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Cartoons - Part 1
by Joe Escobar - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 10:16 AM

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Thomas Jefferson Cartoon
by Maribel Frickey - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 11:19 AM

Founding Father Advice

"IT IS INCUMBENT ON EVERY GENERATION TO PAY ITS OWN DEBTS AS IT GOES."

"NEVER SPEND YOUR MONEY BEFORE YOU HAVE EARNED IT."

"IF WE CAN PREVENT THE GOVERNMENT FROM WASTING THE LABORS OF THE PEOPLE UNDER THE PRETENSE OF TAKING CARE OF THEM, THEY MUST BECOME HAPPY."

"TO COMPEL A MAN TO FURNISH CONTRIBUTIONS OF MONEY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF OPINIONS WHICH HE DISBELIEVES AND ABHORS IS SINFUL AND THIRNNICAL."

"AND WHAT COUNTRY CAN PRESERVE ITS LIBERTIES IF THEIR RULERS ARE NOT WARNED FROM TIME TO TIME THAT THEIR PEOPLE PRESERVE THE SPIRIT OF RESISTANCE?"



"I THINK, MYSELF, THAT WE HAVE MORE MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT THAN IS NECESSARY, TOO MANY PARASITES LIVING ON THE LABOR OF THE INDUSTRIOUS."

Gary Varvel
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I think that this cartoon accurately reflects Thomas Jefferson. In *Liberty, Equality, Power: A History of the American People*; Jefferson's government was described as "wise and frugal" (Butler 255). The quotation in the comic makes Jefferson to be just that someone who was frugal. He also believed in States having most of the power and not a centralized government. Jefferson also reduced the number of formal balls (Butler 256). With the knowledge I have acquired from this class, I do think that the cartoonist did a good job at interpreting history in this cartoon. I actually agree with the overall message of this cartoon. If government followed the advice given by this founding father, we might not be as in a deep of debt as we currently find ourselves.

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Re: Thomas Jefferson Cartoon

by Maribel Frickey - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 1:06 PM

I don't know why I put Butler in the citations, when I meant to put Murrin. I guess my brain is calling it quits.

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Re: Cartoon #5

by Preston Cobb - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 11:21 AM

I wanted to start out this week's forum with choosing image number five. It shows a three, with the middle branch as the executive branch which is cutting off the judicial and legislative branch. One could say this image alludes to how our executive branch has too much control over the two other branches even though they are supposed to have checks and balances. It could also show how the government may be too big and have too much power over the

whole country. It could also relate back to the colonist back in the late 18th and early 19th century and how they felt state sovereignty was more important and that they didn't want a centralized government "ruling" over the entire country.

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Re: Cartoon #5

by Maribel Frickey - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 12:59 PM

I can see that, when I looked at that cartoon I struggled to find a connection. Yet, you have found a great connection. It makes sense.

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Cartoon #5 Response

by River Sully - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 4:03 PM

I agree strongly with your point on the image alluding to that executive branch having too much power. The image shows the middle branch cutting off the other two branches and to me that is a pretty blatant way of portraying what we both assume the image means. I also like your final statement regarding 18th and 19th-century centralized government or desire to not have one ruling over everyone the same way.

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Re: Cartoon #5

by Ashley Davidson - Sunday, December 3, 2017, 9:02 PM

After reading your post i got a better understanding of what the cartoonist was trying to portray. as i looked at it i was a bit confused. I do think that this cartoon is trying to show the amount of power the executive branch has over the other 2 branches

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Re: Cartoon #5

by Audrey Millard - Sunday, December 3, 2017, 11:32 PM

I got the same idea from this image as well. I was unsure of my view on it, so its nice to hear someone else thought the same.

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Cartoon #5

by Peter Brasier - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 12:03 PM

The moment that I saw the image of a tree "pruning/cutting" off the other two branches that it had with each branch labeled for one of the branches of the government. My thoughts immediately went to the presidency of Thomas Jefferson who wanted to pair down the government and had to deal with the midnight orders of the presiding president.

The more I looked at the picture the more I got the idea from a quote from the GW as president video. In the video it explained how George Washington took the counsel of his friends James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, and Alexander Hamilton. It stated that each had their own view of how the government should be set up with Hamilton wanting a monarchy set up in America. The image of the tree with the two other branches cut off is a good view of monarchy with a central branch and now other influences or shares in power.

Sincerely,

Peter Brasier

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Re: Cartoon #5

by Maribel Frickey - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 1:07 PM

Yes, I agree that what Hamilton wanted was something like what British form of governing. Where the king's word reigns and if we were to cut the other two branches of the government only leaving the executive then we could have something like that. However, when I think of Thomas Jefferson I think of him cutting away the excess from the government in order to make it more frugal and efficient. Not so much as taking over complete control of the government. Unless I am misunderstanding your point.

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Re: Cartoon #5

by Peter Brasier - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 8:46 AM

Sorry, I didn't make my point clear enough. When I first looked at Cartoon #5 I immediately thought of Thomas Jefferson "pruning" the government, seeing as the tree was cutting away from itself. Upon further thought I decided to go with the Alexander Hamilton idea, but still mention the Thomas Jefferson for further discussion. Sorry about the misunderstanding and hope this clears that up.

Sincerely,

Peter Brasier

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Re: Cartoon #5

by Maribel Frickey - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 1:12 PM

Oh, okay. I see what you were trying to say initially. Just how Thomas Jefferson was "pruning" the per se the government. It makes sense. Sorry if I was too critical.

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Re: Cartoon #5

by Preston Cobb - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 8:08 PM

I also picked image number 5. I didn't even think about Jefferson and how he wanted to tear down the basis of a big government. Now thinking about it I can agree with you that the branch can be seen as Jefferson attempting to make a more state wide government rather than a centralized single government.

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The Present

by Vivian Hernandez - Friday, December 1, 2017, 11:48 AM

When I first saw this image, I did not immediately think of the Hamilton and Jefferson comparison. I first thought of the literal representation of the executive branch wanting to control everything and cutting out the judicial and legislative. I thought it mostly applied to how people thought about the government officials. They get to make the laws that ultimately control the how the two other branches act. Your Hamilton and Jefferson comparison tied in the past for me. I agree that the two branches being cut off is a good representation of monarchy and how it could have been America's future if it had not be fought against.

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Re: Cartoons - Part 1

by Madelyn Ball - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 12:26 PM

I searched for a cartoon of my own to write about, but in the end cartoon #2 in our material spoke to me the most. This accurately portrays the fears the colonists had when first getting taxed. In this cartoon you will see a donkey and an elephant both with their hands in the pocket of a taxpayer. We do need taxes to sustain our society, but I believe the fight over how to spend our taxes is still a current conflict and always has been.

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Re: Cartoons - Part 1

by Peter Brasier - Friday, December 1, 2017, 11:49 AM

In one of the videos that we watched in this class (I forgot which one sorry). Their was a female professor that mention that in the past the issues that were being discussed were: not enough jobs, to high rent, immigration, taxation, and threats from foreign countries. These fall in line with what is going on today with presedents and political officers claiming they can fix these problems, when these problems have been in existance before the start of our country.

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Re: Cartoons - Part 1

by Marla Rogers - Sunday, December 3, 2017, 11:18 AM

I remember being pretty surprised when I heard her say that! We always tend to think that people in past generations had it easier than us with housing, jobs, etc. But it sounds like even when our country was just a baby, people were still facing the same struggles we do today. Pretty interesting little piece of information to mull over.

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Cartoon #2

by Sarah Amoson - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 1:02 PM

Cartoon number two immediately caught my eye because I have seen it floating around before, probably on Facebook but I don't remember exactly where. I think it's a perfect representation of our current government. Our government has done a great job at distracting the American People into arguing with each other over whether an elephant or a donkey is the better animal, while they take our money behind our backs, and we're so busy pointing fingers at each other we fail to see the real issues. Many people compare early post revolution America to the country that we live in now, making the argument that our government has always been corrupt such as in the statements by Michael Parenti in *Democracy for the Few*, but I don't believe that's true, at the time of our country's founding, we created a form of government that had never been seen before, and I believe that our Founding Father's had the best intentions for the American People. Michael Bloomberg has a great quote, "Leading from the front: It's what built America. But these days the federal government isn't at the front - it's cowering at the back corner of the room, ducking responsibility and hoping no one notices."

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Re: Cartoon #2

by Peter Brasier - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 9:01 AM

I love opinion comics, they lead to so many different interpretations. When I saw comic two I immediately thought of George Washington as he was leaving the office of presidency. He warned against internal political division (Liberty, equality, power, pg 249). I see that this is the cartoonist showing what political division gets us, two giants taking from the people that make them up, the phrase "Rob Peter to pay Paul" comes to mind.

I like how you counter the bad images that this cartoon shows by revealing that our government was brand new and that people were trying their best to make decisions for everyone. When the war subsided money had to be collected from the people (LEP pg 241). They made laws that hurt their businesses and names (Jay Treaty and the Whiskey Rebellion), but in the end they owned their decision. You finish by stating the government is ducking responsibility and hoping no one notices. I feel that you and this cartoonist notice and with enough stirring of the pot something might be done about it.

Sincerely,

**Cartoon 5 Jefferson Takeover**

by Mason Peckels St.onge - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 2:17 PM

Cartoon #5 immediately stuck out to me. Its true that a picture speaks a thousand words, and this cartoon is a great example. At first glance it is immediately aggressive and brings emotions of hostility. Something I thought of at first was that a tree is an organism which relies on the whole body for survival, just like a country. You can't have parts of the country chopping pieces off, and not acting as a single unit. I think this cartoon puts an image to the belief that the system that was created by John Adams to be "Mixed and Balanced"(LEP. Pg, 225) , has failed. It suggest that as the presidency's change, the executive branch has an advantage over its brother and sister branches. This advantage allows the executive branch to rule over its counterparts.

I think that this cartoon can resonate through many parts of history. In our time just as much as the times we are studying. However, I think that it is even more apparent in the early years of the Republic. Specifically when Jefferson and the Republicans took office in 1800, replacing the High Federalist dominated administration of John Adams.

Jeffersonians dominated the government shortly after the inauguration. Before 1800, Federalist had a leading hand in the decisions in all branches, in fact "Only Federalists served on the Supreme Court under Washington and Adams."(257).Before Jefferson took over, Adams appointed many new Federalists as judges, marshals and attorneys. These were known as "Midnight Judges". As the Republicans grew, they did away with the Judiciary Act which gave the Federalist a big advantage. Jefferson also did a lot to dismantle the "repressive apparatus of the Federalist state"(257). He took away the large military, did away with ceremonies that were once the norm ect. This example shows how when a president is smart and strategic, he can take advantage of his powers and cut of his opponents by the stock.

**Cartoon #3**

by Trevor Newton - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 2:37 PM

The first cartoon I am going to write about is cartoon #3. This cartoon reminds me about the first Thanksgiving. First of all in the picture there is a quote that starts, "...we are also thankful for..." which to me seems like they are saying grace over thanksgiving dinner. The clothes they are wearing leads me to believe that these are pilgrims celebrating thanksgiving. The whole quote from the picture is, "...and we're also thankful for a small unobtrusive government that doesn't try to run our lives." On page 60 of the textbook it discusses how pilgrims came to America as Separatists of the Church of England after they went to the Netherlands. Their desire was to worship freely and not be limited by a hierarchy. This was the first time on American soil that a group of people wished to not have a higher power govern all their moves which brings us to what we have been talking about the past few weeks. The quote from the picture is almost exactly the kind of government that Thomas Jefferson wished upon America.

This is shown on page 255-256 of the textbook. Jefferson's outline for the kind of government a republic should have. A wise and frugal government would respect the powers of the states and preserve the liberties ensured by the Bill of Rights and it would also be small and limited. According to page 237 of the textbook the Democratic Republicans were a political group who shared the same ideals as Jefferson when it came to limited government. Perhaps the people in the cartoon were Democratic Republicans sitting around the table celebrating thanksgiving who were thankful for small government.

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Re: Cartoon #3

by Mason Peckels St.onge - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 9:48 PM

Hey Trevor,

I think your analysis of cartoon #3 was really good. I wanted to do this one at first, but I couldn't find the words to explain it. I was thinking in the same direction. The family depicted in the picture was definitely from the time of the first thanksgiving, and when the pilgrims landed in America. I think your explanation of Jefferson's ideal American government was a good connection. It makes sense, and it shows that this was an idea that many early Americans had, and wanted for a government. Jefferson and the Republicans were the perfectors of the system.

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Discussion of cartoon #3

by Trevor Newton - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10:18 PM

Mason,

Thank you for continuing the discussion about cartoon #3. I chose this cartoon because I felt that this topic is something that is going on today. Our great country was founded on the idea of having a government that does not tell us what we can or cannot do or say. This is one of the biggest reasons why we as a nation wanted to separate from England and their monarch who pretty much had a say in everything that people did. We separated from that and set up a government that was limited and small. I understand that without the government this nation would not function properly because not all government is bad but I fear that we as Americans have lost sight of our history because in some aspects the government is straying away from our forefathers vision of what the government should do.

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Re: Discussion of cartoon #3

by Mason Peckels St.onge - Sunday, December 3, 2017, 9:53 PM

Yeah, I think that in respects to what the developers of the American Government created, we are straying very far away. Especially when compared to the cartoon when the Pilgrim says "A small and limited government". With things like Wikileaks and people like Edward Snowden, our government has proven to be anything but small and or limited. In fact, right now governments have the ability to be the most watchful over the happenings within societies. With advancements in technologies and beliefs in society, there is a divide created with the founding beliefs of American government. Laws have to change in order to evolve with society. I think it is important to understand the core values of American government, but also understand sometimes they have to change, as we humans constantly due.

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Thanksgivings

by Vivian Hernandez - Friday, December 1, 2017, 12:01 PM

Your comparison to Thomas Jefferson's government and the Thanksgiving pilgrims was fascinating. I agree the cartoon could be alluding to Democratic Republicans being grateful for a limited government. As you quoted, history supports the Separatist, Non- separatists, Pilgrims, and the puritans leaving to find a new way of living their lives. When I first saw this picture and read the pilgrims people say, "and we're thankful for a small unobtrusive government that doesn't try to run our lives", I thought about what began Thanksgiving. The Plymouth colonist and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast to say thanks for the harvest and the upcoming year. I thought it was iconic that the pilgrim says that they were thankful for an unobtrusive government, when the government eventually forced out the Indians from their land.

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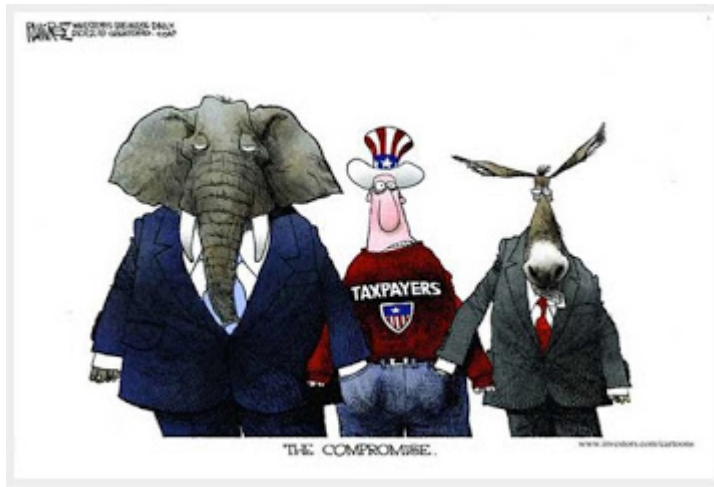
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Re: Cartoons - Part 1

by Joseph Maricle - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 2:52 PM

To me this speaks of theft. The cartoon depicts Democrats and Republicans with the classic icons of a donkey and an elephant. Both have their hand in the pockets of the citizen, thus "stealing" from them. This is done under the guise of political leadership. To me this is a separatist cartoon aimed and political parties.



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Re: Cartoons - Part 1

by Mason Peckels St.onge - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 9:53 PM

This is so true. I was thinking the same thing. Its sad because taxes are supposed to help us and benefit the community, but they ultimately benefit the makers the most. I wonder if their was any other types of political groups that attempted to be apart of system from the beginning, but was lost in history. Maybe it was a group that was focused on preventing what this cartoon is suggesting.

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Elephant and Donkey Versus the People

by Vivian Hernandez - Friday, December 1, 2017, 12:06 PM

I think this cartoon speaks loud and clear. In the 18th century people did not want the government to have too much power over the people. They liked having their own local governments in which they controlled under limited Monarchy. When the Crown decided to change that, that is what began the American Revolution. Americans started feeling that England wanted to control them completely. This cartoon plays into the fear that both parties are out for themselves at the people's expenses.

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Cartoons #7

by Vivian Hernandez - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 3:47 PM

The first amendment of the United States Constitution establishes freedom of speech, along with freedom of religion of the press and the right to assemble. This cartoon depicts the media being bias for Hilary Clinton during the Presidential campaign while claiming being neutral for both candidates. This accurately depicts history because whenever people did not like what was going in the country they tried to change people's thought with media. Propaganda is not

a new thing. It was used during the the depiction of the Boston Massacre and all the events leading up to the American Revolution for pro-patriotism. It was used during WW2 with pro-American war films and continues to be used. The person who illustrated this has the right to voice their opinion and I think it accurately depicts what they felt was happening during the election.

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Cartoon #1 Reflection

by River Sully - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 4:59 PM

The quotes are taken from Thomas Jefferson in the first cartoon and I feel that they accurately reflect the historical events that we've been studying about. The way in which each quote is hand-picked by the artist seems to be an accurate representation of what Thomas Jefferson stood for and ultimately believed. I think the message that the artist is trying to portray is that being a Democratic-Republican, many of the ideas of Jefferson are still what many people wonder about and want today in our so-called democracy. The quotes were specifically picked to address problems that were occurring then and still happen to this day. Being from 2010, I think the artist tried to pick what he knew were points of turmoil in society at that time and linked it to Thomas Jefferson to give people perspective on how little our country has really changed politically since then. The title of the piece "Founding Father Advice" is a clever title also because they give more insight into the issue because being one of the founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson's words and opinions are well respected.

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Cartoon #6

by Andrew Smith - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 6:33 PM

This cartoon seems to depict the rights in the constitution regarding the right to bear arms and the arms we have today. It's trying to say that the right to bear arms may not apply to the arms that exist today. It's showing how the rights to bear arms back then is far different than today because the same technology didn't exist at that time. I believe the argument is that the founding fathers, including Madison, may not have had the same view about the right to bear arms had the same technology existed back then. I think it's also arguing, in general, that ideas established back then may not apply today. I think the cartoonist interpreted this historical argument perfectly. I agree that the message is one to be argued, however I believe that Madison still would have had the same ideas about the right to bear arms regardless of the technological differences.

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Cartoon #5

by Desiree Mantey - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 9:17 PM

Cartoon #5 is a great representation of exactly what many colonials feared the most. That just like in England, there would be someone telling them what to do and how to live that is unchecked. The system of checks and balances in the constitution was written into law specifically for this reason. The legislative branch creates the laws, the executive branch executes the laws, and the judicial branch interprets the laws. Each branch has specific individual "checks" that it has over each of the other two branches to prevent any one branch from becoming too strong. In colonial times there were two main ideas about how government should be run; one idea favored a strong federal government or executive branch, while the other favored strong state governments and limited power of the federal government. The colonists who favored the power of state governments feared the executive branch becoming too strong and running over them and their liberty. This idea is what is portrayed in this cartoon.

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Re: Cartoon #6

by Liliaan Valladolid Salas - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 9:59 PM

The book Liberty, Equality, Power A History of the American People, p. 196-197, described that James Maddison helped to write the Constitution. Madison proposed the 19 amendments, but only 10 survived, the Bill of Rights. The second Amendment prompted a well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of the free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Cartoon #6 describes how people misinterpret the reason why our founding father, James Madison, originally created the second Amendment. He created it to give citizens the opportunity to fight back. And apparently citizens were taking advance of it by acquiring the most powerful guns.

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Re: Cartoon #6

by Desiree Mantey - Sunday, December 3, 2017, 6:09 PM

Before reading your explanation I wasn't sure of the real connection between cartoon #6 and the founding fathers. Your explanation makes complete sense. Most people who are pro-second amendment in this country do not understand the premise under which the second amendment was written into law. It was written with Britain's attack on American freedom fresh in their minds. They needed to be able to defend themselves against foreign invaders. But in the United States in the 21st century this has been turned into a competition of who can own the bigger and better guns.

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Re: Cartoon #6

by Andrew Smith - Sunday, December 3, 2017, 7:04 PM

I liked your point about the premise under which the second amendment was written into law. I think with the attack on American rights during that period of time, the right to bear arms was an overwhelmingly common agreement among all citizens in order to protect themselves from a tyrannical government. Nevertheless, I still believe the second amendment is just as necessary today as ever. Even though basic arms aren't as strong of a protector against government, with modern military weaponry being so advanced, it still seems necessary for the American way of thinking. That is, we have the right and the tools to rebel if the government becomes tyrannical.

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Cartoon # 1

by Katrina Alsop - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 10:21 PM

The cartoon reflects the guidelines and goals of our founding fathers on taxing abilities granted within the constitution. The artist interpreted the context and issues of the constitution fairly well; the guidelines that got set in the constitution were vague and left a lot of gray areas in what the government can and cannot do, along with the extent of our rights, in regards to taxing. I agree with the point of view in the cartoon because it is still hard to define how citizens are to be taxed by the government, and how their money is to be used with out imposing on their rights.

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Cartoon # 3

by Ashley Davidson - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 11:20 PM

I think that this cartoon does accurately reflect history. The cartoon is 4 pilgrims sitting at a table. Ironical that we just had Thanksgiving. The cartoon talks about a small government that doesn't run their lives. The Pilgrims moved to the New land because they wanted more freedom than what they were getting in the previous places that they lived. That and they were thinking of a future for their children. I do think that the cartoonist correctly interpreted history in this drawing. I do agree with the overall message of the cartoon. A government is a government and there always going to be in your business. Sometimes some governments aren't as nosy as others

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Cartoons first thoughts

by Audrey Millard - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 11:45 PM

I think cartoons can express things we may not be as comfortable saying in a nonthreatening way. A lot of political cartoons talk about major topics yet they are not as threatening as large articles. Also this is a part of our first amendment and it's important we protect it!

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Response to Audrey

by River Sully - Sunday, December 3, 2017, 3:42 PM

I agree strongly with your views on being able to express things freely in a non-threatening way. This is something artists have always used their work for, trying to make a point or portray something they are unhappy with in a manner that isn't so confrontational. I'm not sure which cartoon you are writing about, but I think all of them do exactly what you are saying. They all try and make a point of using art to express an opinion.

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Re: Cartoons first thoughts

by Ashley Davidson - Sunday, December 3, 2017, 8:57 PM

I agree with you on the fact cartoons being a good way to express things in a non threatening way.It takes some of the harsh seriousness out of it when put into a cartoon. I think the hard part about it is that some times the meaning that the cartoonist was trying to portray can be misunderstood.

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Cartoon number 3

by Marla Rogers - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 11:53 PM

Cartoon number three seems fairly obvious to me in how it relates to what we've been studying so far. America was founded on the ideal of having a government that doesn't dictate what we can and cannot do as much as the monarchy did in England. However, it Has shifted dangerously close to that level of control over the recent history of the United States. We have always been lead to believe that we are the "land of the free" though, so most people seem to not realize just how much we are actually being controlled by the government in present time. The terms that we were built on are not our current ideals anymore. America has almost seem to have turned into a business rather than a country. And that business is run by the government.

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Cartoon #2

by Shelby Presley - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 6:16 PM

I think that this cartoon can especially relate to current day based on Trump's new tax plan. In a way I think that it represents the taxes that the British were putting on the Americans. In some way I feel like it's showing us how far we never came. Like we ended up worse off than the British were treating us. Not to mention that it's showing the two political parties "compromising" by taking from the average American person. Which reminds me of George Washington's speech warning us about political parties. I also notice how they make the "average American person" looks stupid. Such as if he doesn't know he's being robbed by the government.

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Re: Cartoon #2

by Marla Rogers - Sunday, December 3, 2017, 11:22 AM

"How far we never came." That is probably going to be one of my favorite quotes Shelby! Very insightful 😊

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Re: Cartoon #2

by Audrey Millard - Sunday, December 3, 2017, 11:34 PM

GREAT POINT! Wonderful analogy, this is why knowing USA history is so important to understanding current events.

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Cartoon 3

by Andrew Smith - Sunday, December 3, 2017, 6:51 PM

This cartoon depicts a Puritan family at dinner with a caption regarding their freedom from an obtrusive government in England. The Puritan immigrants were able to freely practice their way of life without the Church of England or other Christian sects getting in the way. I think the caption captures the point of this cartoon. It talks about a small government which is what the Puritan immigrants to the new world enjoyed. This smaller government allowed them to practice their faith how they saw fit. The cartoon also captures the more religious tolerance of the new world when compared to England when it says, "Government that doesn't try t run our lives."

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Re: image #4

by Preston Cobb - Sunday, December 3, 2017, 10:57 PM

I wanted to finish out my last post of the forum for the week with image number four. It kind of makes me think of the bill of rights. People wanted specific rights that show some form of protection from our government. So when the son and dad are looking up at the stars in the picture, and the dad and the dad assumes that he's being watched it could relate with his rights in this country of ours. Rather being week to some or perfectly fine to others.

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Image 6

by Audrey Millard - Sunday, December 3, 2017, 11:30 PM

I find this image slightly funny and scary. The constitution will always tie us to our past, because amendment do not just "disappear". They evolve and are contradicted all the time. The right to bare arms conflicts with this major section of our constitution which states that militia will be regulated... Many other articles conflict with others as well. This image IS miss leading, I say this because since the writing of our amendments and now, weaponry has come a very long way. They show a man on the right holding a modern day weapon resembling an AR. Military grade weaponry is regulated and a lot of military weapons you cannot buy. For example, M16 and AK47s are heavily regulated and banned. Weaponry is much deadlier now then the past, if our founding fathers saw modern day war they would be horrified. Also, since then weapons at a certain grade (shotguns for example) have become much more common. A household item if you will, so I do see the point they are trying to make.

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