



Government Policies

Instructional Slides



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Framing Question:
What is the role of the
government in domestic affairs?



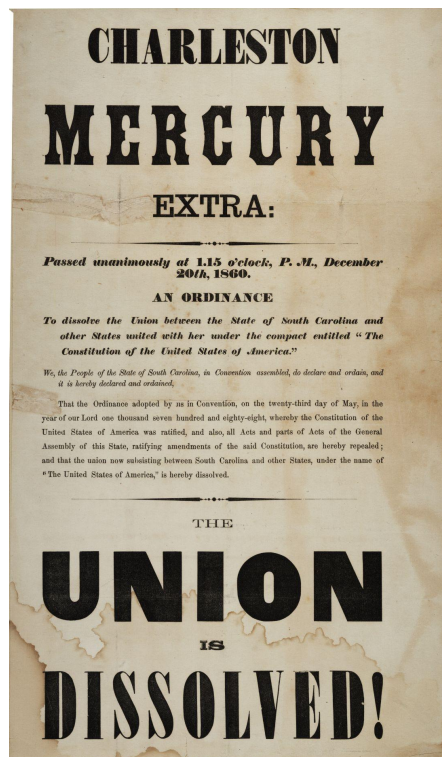
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The Hoover Dam is both an engineering marvel and an important public works project. The story of its construction shows how the government can direct resources to solve problems that affect many people.



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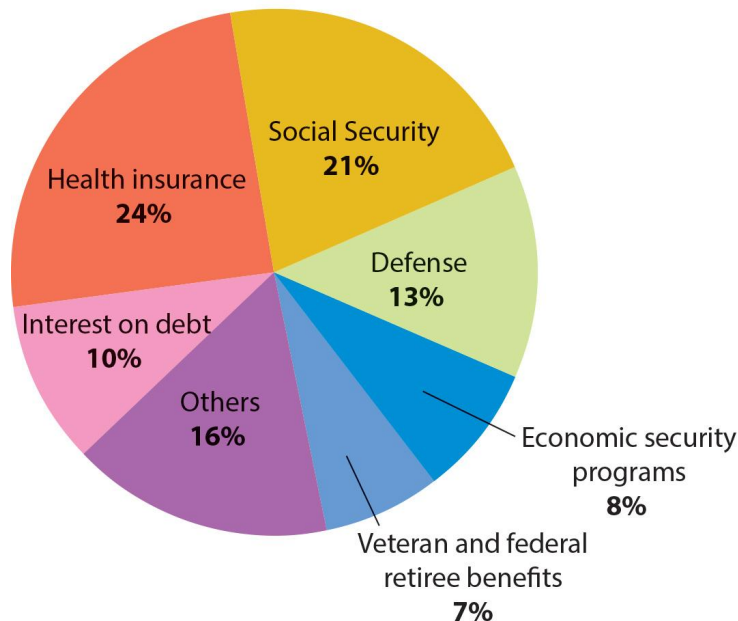


The secession of Southern states to form the Confederate States of America in the 1860s challenged the idea of federalism and how the concept of state sovereignty fit within it.



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Federal Government Spending by Category



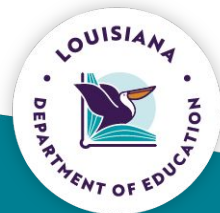
Health insurance programs — including Medicare, Medicaid, and Affordable Care Act subsidies — have made up the single largest category of federal spending in recent years, with Social Security close behind.



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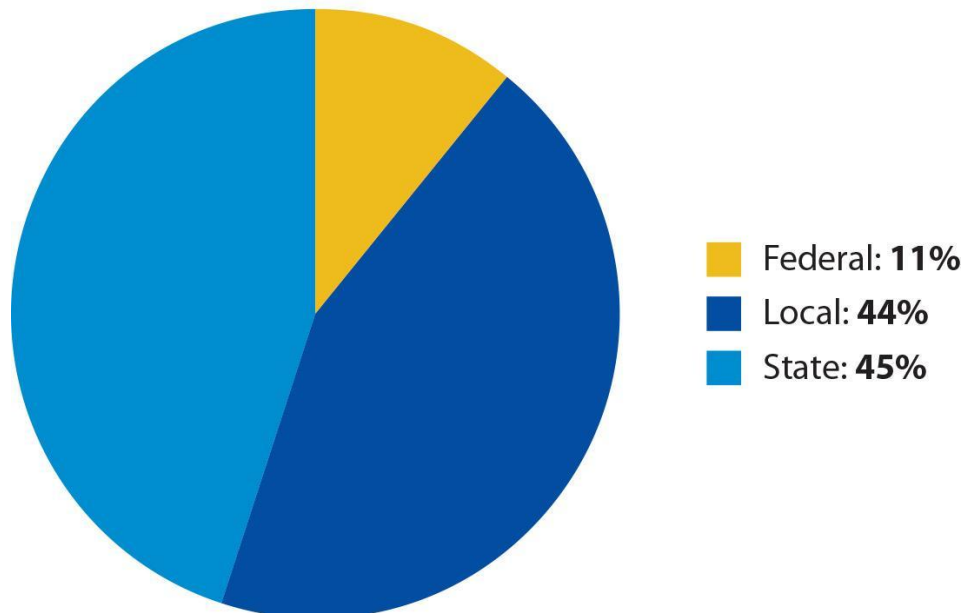


As this older version of the Social Security card shows, the Social Security program was not created as an identification program. However, because Social Security numbers are unique, they have come to be widely used to identify individuals in government and private recordkeeping.



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Public Education: Where Does the Money Come From?



Education funding varies by state, but state and local contributions outweigh federal grants across the country. This graph shows national percentages for funding. In Louisiana, approximately 13 percent comes from federal funding, 44 percent from the state, and 43 percent from local school districts.



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New Orleans, now a well-known port for cargo and cruise ships, was once a major port of entry for immigration as well.



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The Cabildo, New Orleans's famed courthouse-turned-museum, was just one of many civic buildings renovated by the WPA. Built during the Spanish Colonial period, it served as the site where the Louisiana Purchase was formalized.



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