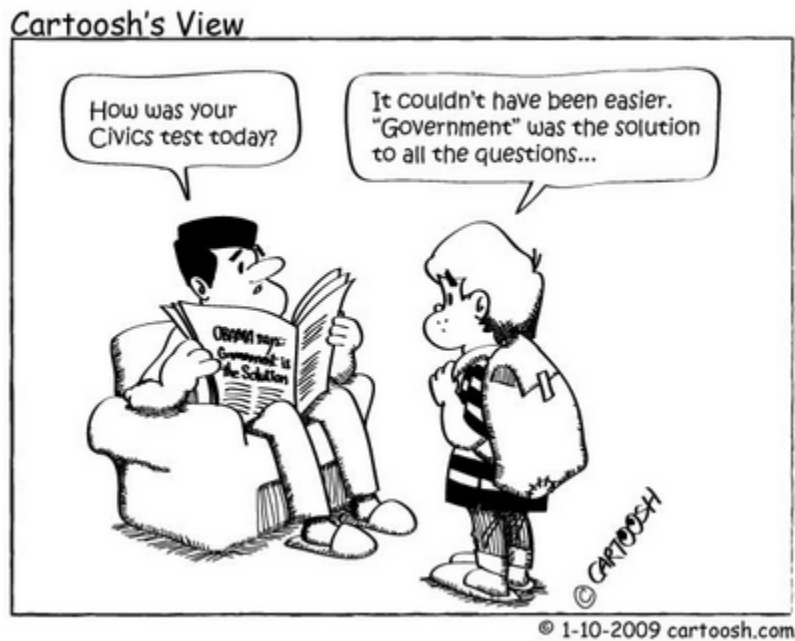


Topic 3

Institutions of United States Government



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Snapshot of Topic 3

Supporting Question

- How do the institutions of the U.S. political system work?

Massachusetts Standards [8.T3.1-5]

1. [Branches of the Government and the Separation of Powers](#)
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- Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches of Government

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Topic 3 examines the central institutions or branches of the United States government along with their roles and functions in our political system. The three branches of the federal government are the **legislature** (Congress), the **executive** (President), and **judiciary** (Supreme Court). States also have three branches of government: legislatures, executives (called governors) and courts. Local government branches consist of mayors, councils, selectboard, or other governing bodies elected by the people.

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