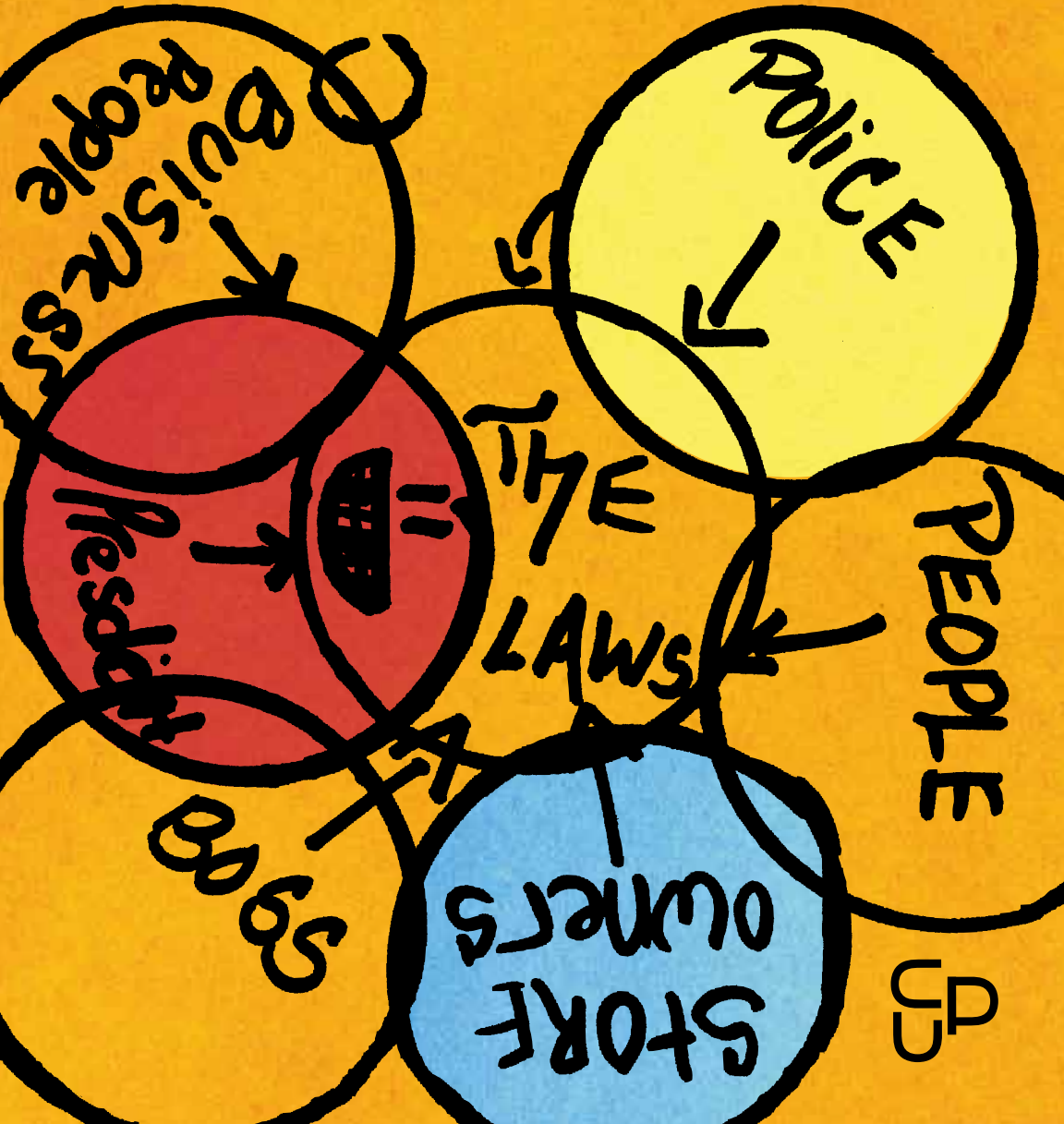


FIELD GUIDE TO FEDERALISM:

BUSHWICK, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK



IN THE FALL OF 2011...

Mr. Sandoval's 9th grade U.S. History class, along with CUP and CUP teaching artist Stephen Fiehn, set out to identify what federalism looks like on a local level.

We had all heard about the famous historical debates regarding states' rights and the importance of a national government, but for some reason, it seemed far away, elsewhere. With this feeling in mind, we began our investigation looking for signs of federalism in our immediate surroundings, so that we could experience it first-hand.

We started small and began by looking for signs of federalism in our wallets.

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Then, we took to the streets looking for some evidence of what federal, state, and city government involvement looks like in Bushwick.

After that, we took our investigations to neighborhood stores and visited a bodega, a liquor store, an Army recruitment office, a bank, a pharmacy, and a supermarket.

Our method was simple: Look intently, go where our curiosity takes us, ask lots of questions, and work to communicate our findings to others.

This book is a field guide to what we found. In it, maybe you'll see something you've noticed before in your own neighborhood, but never stopped to think about.

We hope that by reading about our adventure, you will gather some simple tools to start your own investigations.

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Knickerbocker

Wyckoff



Ridgewood

Myrtle

Irving

Gates

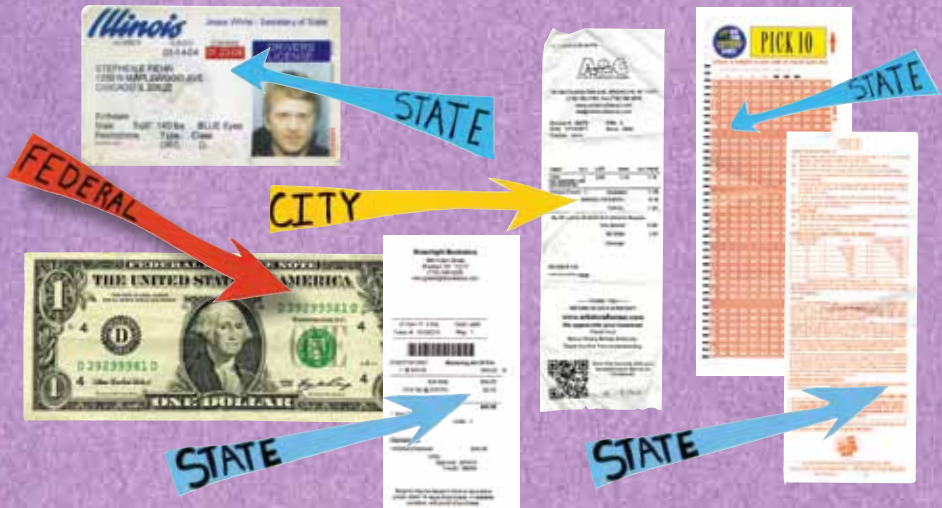
Palmetto

Woodbine

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Putnam

WHAT'S IN YOUR POCKET?



FROM THE DESK OF A HISTORIAN

"Federalism is a process that relies on the balance of power between federal and state governments over the same geographical area. Federalism is at work in our everyday lives, especially in our businesses, schools, sanitation, and police departments. Our citizens rely on federalism in order to improve our schools, public transportation, re- cement the sidewalks, or keep our food safe to eat. We can see federalism at work all around us – just look at anti-discrimination laws, posted on bus stops so anyone can travel on the bus; and watch out for signs illustrating the laws that protect workers from injury at construction sites. Federalism allows for our city and state governments to address areas of safety, business and education, which the national government would miss since we are such a large country. Washington D.C. can not address it all, so federalism allows each local and state government to create their own solutions to our everyday concerns, and improve the rules and laws that affect us daily."

- Jorge Sandoval

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WE TOOK A WALK AND LOOKED
FOR TRACES OF GOVERNMENT

ON THE STREET

*"The department
[USPS] helps people
get things such as
letters, notices,
and purchases."*

-Princess Bordes

ITEM: Residential Mail Box

LOCATION: Palmetto
(between Irving and
Knickerbocker)

GOVERNMENT:

Federal

AGENCY:

United States
Postal Service

LINK: USPS
delivers letters to
this mail-box



ITEM: License Plate

LOCATION: Palmetto

GOVERNMENT: State

DEPARTMENT:

Motor Vehicles

LINK: License plates are
mandatory, and registered
with the state



ITEM: Public Pay Phone

LOCATION: Wyckoff
(between Myrtle and Putnam)

GOVERNMENT: Federal

DEPARTMENT:

Federal Communications
Commission (FCC)

LINK: People contact
the FCC for unresolved
interstate complaints





ITEM: Fire Truck
LOCATION: Wyckoff Food Bazaar Parking Lot
GOVERNMENT: City
DEPARTMENT: Fire Department of New York
LINK: The Fire Truck is a tool used to respond to fires and other emergencies.

ITEM: Government Warning Sign
LOCATION: Palmetto and Knickerbocker
GOVERNMENT: Federal
AGENCY: United States Department of Health and Human Services
LINK: Mandatory warning poster alerts consumers of alcohol health risks



ITEM: Garbage Can
LOCATION: Corner of Irving and Gates
GOVERNMENT: City
DEPARTMENT: New York Department of Sanitation
LINK: Public trash bins help keep the city clean.



ITEM: EBT Sign (Food Stamp Program)
LOCATION: Gates (between Irving and Myrtle)
GOVERNMENT: Federal
DEPARTMENT: United States Department of Agriculture
LINK: USDA provides assistance to low income people through food stamps aka SNAP

ITEM: Restaurant Letter Grade Inspection Sign
LOCATION: Gates (between Irving and Myrtle)
GOVERNMENT: City
DEPARTMENT: New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
LINK: Communicates the results of sanitary inspections by NY State.



"If it wasn't for sanitation, the city would be dirty. Everyone would litter."

-Trisha Cotto

LIQUOR STORE



SUPER-MARKET



drawing by Blanca Cruz

WE VISITED...

a liquor store, supermarket, and bodega to find out about alcohol regulations in New York.

WHAT WE FOUND OUT:

→ STATE FEDERAL ←

- New York State Liquor Authority
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Surgeon General

DID YOU KNOW...

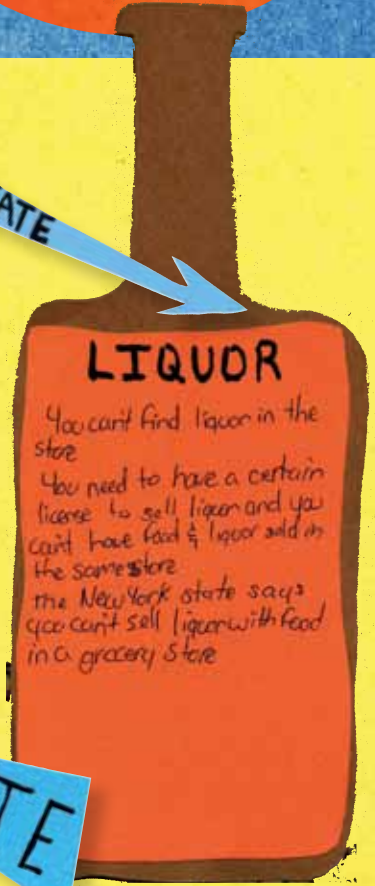
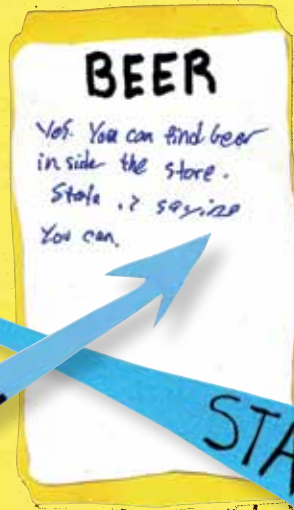
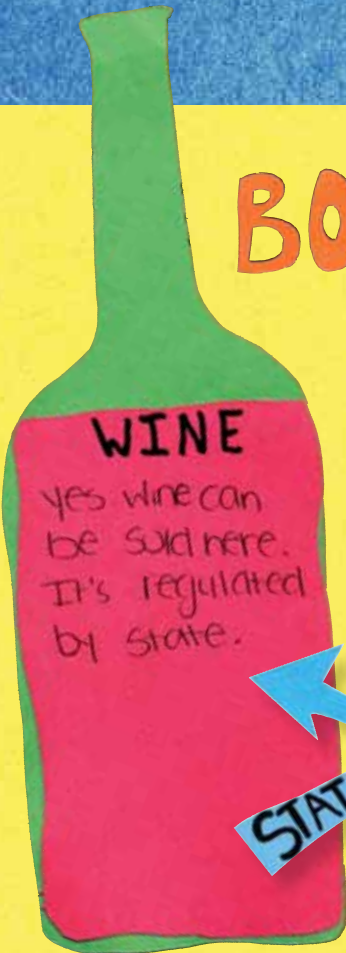
There is a National Drinking Age of 21?

The National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 required all states to raise their minimum age for purchase and public possession of alcohol to 21, but the U.S. Constitution grants states the right to regulate alcohol sales.

So, how does the Federal Government enforce this?

States that do not comply receive less highway funding under the Federal Highway Aid Act. Today, all 50 states are in compliance.

BODEGA



WHAT WE FOUND AT THE

BANK:



STATE FEDERAL

- New York State Department of Labor
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
- Securities Exchange Commission
- Dodd-Frank Act
- Community Reinvestment Act



"My object is a poster I found in the bank on the wall. Some things I found on the poster told me a little about the **CRA** (Community Reinvestment Act). The CRA is a Federal law. It was made to encourage banks and savings associations to help meet the needs of low income neighborhoods."

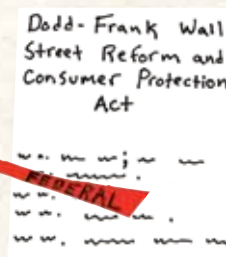
- Melika Price



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"The object that I found was a document that says U.S. regulation requires that nationally chartered U.S. banks [have to] make this notice available. I found this document in Citibank... it's associated with **FDIC**, that stands for Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. It also said, 'all funds in a non-interest transaction account are insured in full by the FDIC from December 31, 2010-2012.'"

- Princess Bordes



RESEARCHING the BANK

Securities and Exchange Commission:

Established: 1934

A part of the Federal Government

Mission: Protect investors, maintain fair, orderly, and efficient markets, and facilitate capital formation

FDIC:

Established: 1933

(in response to thousands of bank failures in the 1920s and early 1930s.)

A part of the Federal Government

Mission: To insure deposits, supervise financial institutions, and manage failed banks

DID YOU KNOW?

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) was created under the Dodd-Frank Act. One of the ways CFPB protects consumers is to make sure banks do not provide misleading information about risky loans and credit cards.



WHAT WE FOUND AT THE

ARMY

RECRUITMENT OFFICE:

FEDERAL

- New York City Recruiting Battalion
- United States Department of Defense

DID YOU KNOW?

The No Child Left Behind Act requires the New York City Department of Education (DOE) to provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of 11th and 12th grade students to military recruiters that request this information, except where the parent or student opts out. DOE's Chancellor's Regulation A-825 says that school principals must distribute opt-out forms every fall to students, and parents of students in 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.



drawing by Trisha Cotto

RESEARCHING the ARMY RECRUITMENT OFFICE

New York City Recruiting Battalion:

Established: unknown

A part of the U.S. Army and Department of Defense

Mission: To staff the Army

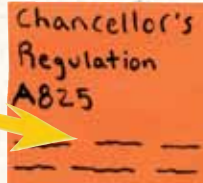
The Battalion targets a recruiting base of more than one million people focusing on 607 high schools, 115 post-secondary vocational technical schools and 97 colleges & universities.

U.S Department of Defense:

Established: 1949

A part of the Executive Branch

Mission: To provide the military forces for war, to deter war, and to protect the security of the U.S.



DID YOU KNOW?

The 1996 Solomon Amendment provides the Secretary of Defense the power to deny federal funding to institutions of higher learning if they prohibit or prevent military recruitment on campus.



"The object I sketched out was a flag. The flag for me means that there is unity in the **armed forces recruit center**... The flag also connects to the federal government." -Christian Fuentes



WHAT WE FOUND AT THE

SUPER-MARKET:

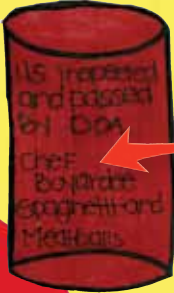
→ → → STATE

FEDERAL ← ← ←

• New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets

• Food and Drug Administration
• U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

"The **USDA** is checking the food to see if it's safe."
- Isa Verdes



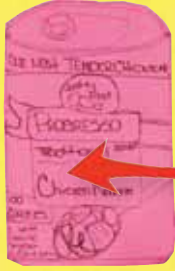
"I found Chef Boyardee's spaghetti and meatballs in the back of aisle four. I picked this item because there was something on it that said U.S. inspected and passed by the **DOA** (Department of Agriculture). They make sure the food is good enough to eat".
-Najee Santos



This steak was spotted in the supermarket and it had a "**USDA**" sticker on it. The supermarket needs a special license from the state to process meat and can be subjected to random sanitary inspections by the **New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets**.



"This Frosted Flakes Box was found at Food Bazaar supermarket. I have learned based on this product that the Dept. (**FDA**) is very secure... they care about how this cereal is made." -Daisy Quiroz



"I found the soup in the supermarket. I found proof of the government because of the sell by date (**FDA**). This is to protect consumers. The government plays a great role in how we live and what we eat."
-Noelia Taveras

RESEARCHING the SUPERMARKET

The USDA

Established: 1862

A part of the Executive Branch

Mission: To provide leadership on food, agriculture, resources, and related issues based on sound public policy, the best available science, and efficient management

FDA: Office of Foods

Established: 1906
(as a result of the Pure Food and Drug Act)

A part of the Department of Health and Human Services

Mission: To protect consumers

"To protect us and keep us from eating bad food and to keep drugs from killing us... because a supermarket has a bunch of food from all over." - Yordy Ortega

WHAT WE FOUND AT THE

PHARMACY:

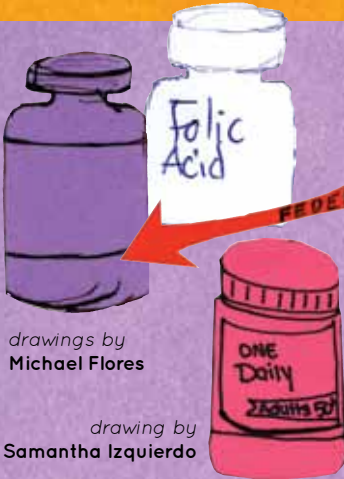


STATE

FEDERAL

- New York State Board of Pharmacy

- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)



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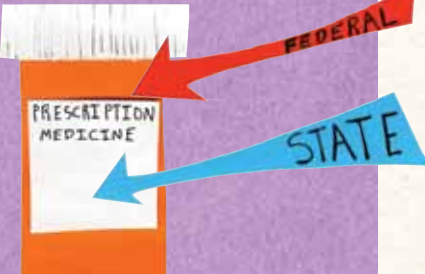
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Samantha Izquierdo

The **FDA** regulates labeling and makes manufacturers put supplement facts and expiration dates on all vitamin bottles. The labels also said "This statement has not been approved by the FDA. This product is not intended to diagnose, cure or prevent any disease."

This is medication that can only be used with a prescription. It was found behind the pharmacy counter at Ralph Prescriptions. The **FDA** approves it to treat a disease or illness and regulates what is on the label. The **State Board of Pharmacy** regulates how the medication is dispensed.

"The object I sketched out was Tylenol. I found this at the pharmacy. Only adults and children over 12 years could take one tablet. Tylenol also connects to the Federal government because the federal government deals with drugs."

-Luis Zeron



RESEARCHING the PHARMACY

FDA: Office of Medical Products and Tobacco

Established: 1906
(as a result of the Pure Food and Drug Act)

A part of the Department of Health and Human Services

Mission: To protect consumers. Regulates most food products as well as drugs used by humans and animals. Protects against misbranding

New York State Board of Pharmacy

Established: unknown

A part of the New York State Department of Education

Mission: Handle pharmacy licensing and set standards for the education and practice of pharmacists in New York State

What will you INVESTIGATE?

Does the Government affect you in any type of way? Does it bother you in how it works?

I would want to know why does anyone have to pay taxes? I want to visit a bank...

The workers that are involved with the general public are they private? about the banks they have their own opinions about what they want to do with their money.

I would like to go to the Police department to find out about laws they have. Why are they allowed to abuse people or do any states or place allowed, or don't place for the police to abuse people if Refused to be arrested.

What happens if the gov proves of the food and it has some thing wrong with it?

super-market. What would be any product or law that you would make on your own?

Try to visit a School or a police station

how does government affect movies, and hollywood.

HOLLYWOOD