

JETPACKS!

PIRATES!

GOLD!

# The Count

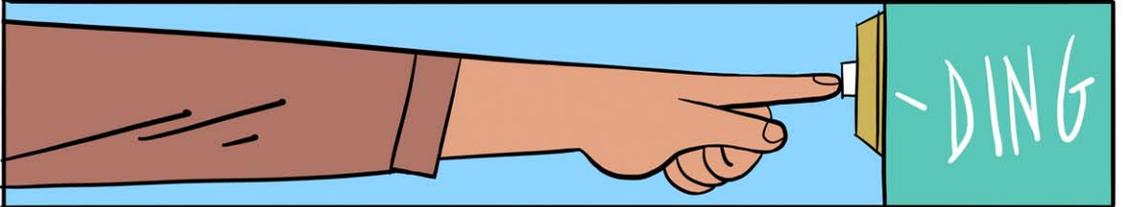
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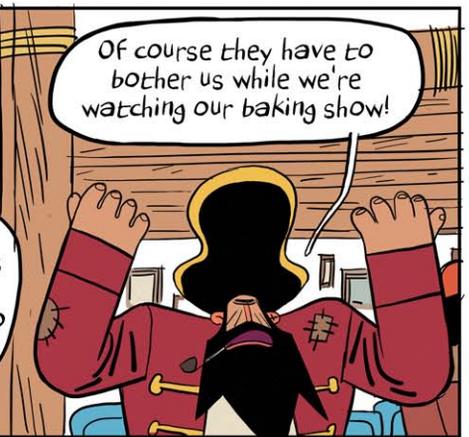
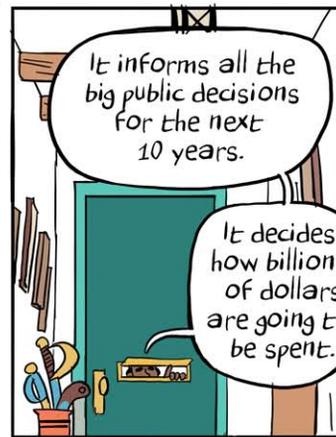
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2020  
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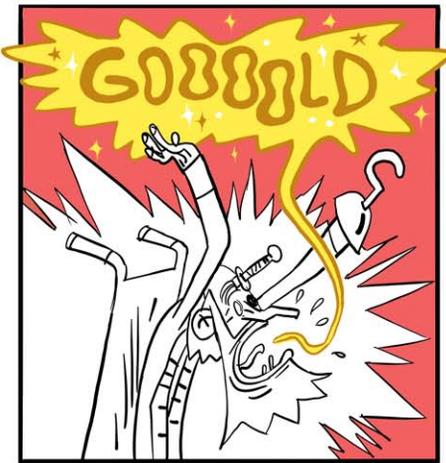
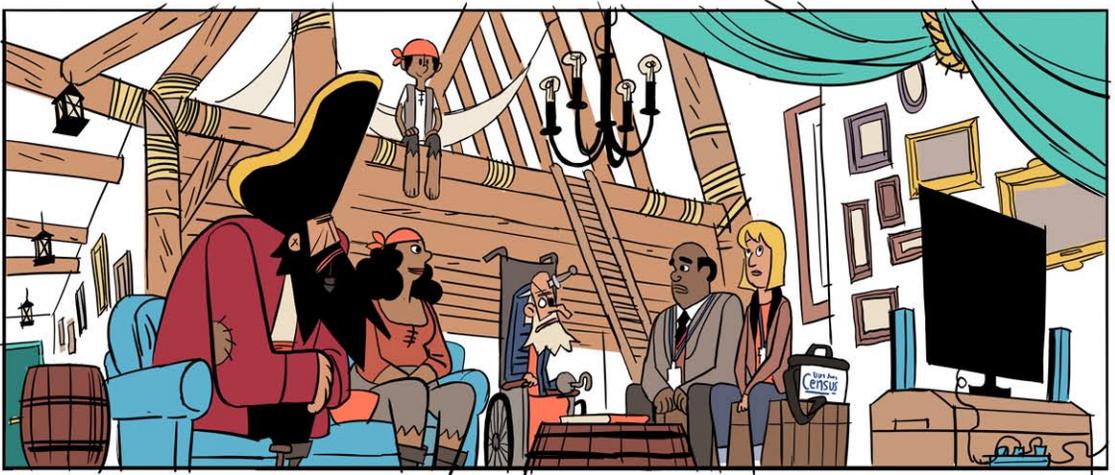


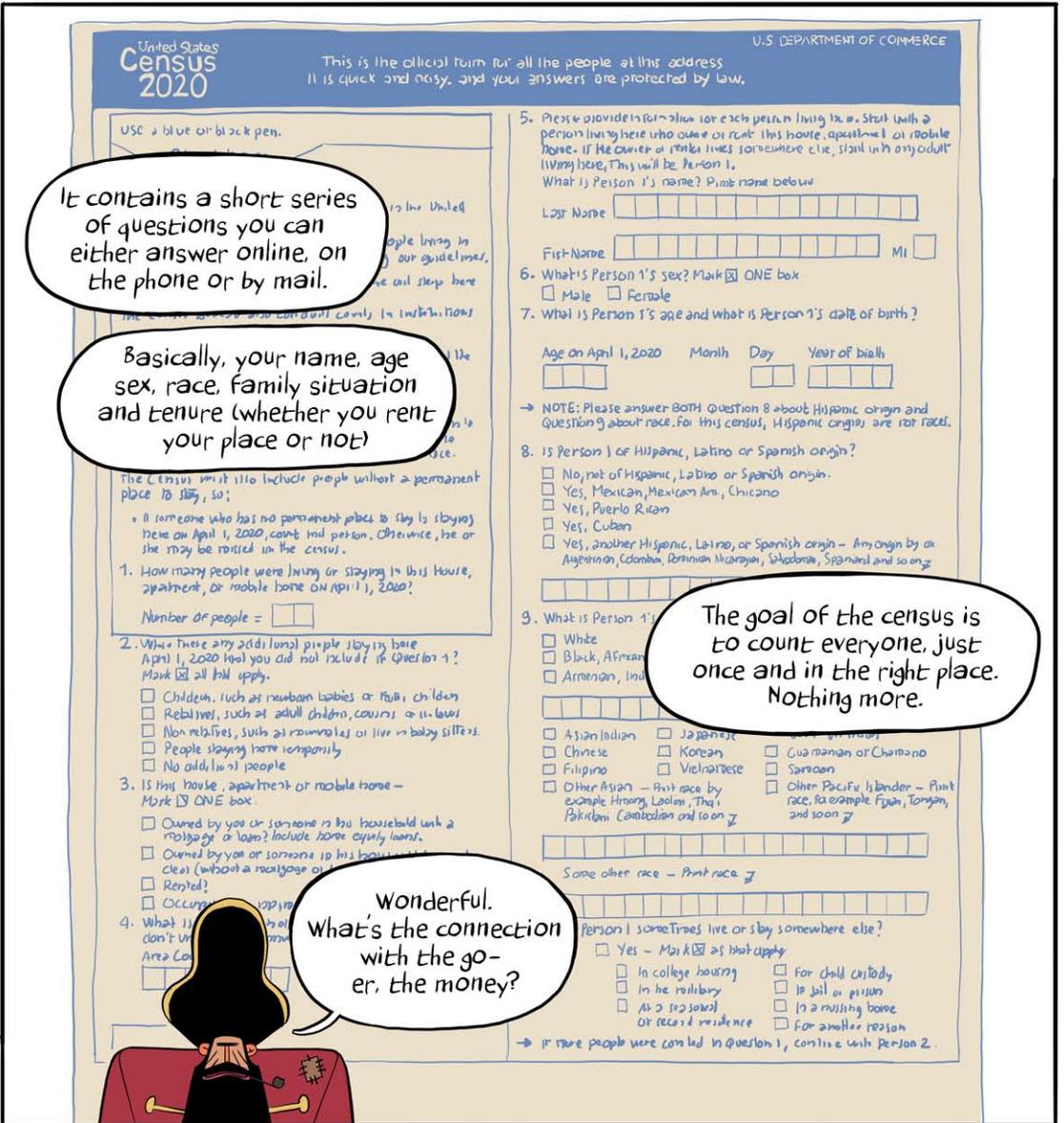
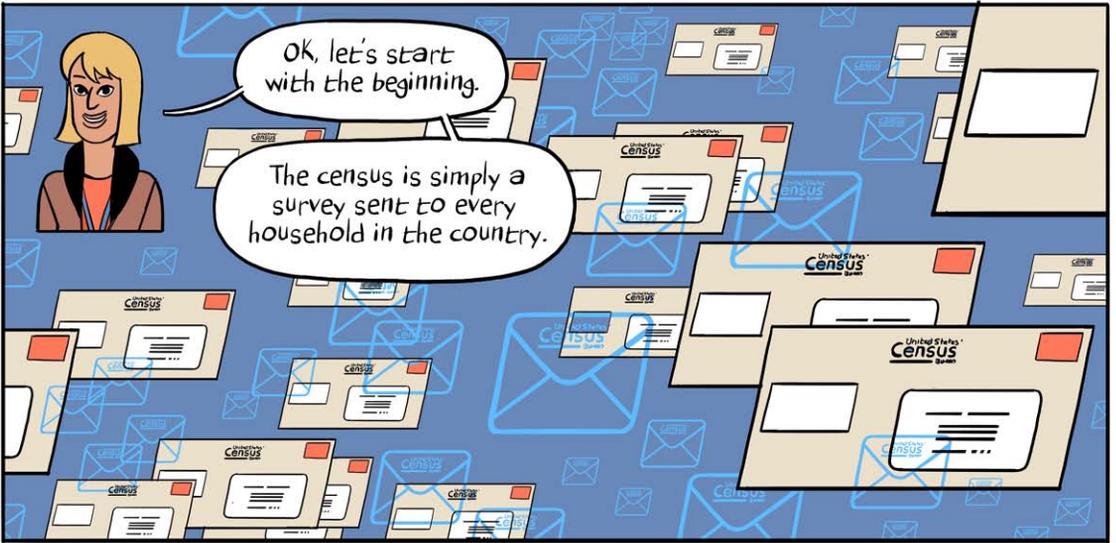
#StandUp  
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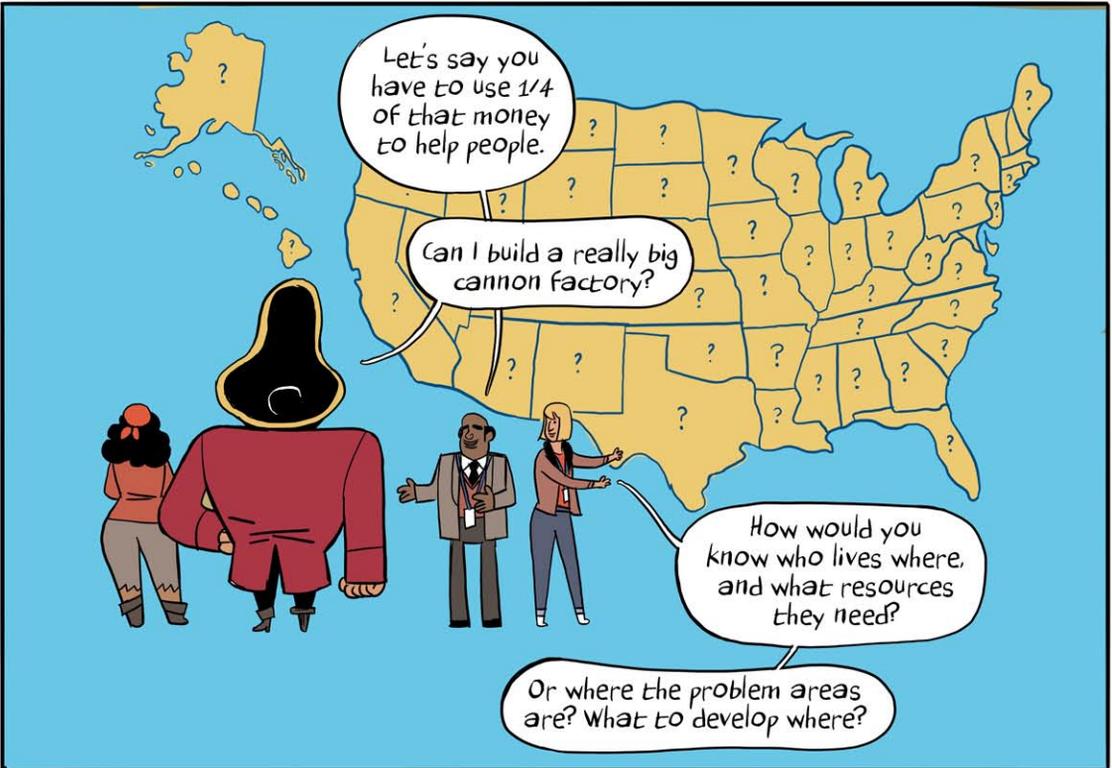
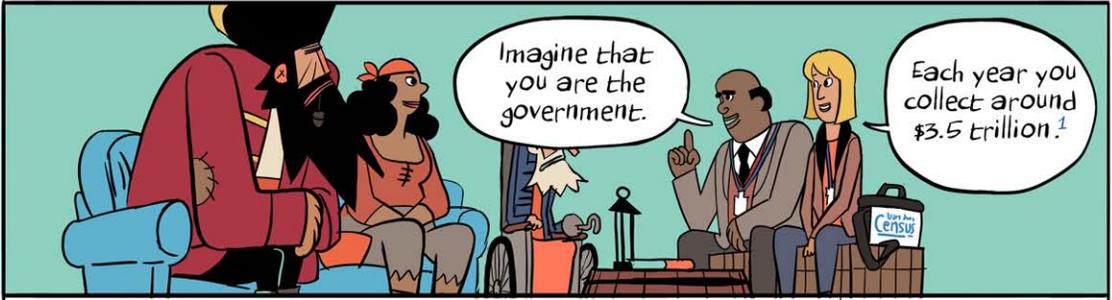












\$3.5  
trillion  
US revenues

That's why more than \$880 billion is spent every year using census data.<sup>2</sup>



That money is meant to fix roads, fund foster care, save lives. It helps poor families out of medical bankruptcies, puts food on the table, and so much more.

\$880  
billion  
money spent guided  
by census data

### NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Food stamps  
\$69.4  
billion

FEMA  
Disaster  
relief fund

### CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Education, Foster care,  
development  
\$38.5  
billion

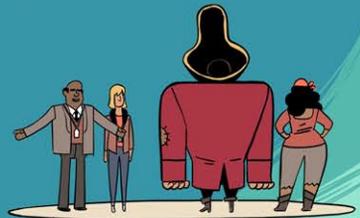
HOUSING PROGRAMS  
\$9.2  
billion

## MEDICAID

Health insurance for  
low income families

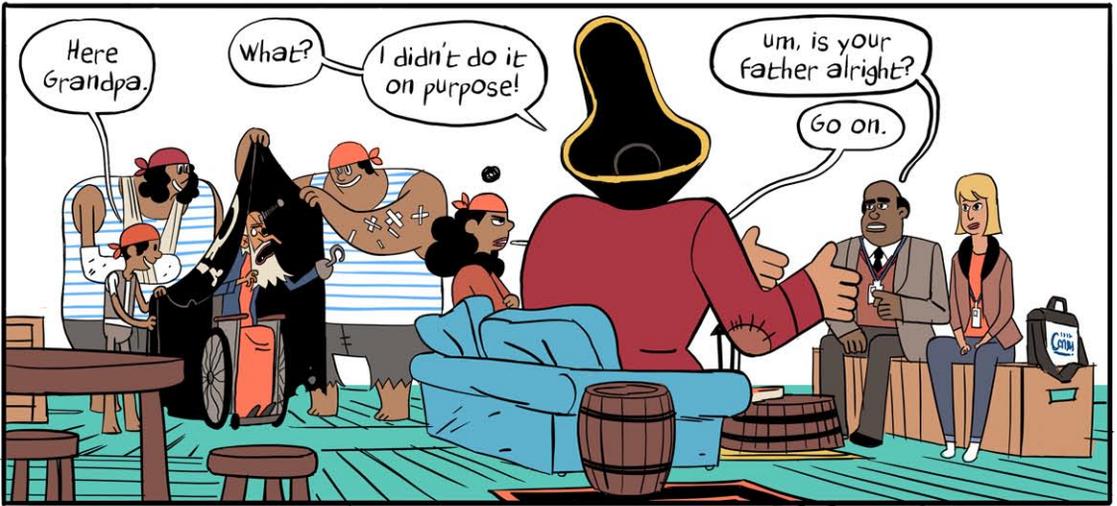
\$361  
billion

Even though they are designed to help the poorest families, these programs actually reach a much wider population.



Just as an example, nearly half of all births happening in the USA are paid for by Medicaid.<sup>3</sup>





OK.

Census data plays another important role in the government.

It determines the number of representatives each state has in Congress.<sup>4</sup>

Congress is composed of two chambers of elected officials.

**The Senate**

**The House of Representatives**

Each state gets **2** seats in the Senate, regardless of the size of its population.

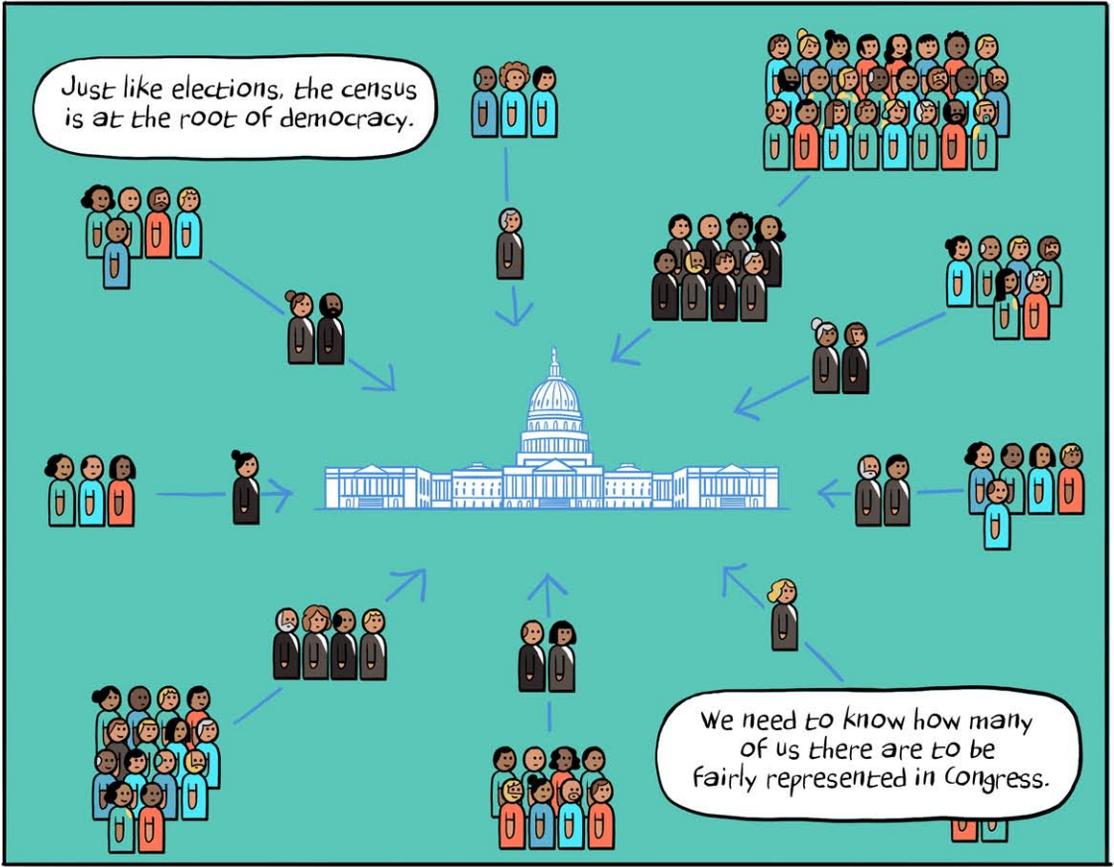
Each state gets at least **1** seat, but the rest is distributed according to the census.

The bigger the population of a state is, the more seats it gets.

For each congressperson, states get one of the 538 Grand Electors who in turn elect the president.

Elections ...

What happened to good old duelling?



The fewer people there are who participate in the census...

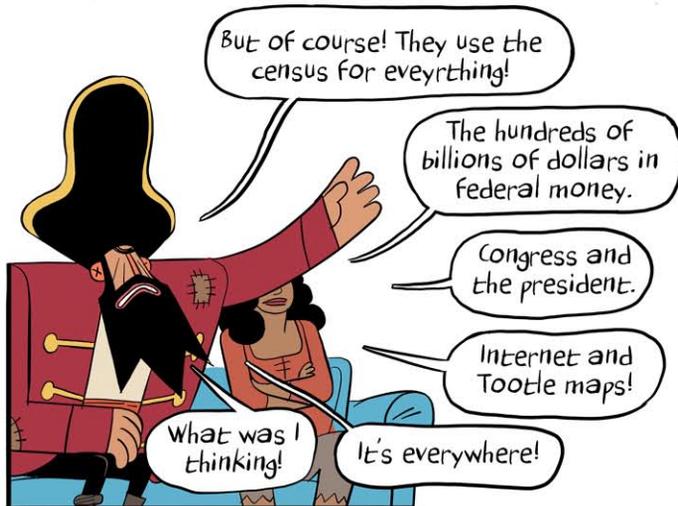
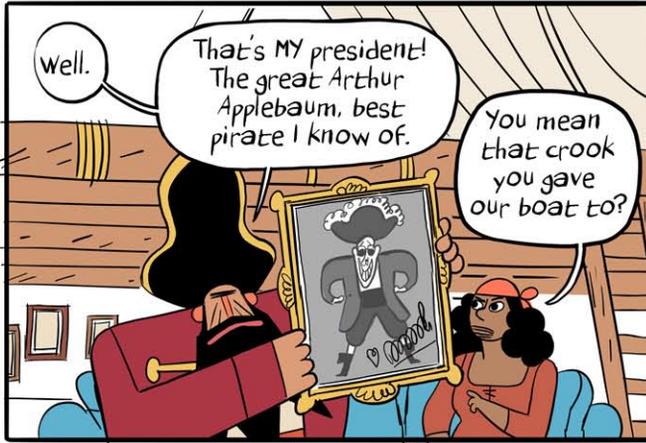
...the fewer Representatives and Grand Electors each state has...

... meaning the less of a voice you have in Congress and in choosing the President.

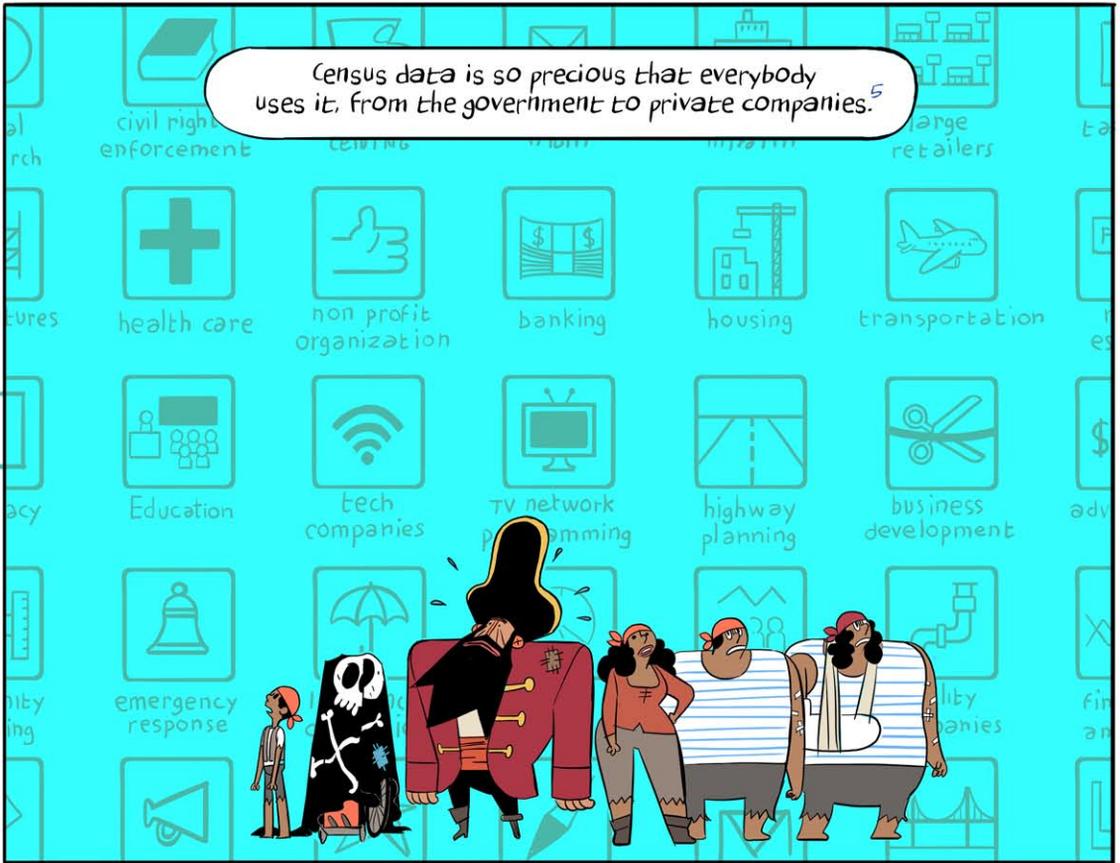
Come on! Fight with me!

States often gain or lose seats in the House of Representatives after each census.

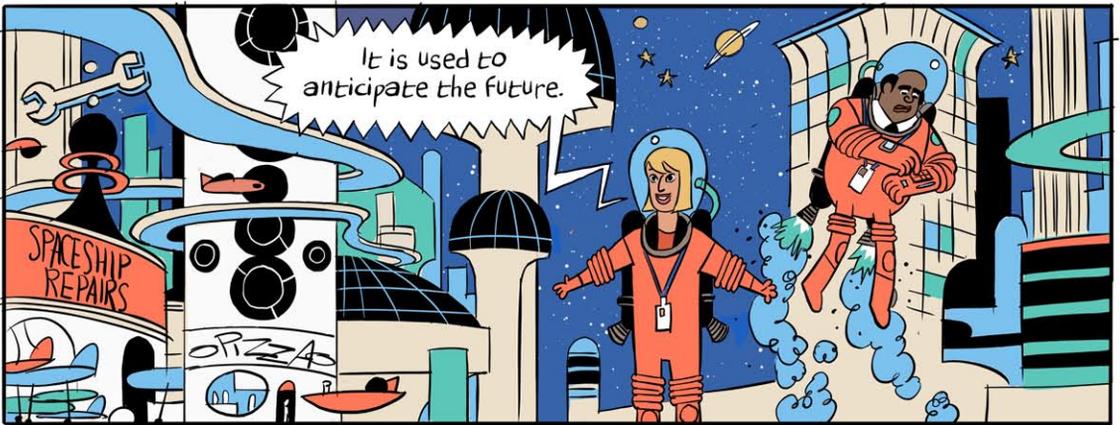
These changes can affect the whole political balance of the country.



Census data is so precious that everybody uses it, from the government to private companies.<sup>5</sup>

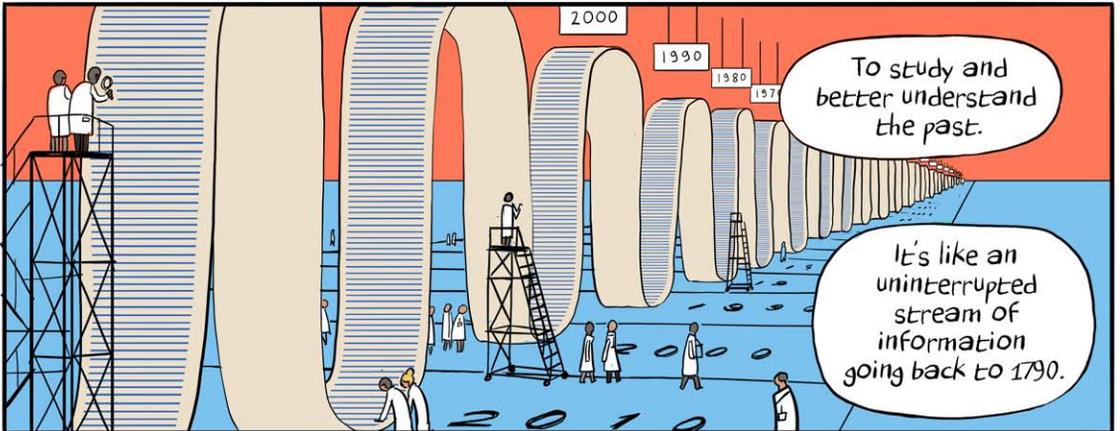


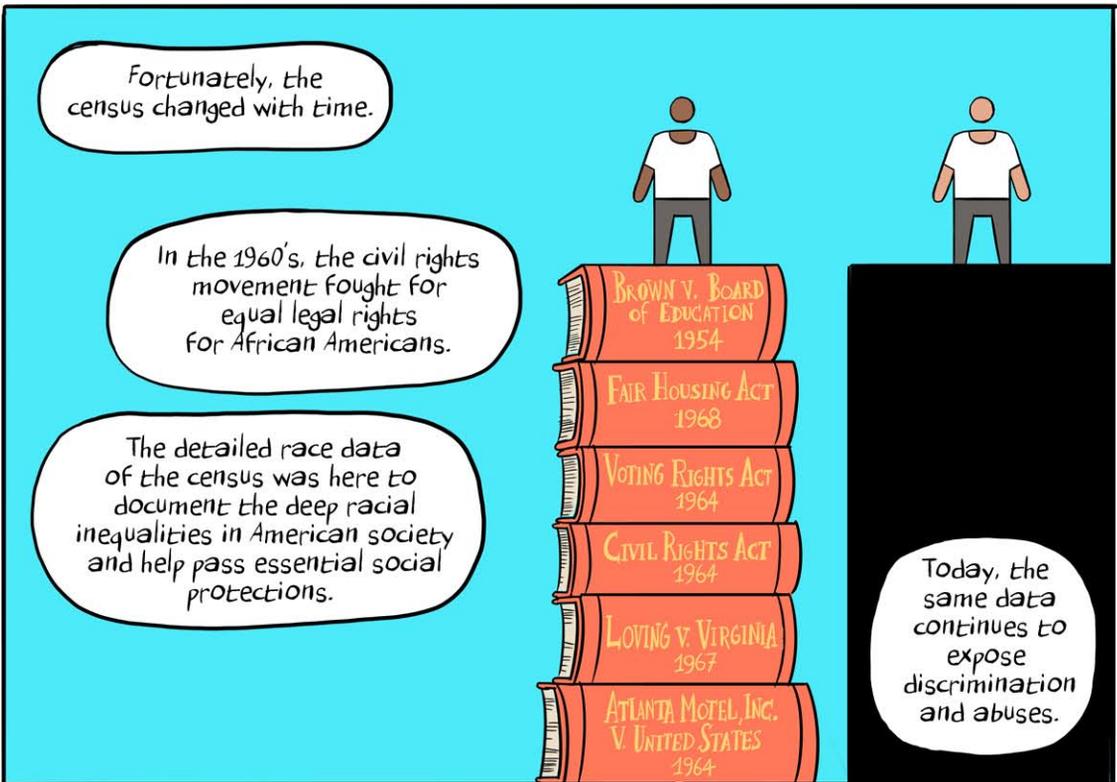
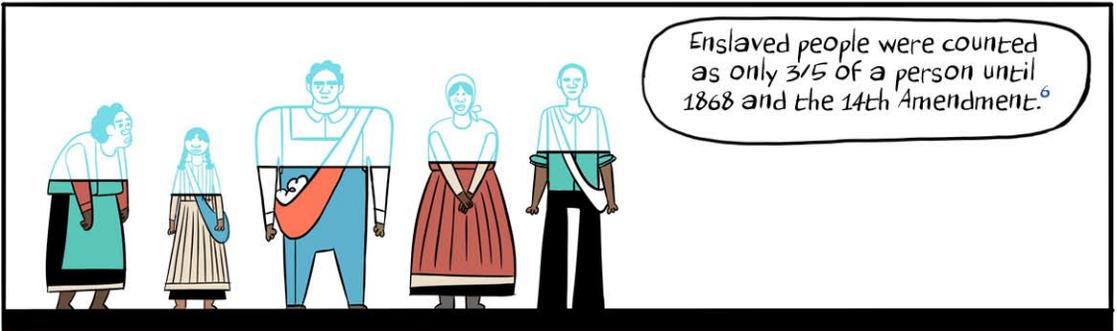
It is used to anticipate the future.

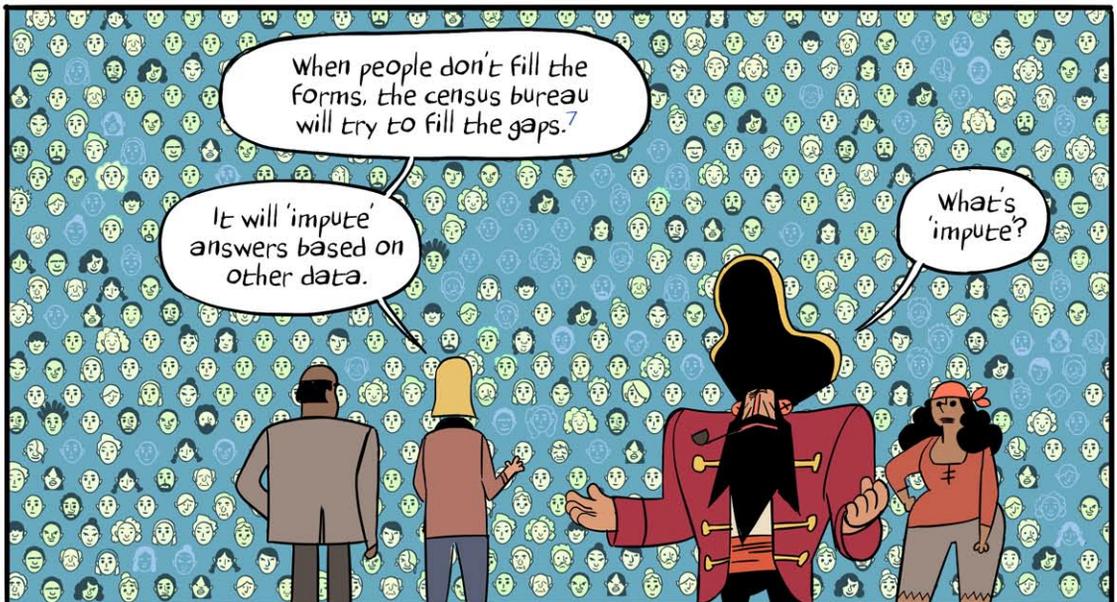


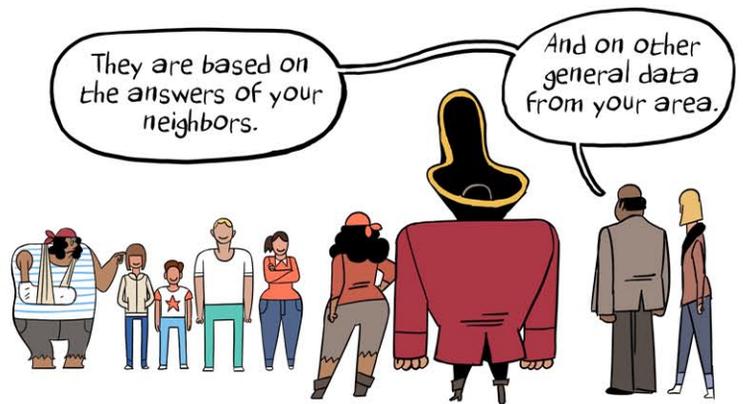
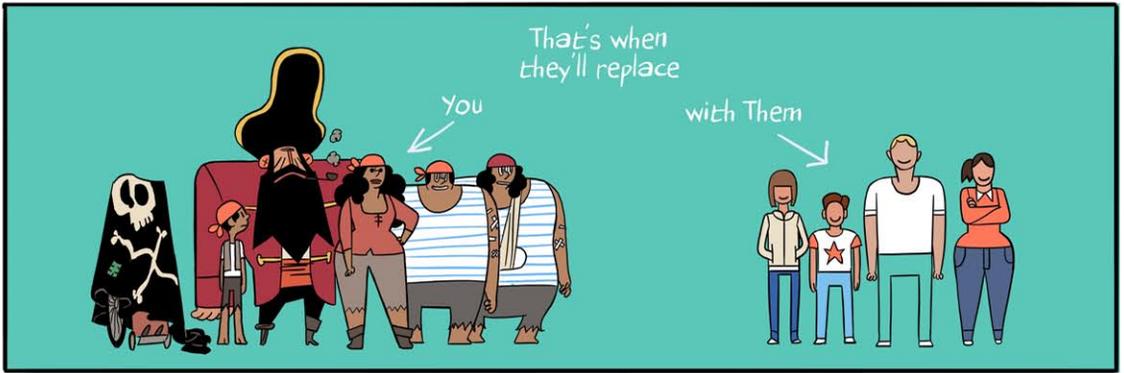
To study and better understand the past.

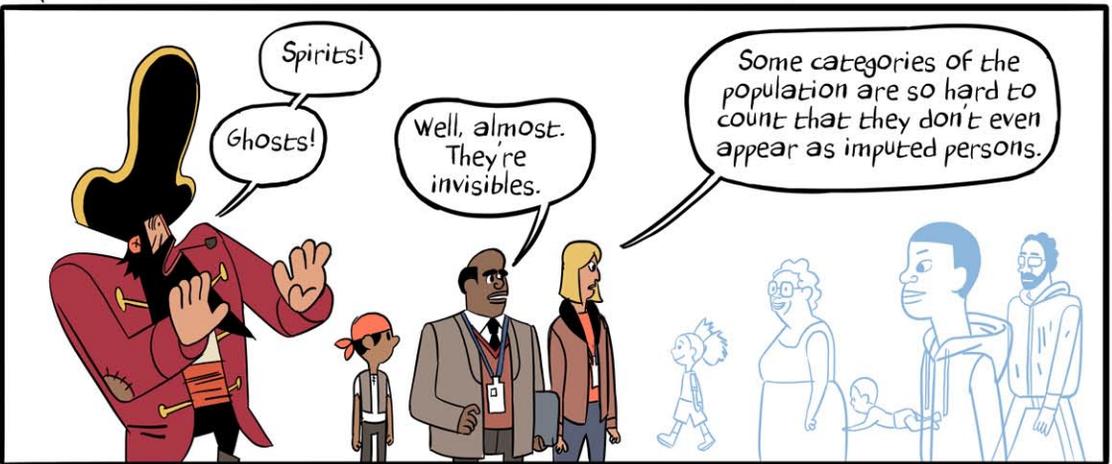
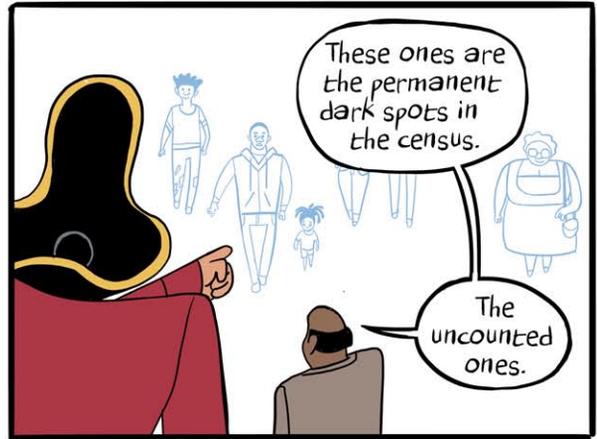
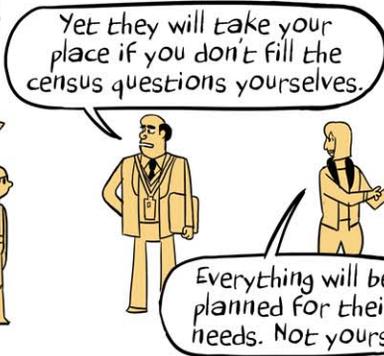
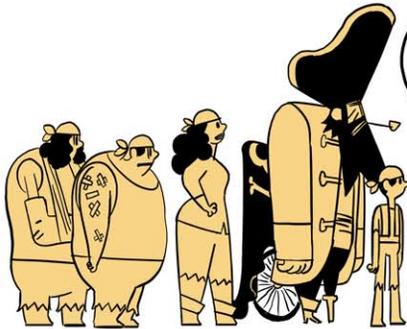
It's like an uninterrupted stream of information going back to 1790.



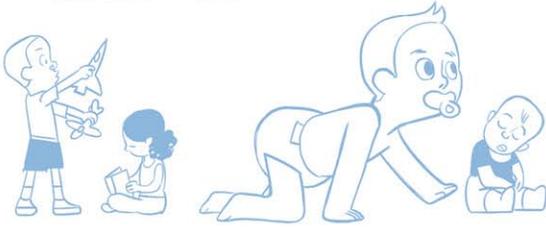








The biggest of these groups are the children under the age of 5.



2.2 million of them were not included in the last census.<sup>8</sup>



They're so cute. Why aren't they better counted?

They are often forgotten. They sometimes live with more than one family, or in more than one place. That makes them hard to keep track of.



African Americans are also regularly undercounted.

More than 800,000 of them were missing from the last census.<sup>9</sup>



A lot of other communities are not properly counted for different reasons, including Latinx, Asian Americans, LGBTQ people.





These uncounted people don't officially exist.

They have no representation in the political system.

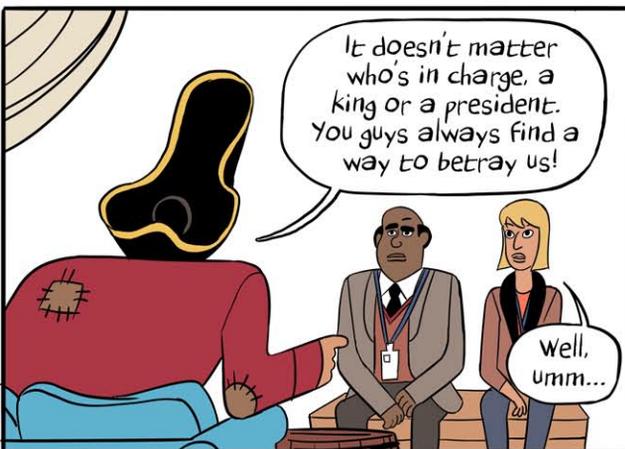
No federal resources or funds have been allocated to them.

Large scale developments don't take them into account.

Yet they still live, breathe and have the same needs as anybody else.

For the communities they live in, each uncounted person represents roughly a \$1000 loss in resources every year.\*

\* This is a national average.



That includes all law enforcement agencies.

The punishment for breaking that law is up to 5 years in jail...

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and/or a \$250,000 fine. (Title 13 of US code)<sup>11</sup>

We're not here to help enforce any law.

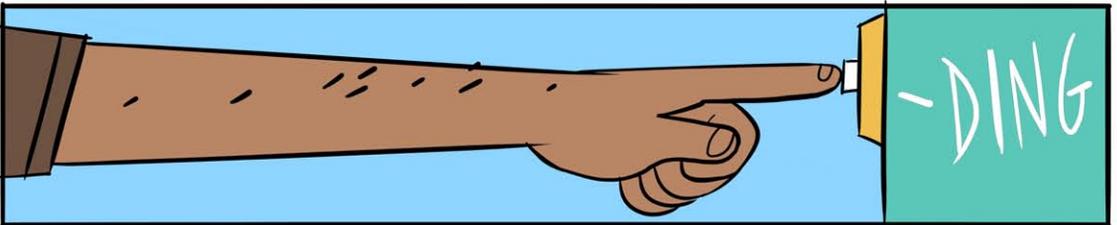
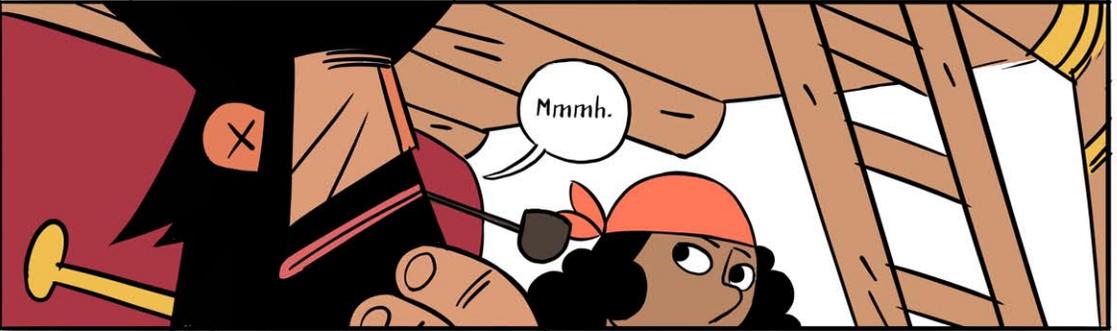
We're here to get the most accurate and fair representation of our population we can.

There are **NO** restrictions to take part in the census.

**Everyone** counts, regardless of citizenship, immigration status, or whether you're houseless or in jail.

It takes less than 15 minutes to fill the form.

We can do it right now and we'll be out of your hair!









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Find out more about the 2020 census at [countthenation.org](http://countthenation.org)





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