

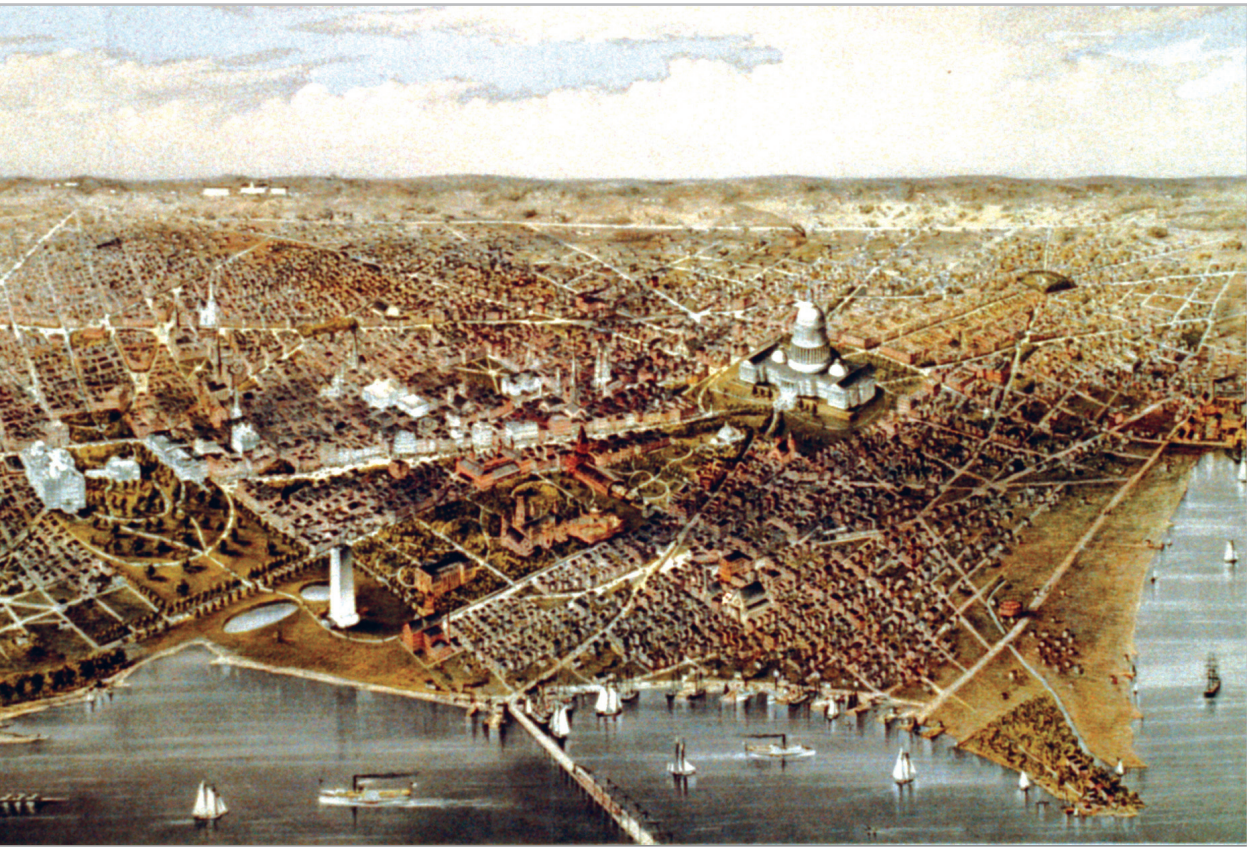
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# Government

People who make laws and solve problems form a **government** (GUHV-uhrn-muhnt). There are government leaders all over the world. They may work to help a whole country (KUHN-tree). Or, they may work with a state or a city. These leaders help run our **communities** (kuh-MEW-nuh-tees).

↴ Washington, D.C. is the center of our government.



In this country, we choose our leaders by voting. Any **citizen** (SIT-uh-zuhn) at least 18 years old can vote. We are lucky. Some people in the world do not have that choice.



↴ This couple is voting in the early 1900s.