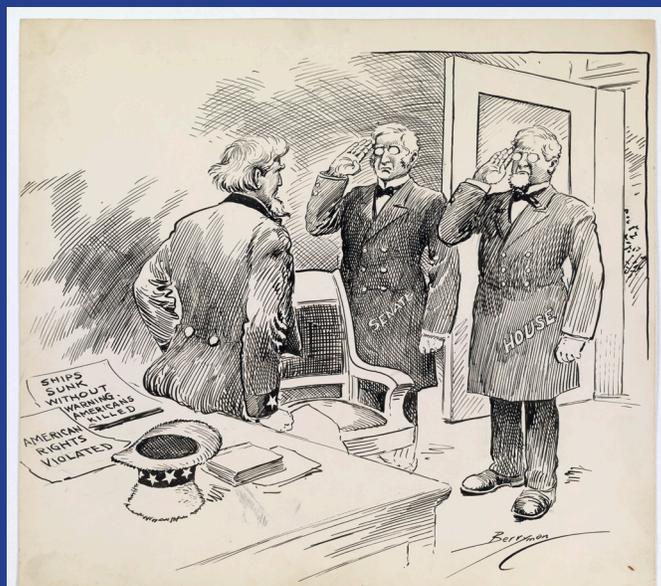
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WORKSHEET 3

Congress is the Elected, Representative Branch of Government

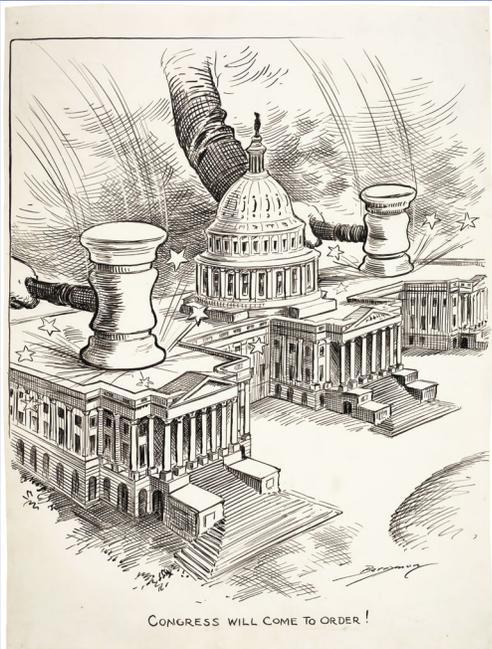
Article I of the United States Constitution establishes the House of Representatives and the Senate as distinct representative bodies with balanced responsibilities and the power to act together to create legislation. Each of the 435 House members represents a district while each of the 100 Senators represents a whole state.

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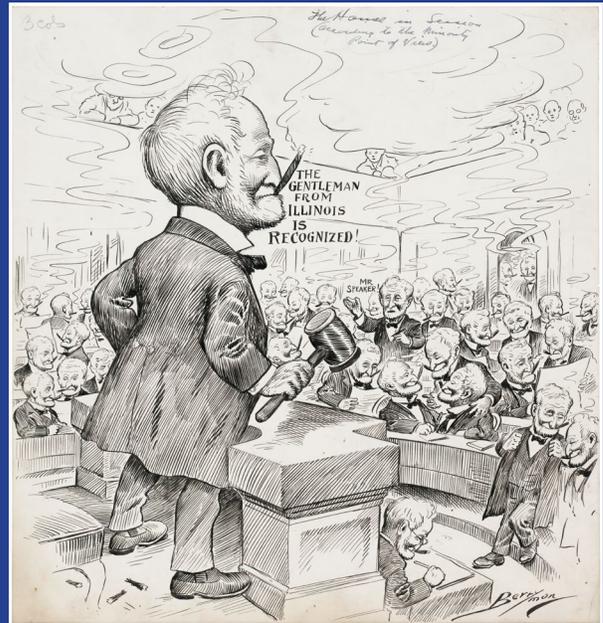
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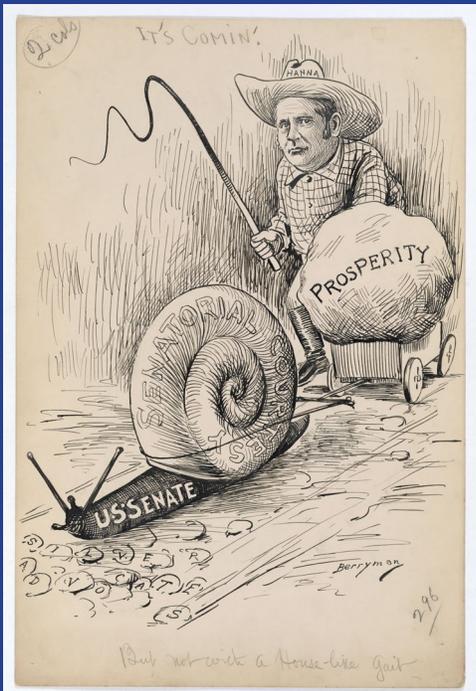


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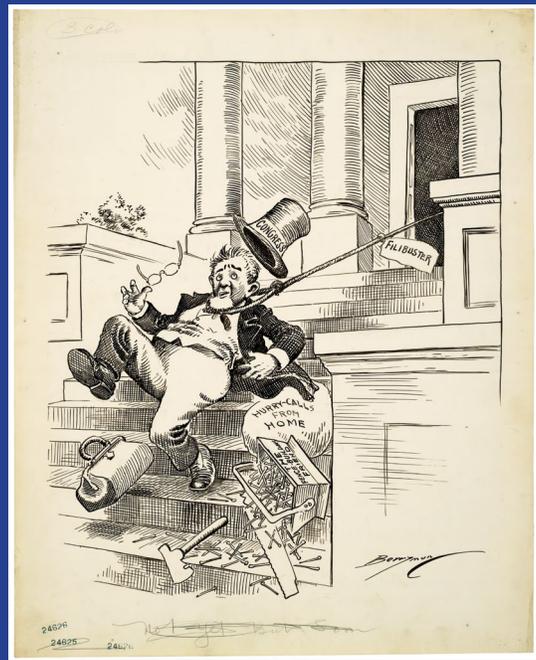
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WORKSHEET 4

Congress Makes Laws for the Nation

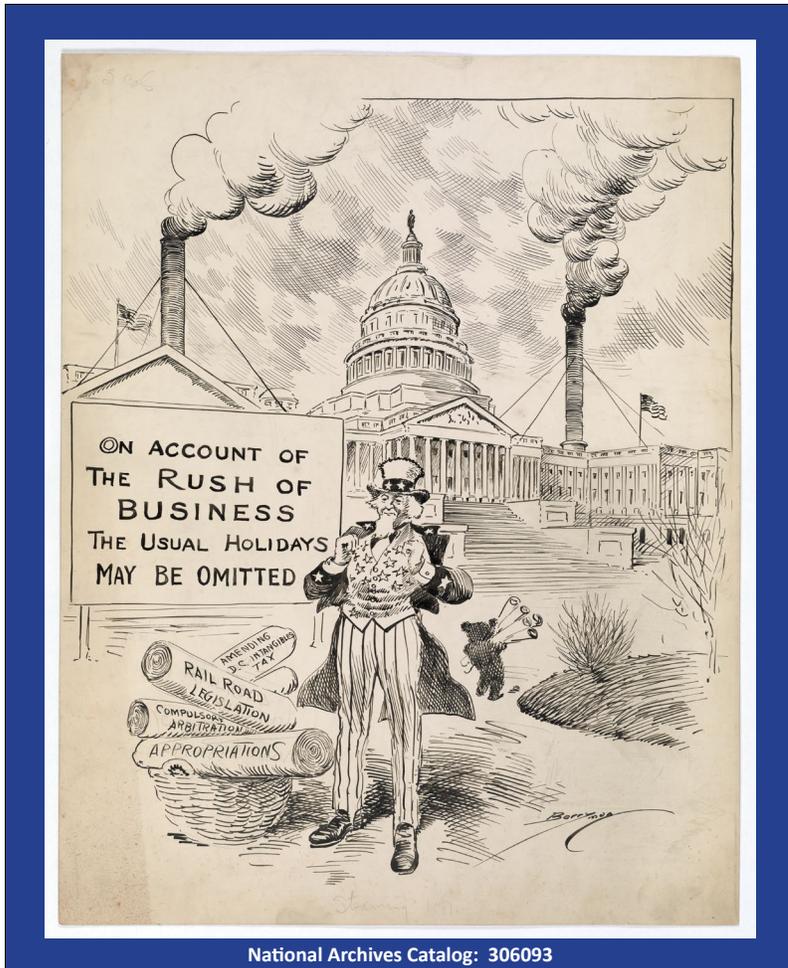
The legislative process in Congress is complex, but it allows every member of the House or Senate to introduce bills. A bill usually advances first to a committee which researches, debates, and amends the bill before reporting a successful bill to the full body for debate, further amending, and votes. Only a small fraction of bills introduced in any Congress become law. The process of lawmaking incorporates many points of view on any topic being considered.

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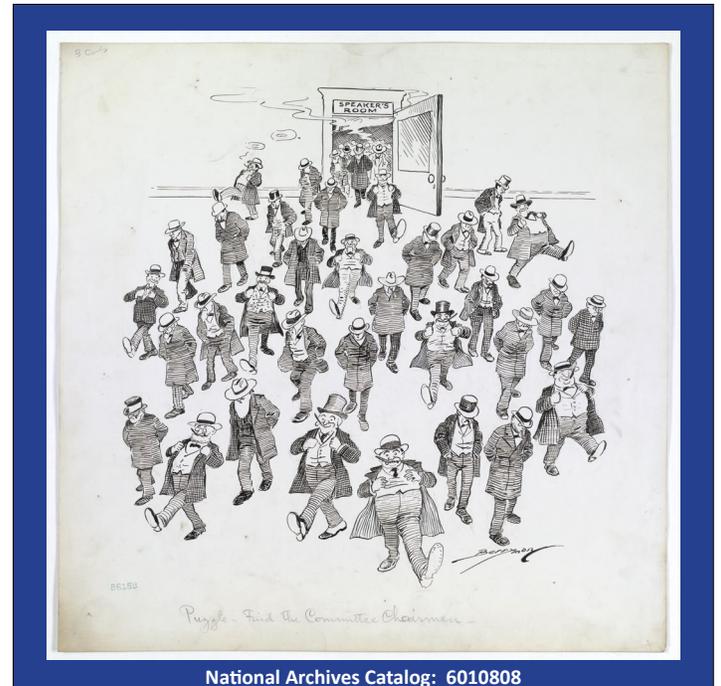
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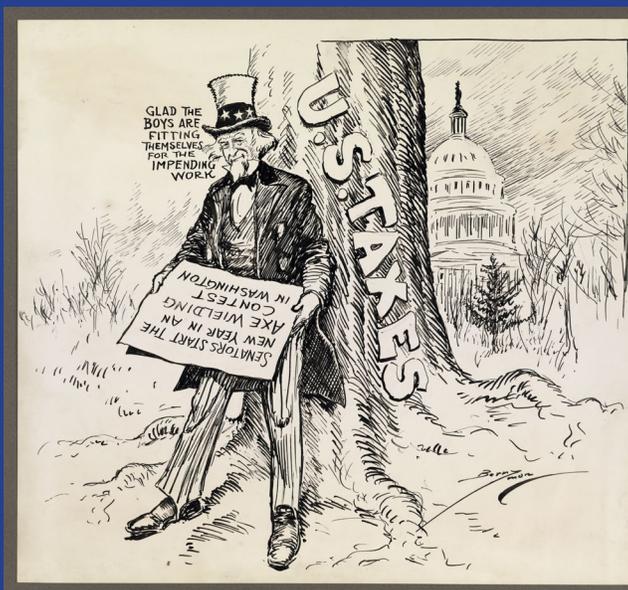
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WORKSHEET 5

Congress and the President Balance Articles I and II of the Constitution

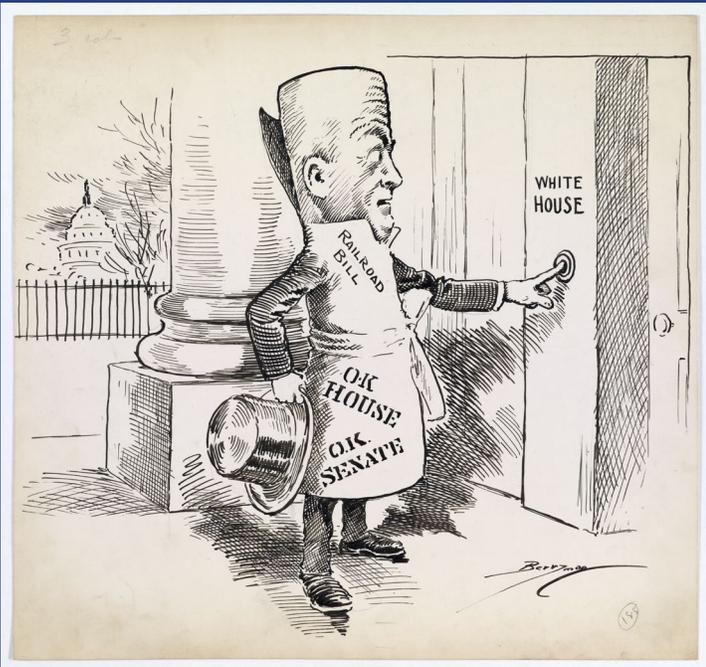
The Founders separated the legislative and executive power into two different branches of government and created balances between them. Article I of the Constitution outlines the powers of Congress, and Article II outlines those of the President. In most cases, the powers described in the two articles are complementary and result in shared authority. As these cartoon by Clifford K. Berryman suggest, effective governing often requires compromises between the two branches.

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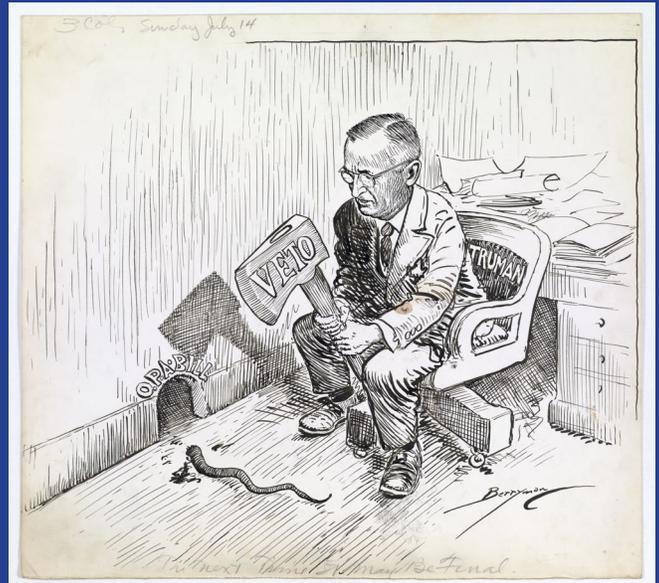
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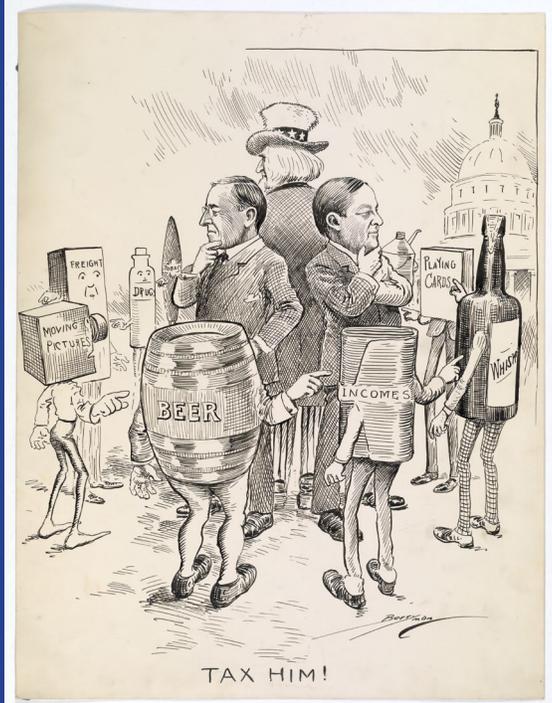
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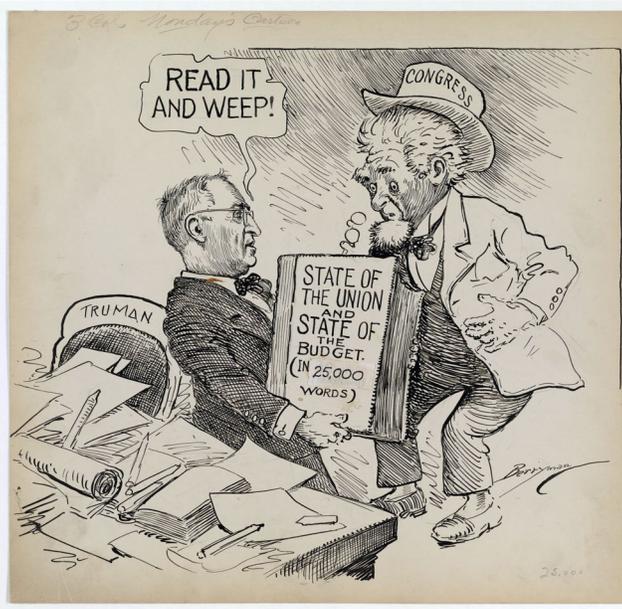
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WORKSHEET 6

Political Parties Play a Leading Role in Congress

Political parties play a crucial role in shaping how Congress works. The House of Representatives is controlled by the party holding the majority of seats. The Senate has a more complicated structure wherein the majority party sets the schedule, but the minority party can exercise great influence of the pace of events and can prevent many issues from coming to a vote.

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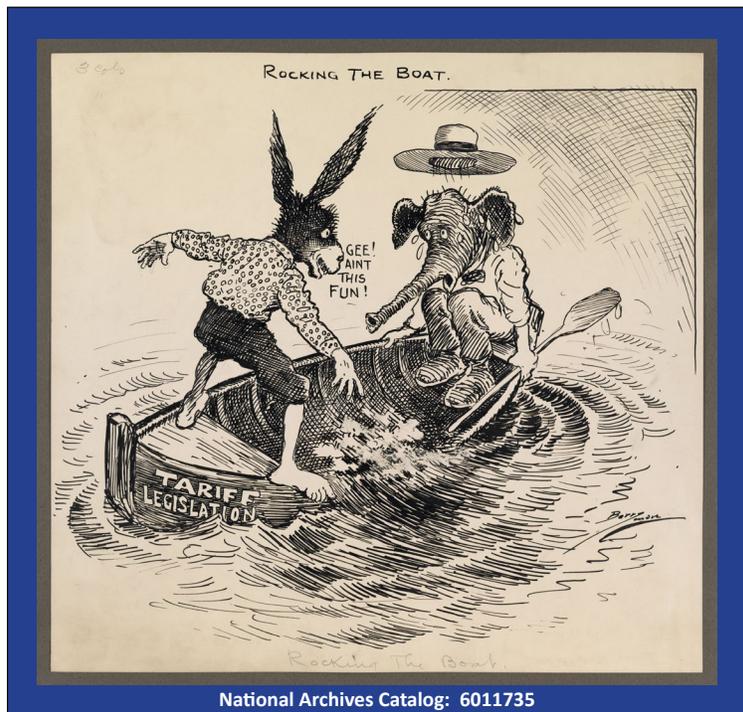
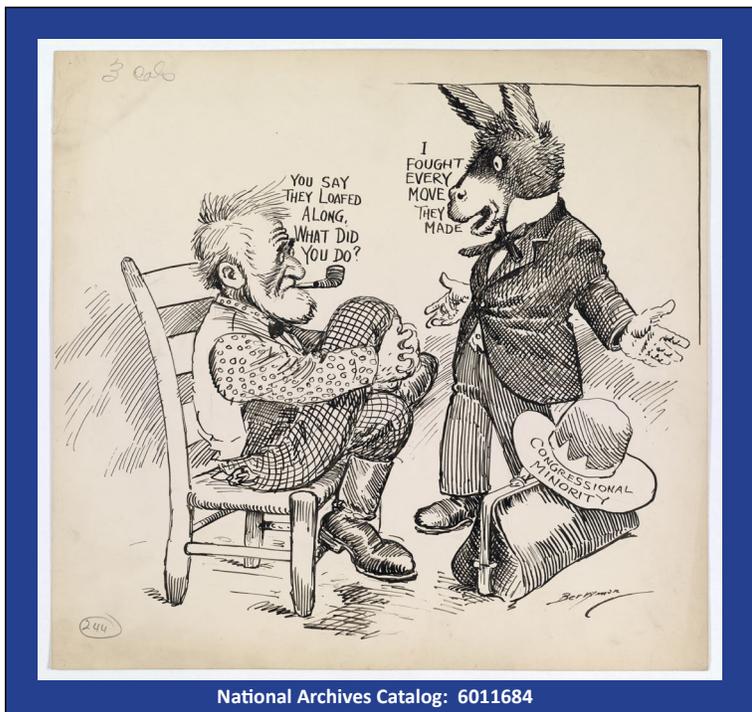


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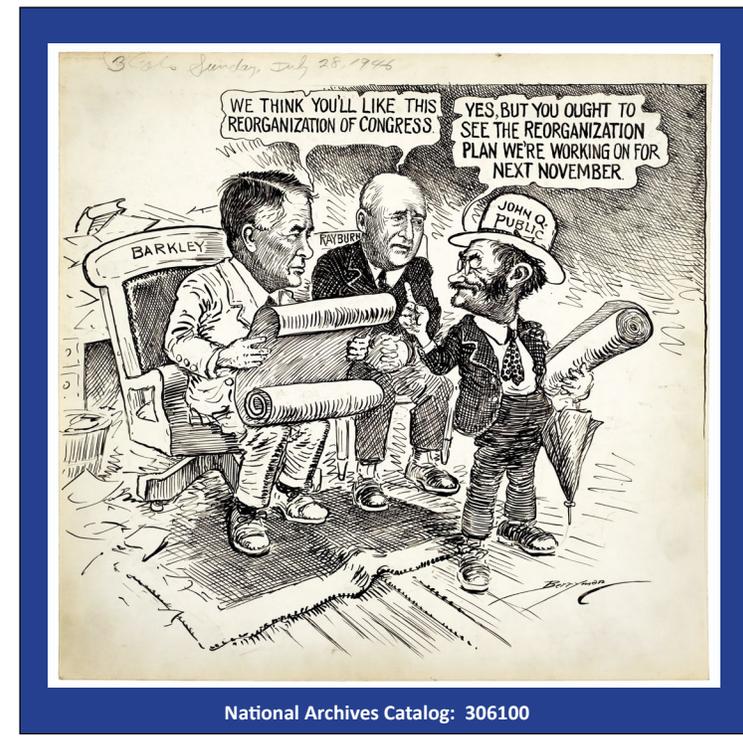
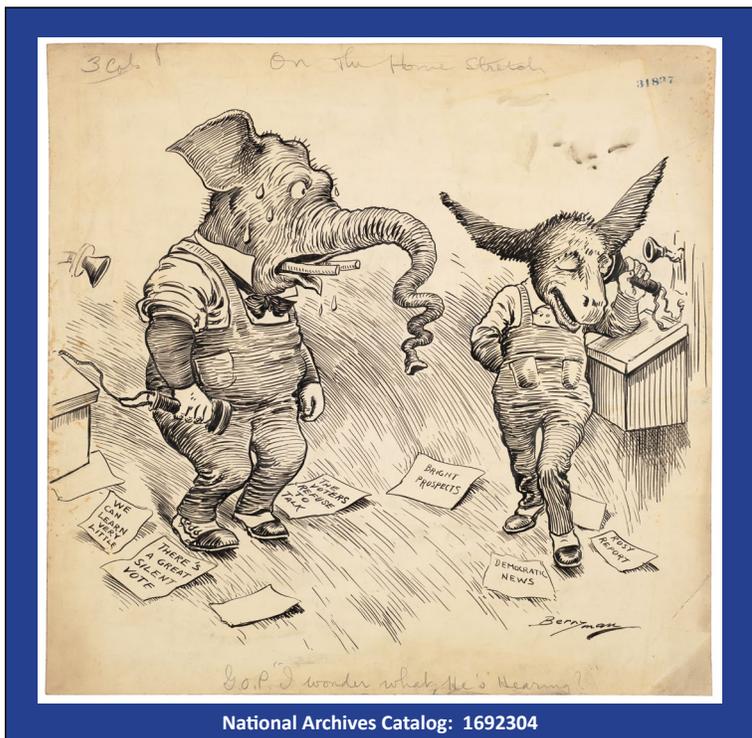
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WORKSHEET 7

A Member's Job is Representing the People and the States

Each Member of the House and each Senator represents a group of voters, makes laws for the nation, and participates in fulfilling specific constitutional duties of the House or Senate. House Members represent, and are accountable to, the voters of one of the 435 districts spread across the 50 states, while Senators represent a whole state. Each election represents an opportunity for voters to evaluate the work of their Representative or Senator.

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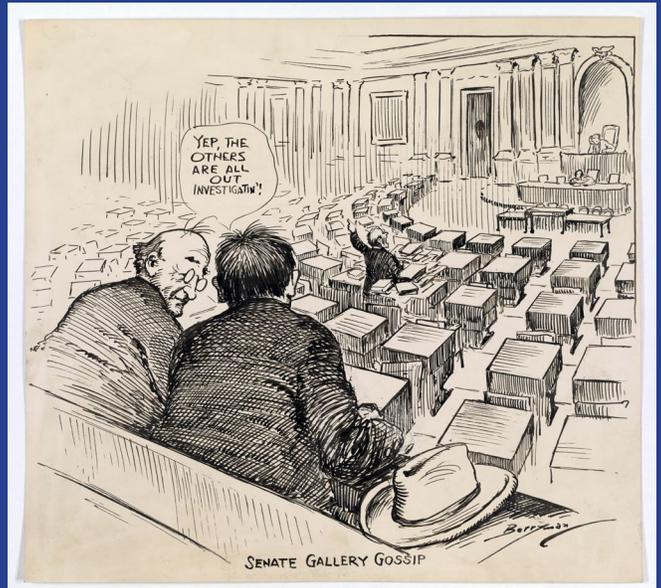
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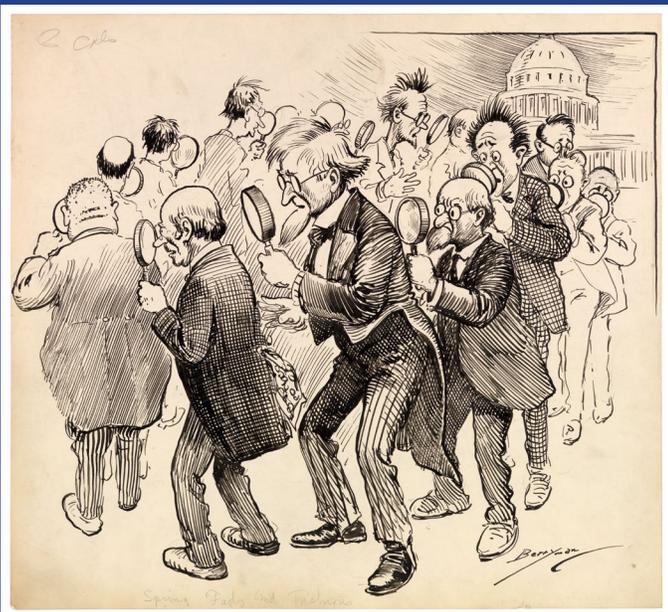
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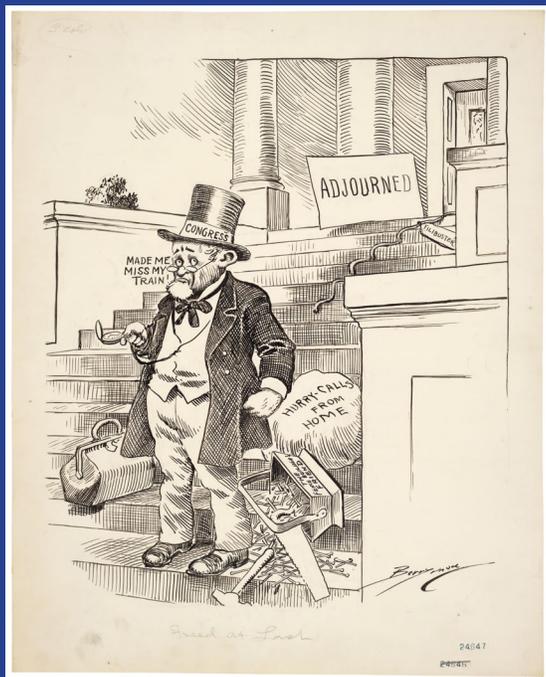
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