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Constitutional Cartoons

by Joe Escobar - Saturday, November 22, 2014, 9:43 PM

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2 Party Monopoly cartoon #4

by Evan Kossow - Monday, November 24, 2014, 2:45 PM

Democrat vs Republican, we have a choice right? Sure we have the choice between the two richest candidates both funded by backroom deals with sleazy corporate owners getting filthy rich off of their military contracts. Then, both these candidates spend all their hard earned money on slander campaigns toward the other one. The greater audience is captivated. "Bush is a fascist!", "Obama's a socialist!". For the people half listening they have a treasure chest of hype and empty promises to fill the open ear holes. The hatred toward the other party in people creates a scapegoat for the very real problems people can see. This leaves the real puppet masters, the people who fund the actions of our government completely free to conduct their business without a watchful eye on them. Plato's, "Allegory of the Cave" applicable to modern day society. Even federalist Washington warned of political party's, and i wonder how much foresight he really had on the issue.

Below is a list of some Corporations and what they have spent on each party this year 2014. Notice how some company's even donate to both.

Rank	Organization	Amount	 Dems	 Repubs
1	Elliott Management	\$12,131,919	0.1%	20.9%
2	Renaissance Technologies	\$8,795,150	5.2%	3.1%
3	TD Ameritrade	\$4,919,150	0.1%	0.9%
4	Stephens Inc	\$3,882,650	0.2%	21.0%
5	Soros Fund Management	\$3,562,700	6.8%	1.0%
6	Citadel LLC	\$3,265,855	3.5%	10.0%
7	Goldman Sachs	\$3,211,146	32.9%	54.9%
8	Baupost Group	\$3,141,900	3.3%	13.1%
9	JW Childs Assoc	\$2,481,790	0.3%	12.5%
10	UBS AG	\$1,843,640	44.1%	55.5%
11	Trust Asset Management	\$1,811,042	10.3%	0.0%
12	Sol Goldman Investments	\$1,708,759	12.2%	0.0%
13	Equinox Partners	\$1,659,269	0.0%	5.1%
14	Grantham, Mayo et al	\$1,650,500	0.0%	0.0%
15	Blackstone Group	\$1,643,998	43.8%	56.1%
16	Third Point LLC	\$1,512,400	5.7%	9.0%
17	Bain Capital	\$1,490,350	31.2%	28.5%
18	Morgan Stanley	\$1,462,360	44.4%	54.9%
19	Kleiner, Perkins et al	\$1,369,218	34.3%	6.9%
20	Carlyle Group	\$1,307,211	17.8%	52.9%

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Missleading



by Samuel Black - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 12:22 AM

I found your statement to be rather bias, extremist, misleading, and having little to nothing to do with the cartoon and the history behind it. First off, who do you think will take your side? You are taking the stand of an anarchist, or at least it appears that way when you use words like "backroom deal...sleazy corporate...filthy rich...slander campaigns...treasure chest of hype and empty promises to fill the open ear holes... the real puppet masters" to describe both the political parties and their followers. Politics is compromise, is it not? Of course there are backroom deals, they have been here since the beginning of our country and they are prevalent in every government. Remember in class when we talked about the compromise between Hamilton and Jefferson? Hamilton wanted a national bank, and Jefferson wanted a

southern capitol, thus you have a "backroom deal".

Where did you get your chart? It is quite misleading, yet very convincing to a layperson. However, if someone possess the ability to do simple addition we notice something doesn't add up, namely 0.1%+20.9% does not add up to 100%, (row number one on the chart, Democrat% + Republican%) so what happened to all the other money? To be precise, what happened to the \$46,015,369.67? That happens to be 73.25% of the total amount of money you claim was donated to the two political parties.

One last point about the comic, is that not how all governments work? Taxpayers pay taxes to the government, and the government uses those taxes to run the country. They are not stealing from house safes and bank accounts. What would you have the government do instead?

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Re: Missleading



by Evan Kossow - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 9:56 AM

Im glad you spent so much time on my post. Remember though, you need to take words as they are and not just run with them and add your own, like anarchy. If you don't fully understand a post, don't comment on it (review forum guidelines).

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Re: 2 Party Monopoly cartoon #4



by Ronald Howard - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 9:59 PM

I agree. Elections are becoming more and more money based. With the emergence of super PACs, people can throw as much money as they want at which ever candidate. I think there needs to be something done to level the playing field.

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Oposit



by Jackson Baker - Monday, November 24, 2014, 4:56 PM

These cartoons show how modern day america has drifted away from the core beliefs of what our founding fathers intended our nation to be. It shows that new technology and societal changes we have had to interpret the document to the best of our abilities even if it seems opposite to what it was supposed to be take for example the cartoon pertaining to the second amendment. At the time the primary "arms" were pistols and muskets not the kinds of weaponry we have today. I'm not saying we shouldn't be allowed to own modern weaponry how ever there was no way our founding fathers could have known this advanced weaponry would be created and readily accessible by the public.

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Right to bear arms



by Arianna Magana - Monday, November 24, 2014, 7:32 PM

I agree with you on the terms of the right to bear arms. Granted, our founding fathers couldn't have known that our weaponry would advance this far but now you have the government trying to put limits on what kind of weapons we can own. Its almost like they want us to have the right to bear arms but with their restrictions. Its like I said in my last post. Our government gives us rights but with their limitations. We aren't really that free of a country that we claim to be

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Re: Right to bear arms



by Jeremy Rutledge - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 11:21 PM

I agree with majority of your post. I support the second amendment the right to bear arms. Being in a family that has a lot of guns I am proud to have that right as an American citizen. However, I do not think we should have automatic weapons, silencers, or any type of gernade like weapons. There is no need for them in a citizens hands besides hurting a vass number of people.

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Cartoon #3



by Arianna Magana - Monday, November 24, 2014, 6:22 PM

Somewhere along the way we have lost what the Founding Fathers set for us. Equality is not a factor anymore in the U.S. The government gives you your rights: this is true but its with limitations. Welfare is a handout. There used to be a cap on welfare and now anyone can get it and for however how long they want. I really like this cartoon because it shows in just a simple picture that America doesn't stand for what the Founding Fathers originally set for the country. America is free but there is always a price to pay for something. Every time there is some sort of new law or tax break, bail out, our country gets further and further in debt and they take away from middle class on down. Just say no to freedom.

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Re: Cartoon #3



by Ronald Howard - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 10:04 PM

"Welfare is a handout. There used to be a cap on welfare and now anyone can get it and for however how long they want. I really like this cartoon because it shows in just a simple picture that America doesn't stand for what the Founding Fathers originally

set for the country."

So what is the answer to this? Cut hand outs? Let people with families live on the street with no help at all? This is America. The wealthiest country on earth. Why should we let people rot on the street? I'd rather live in a country that takes a little bit of my pay check to help people out than live in a country that allows families and children to starve and have nothing in the name of "financial freedom".

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Cartoon #2



by Erin Gore - Monday, November 24, 2014, 6:37 PM

Cartoon #2 depicts a vending machine of sorts that accepts cash along with your votes. It is demonstrating how in modern day, it's not your beliefs and values that matter to get votes, it's how much money you have, and how much money your sponsors pay to get your name out there. How much money you have to be able to buy peoples votes. The only thing that should matter are votes and votes alone. Democracy is meant to be the voice of the people, and meant for people to choose who they like best and who they trust to represent their country. Many people today feel as if their vote does nothing and a lot of people don't even vote at all because of this. Less emphasis should be placed on money during campaigns on more on the actual values of the candidates, and what they plan to do with their power. I agree with this message wholeheartedly.

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A flawed election system?



by Colin Roach - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 7:39 PM

I agree that cash and corporate interests seem to have taken a large share of influence over the government. I can similarly understand the claim that people feel as though their vote does nothing. I must confess to a similar sentiment in that regard, yet I must ask; Can we do anything differently with how our election system stands? Campaigns are expensive flying all over, running advertisements, etc. Most candidates are reliant on financial backers, and the less wealthy are effectively barred from running for office. Even if an independent candidate makes it onto the ballot, the firmly established two-party system means that we as voters are best served by casting our votes for what we see as the lesser of two evils, so to speak. To a lesser extent, minor parties and independent candidates become villified, votes for them are a lost cause because any vote there is a vote not putting the 'lesser evil' into office. While visiting my parents, I overheard a video that may have been a TED talk, where the speaker suggested a solution to this problem. If our ballots allowed us to check off which candidates we'd be okay with seeing in office rather than only one, the presence of independent candidates and minor parties would no longer be problematic, as voting for them would not prevent voters from also supporting the major party candidate that they see as a 'lesser evil.' This would, in theory, weaken the two party system, allowing us at least a glimmer of hope that some day, we might see other parties take office.

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Cartoon #3



by Brody Wasson - Monday, November 24, 2014, 7:19 PM

This cartoon is actually very accurate in a sense that all of the labels that are represented tie into racism. I related this back to the dissection we had in class about slaves and how they were treated during the 17th and 18th century. I agree its politically accurate but don't agree with the message. I believe everyone should have a fair life and not be forced to have to take sides and be forced to believe in things they don't want to. The freedom of speech in the constitution says that we have freedom of speech but we hear all the time that many political biased people want bills passed to limit what we get to say they want it their way not no way which is exactly what this political cartoon is showing

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Jefferson # 1



by Amy Trask - Monday, November 24, 2014, 8:38 PM

This post is in reflection of cartoon #1, Founding Father Advice, by Gary Varvel. I found this depiction of Thomas Jefferson to be historically accurate, given the fact that he was using direct quotes. These words may as well have jumped straight out of my class notes, and can be found in our text book; Liberty, Equality and Power pg. 263.

I really love Jefferson's quote on the bottom left of the cartoon, reminding us that we preserve our liberties by keeping the government in check. Being an antifederalist, Jefferson believed in the strict interpretation of the constitution; I believe this quote is a perfect example of his belief. If people are not held accountable they will become power hungry and take advantage of their position. Give them an inch and they will take a mile.

Mr. Escobar has pointed this out multiple times in class and gave us a great example on Thursday when he was speaking about Franklin D. Roosevelt being the reason behind term limits. This is why I believe a more strict interpretation of the constitution along with a certain amount of state power and informed, involved voters would make for a more honest government. There is a reason for the implementation of checks and balances.

Limiting the power of Government, and reminding them that the people have a say in more of the process instead of just the big picture could establish a more accountable government. Since taking this class, my new political status is not democrat or republican, it is hard core Jeffersonian.

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Re: Jefferson # 1



by Evan Kossow - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 9:56 PM

I like your post a lot. I feel like if Jefferson saw the current state of affairs today he

would have a conniption fit. Government bailouts, shady foreign military endeavors, pervasive surveillance, and a new politician caught in some scam every week. Our secretary of treasury was indicted for tax evasion! what kind of a message does that send?? I feel like Jefferson was very keen on the possibility of all this and tried to warn us as best as he could.

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Re: Jefferson # 1



by Amy Trask - Friday, November 28, 2014, 11:10 AM

Thanks for the post. I find it quite eerie that the first leaders of our country could have had such foresight. Washington with his farewell address warnings against long-term "entangling alliances" with other countries, and internal political divisions (Liberty, Equality, Power pg.255-6.) Linked with the quotes from Jefferson in cartoon #1, there are definitely some creepy Nostradamus predictions happening between then and now. I wish we would have paid closer attention.

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Resonating words.



by Colin Roach - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 8:20 PM

One of the quotes in that comic really struck a chord with me. "To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

I feel this to be especially true of the unpopular wars that the United States has engaged in. To be asked to pay, not just in money but in lives, to support someone's side in a political squabble that you do not agree with is just wrong.

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Political Cartoon #7 Government Spending



by Haley Anderson - Monday, November 24, 2014, 10:55 PM

"Government will fix everything and it won't cost a dime" is the quote that is said by President Obama in this political cartoon. I chose this one due to the fact that Americans voted for Obama so that he could fix the healthcare system as well as working middle class and lower Americans. He has implemented free healthcare, while many people are actually having to pay for this system. While in office, according to the website Washington Monthly Obama has increased federal funding for; stem-cell/biomedical research, science and research labs, school construction, lower drug costs for seniors, increase of student loans, increase of housing and spending for the military as well as made more loans available for small business owners. As well as the federal money spent on all of these new things put into place by Obama, Obama is the biggest spending president in history, spending

approximately 44,351,777.12 on travel with about 112 trips taken. Are all of these increased spending in tax dollars such a good idea when the United States is so ridiculously in debt?

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Re: Political Cartoon #7 Government Spending



by Colin Roach - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 7:52 PM

On the one hand, I agree that we as a country should try to regulate our spending. Spending money we don't have is a risky proposition. On the other, a lot of that spending was presumably intended to aid in education, medicine, and to some extent (hopefully) weaken the corporate grip on our country. If successful, reaching many of those goals would be quite beneficial to our country. And the U.S. has been in debt for a long time, if not its entire history. There is no easy answer to the issue of the nation's spending. Representative Democracy, for all of its benefits such as making governing large populations feasible, has some issues, and one of those is that matters such as the budget are very difficult to resolve when parties have differing views. As for the spending on travel, I have no comment. I will not pretend to grasp the nuances of diplomacy.

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Re: Political Cartoon #7 Government Spending



by Ronald Howard - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 10:15 PM

Are all of these increased spending in tax dollars such a good idea when the United States is so ridiculously in debt?

With Obamacare put aside, I think the money Obama has invested will yield higher returns in the future. I mean, if Bush could justify tax cuts for the wealthy, increased spending on science, schools, seniors, and student loans doesn't sound so bad, does it?

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Cartoon #6



by Jeremy Rutledge - Monday, November 24, 2014, 10:56 PM

I have trouble interpreting a couple of the cartoons. Additionally, I like cartoon six where it shows James Madison writing the Bill of Rights and as he is finishing the second Amendment he is interrupted by a gentleman with an assault rifle with a scope, silencer, and a 203 gernade launcher attached to the rifle. Furthermore, what I took from the cartoon is that the founding farthers would have modified the second Amendment if citizens had access to weapons of mass destruction like the rifle shown in the cartoon.

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Re: Cartoon #6



by Daniel Leman - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 12:35 AM

In your post you mention "the founding fathers would have modified the second Amendment if citizens had access to weapons of mass destruction like the rifle shown in the cartoon." However at the time the amendments were written citizens in fact did have access to what was considered at the time as weapons of mass destruction (As mentioned by Joe Escobar in class). The musket was by far the most destructive, and powerful weapon of its time, even more so than our modern AK-47. So why would you assume Madison would not want his militia to have this weapon for his militia, when it was also available to the army his militia was intended to fight against?

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Re: Cartoon #6



by Jeremy Rutledge - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 11:42 PM

Comparing a musket to a weapon of our time is not comparable. For example, the rifle shown in the cartoon can shoot up to 29 rounds in a matter of seconds and has a grenade launcher connected to it. Rather, a musket can shoot a single ball and take about two minutes to reload. Even so, I agree with you Madison is quoted our people have the right to bear arms because our government is not afraid to trust the people. However, when it came to the right to bear arms it was not just for a militia during those times having a musket was a way of life, for instance, hunting. I was putting our current weapons in James Madison's time. Lastly, if citizens were walking around with weapons shown in the cartoon Madison being a federalist would have modified the second Amendment.

I am all for the second Amendment just want to state that.

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Re: Cartoon #6



by Daniel Leman - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 4:30 PM

The comparison I hope to make is not that we compare muskets to assault weapons. We can assume from this picture that everyone would have access to the weapon shown. Meaning the militia would possibly be fighting those armed with the weapon shown. In the federalist papers, Madison states: "The means of security can only be regulated by the means and the danger of attack. They will in fact be ever determined by these rules, and by no others." (Federalist papers No.40). Meaning that the fighting force must be equipped to adequately fight that of the attackers.

Also in the federalist papers, specifically in relation to the militia, Hamilton is

quoted: "The attention of the government ought particularly to be directed to the formation of a select corps of moderate extent, upon such principles as will really fit them for service in case of need. By thus circumscribing the plan, it will be possible to have an excellent body of well-trained militia, ready to take the field whenever the defense of the State shall require it. (Federalist papers No.29). This small excerpt explaining a portion of the of the federalist papers that explains that the militia must be capable of replacing the army completely in defense of the country, and must be armed adequately to do so. So if we are to assume this weapon is available to anyone who would be fighting the militia, the federalist papers themselves state that they must, without a doubt be armed with the same weapons as their attackers.

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Re: Cartoon #6



by Ronald Howard - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 11:39 PM

I see your point. But do you think a musket can kill as many people as an AK-47 can in a matter of seconds? People want bans on assault rifles because they can leave large amounts of people completely helpless to gunfire due to the large clips. Muskets were 1 shot, really large, and known to be pretty inaccurate. Weapons nowadays are far more destructive than Madison ever could have predicted.

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Inaccurate Cartoon #6



by Daniel Leman - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 12:17 AM

Cartoon #6 shows James Madison in the process of writing the amendments to the constitution to present to the house. It also shows what we can assume is a colonist showing James a modern weapon, to which he is having a startled reaction of "whoa!" The cartoon also mentions a portion of the 2nd amendment which refers to a well regulated militia. The cartoon assumes James Madison would have reconsidered writing this part of the constitution had he known of the weapons currently available to us, as American civilians. This amendment was written because of a "old fear of a standing army, and guaranteed the continuation of a militia of armed citizens" (Chapter 7 page 148). As Thomas Jefferson said "when government fears the people, there is liberty. When the people fear the government, there is tyranny."

My interpretation of this is that James Madison would have intended for his militia to have weapons equal to, or greater then that of the government. Assuming this modern weapon was available at the time of the amendments to the constitution I am almost certain he would have wanted his militia to have access to them, to ensure their power over the government. I tend to agree with the position of Madison and Jefferson. As a gun owner myself, even owning a weapon looking very similar to that shown in the cartoon. The bullet from that gun is no more dangerous then that from any other. Frankly a musket, whose

projectile could end up going in any random direction after being fired could have easily accidentally shot the wrong person. Where a modern rifled weapon is much more accurate, and would not put vast areas in danger. Muskets could also easily explode if improperly loaded, a problem modern ammunition has resolved. Thus making it considerably safer than the weapons used at the time. I think Madison would have decided that having a safer weapon, which could shoot a more accurate round (thus saving ammunition as well) would have probably had a reaction more like "awesome!"

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Cartoon #7



by Arianna Magana - Wednesday, November 26, 2014, 2:56 PM

I really like this cartoon because just the simple quote "Government will fix everything and It won't cost a dime" says so much. Haley you are right in the fact that a lot of Americans voted for Obama because he stated that he would bring back the middle class and help out the lower class. He said he would fix the healthcare system. Obama care is really a joke, like you said he was promoting free healthcare so that every American could have insurance and that it would decrease the debt in the healthcare industry when it really has done the exact opposite and now the people who realize they qualify for Obama care are dropping the insurance they pay for and signing up for Obama care. They are taking advantage of it. Obama has done nothing to improve our healthcare system especially.

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Re: Constitutional Cartoons # 7



by Brody Wasson - Friday, November 28, 2014, 12:04 PM

Cartoon number 7 depicts Obama with a small girl that is labeled america. We have been talking about the debt that america has collected over the centuries. In the cartoon Obama says that everything will be fixed and it won't cost a dime. This related back to cartoon number 4, it may not come out of obamas personal pocket but who's pocket does it come out of? ours the tax payers of the united states. The little girl that represents america says i love free stuff and really nothing in this world is ever free. And this doesn't just go for one political party or the other both parties take our tax payers money even if the candidate is not the president. I think that the both cartons mentions above have been depicted correctly. They show how our nations in debt and what is causing the problem

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Wouldnt work any other way



by Samuel Black - Friday, November 28, 2014, 1:15 PM

Cartoon number four is interesting because I feel like its rather ironic. You see an elephant and donkey dressed in suits with their hands in the pockets of a man dressed like an Uncle Sam with a shirt that says "TAXPAYER". Obviously this is referring to the government,

elephant for Republicans and donkey for Democrats, taking money from the pockets of the American citizens. What is ironic, is that he is a tax payer, and it goes without saying that when you pay taxes you are giving your money to the government. That is how governments work, otherwise they would not have any money to run the country with. America's government has been collecting taxes in on form or another since we became a country, starting with tariffs. So although it can feel like the government is 'stealing' our money, we are actually 23rd on the list of highest taxed countries according to CNBC.com <http://www.cnbc.com/id/47290212#>.

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Re: Wouldnt work any other way



by Evan Kossow - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 11:00 AM

This is good information and you are correct that we don't pay that many taxes in comparison. I believe that the taxpayer in this cartoon holds his right to feel robbed though on how those taxes are spent. Denmark taxes its population 40%. in contrast that's a lot more then us except that they get to see every dime of it go to work (national heated roads for freezing temperatures, truly free healthcare, and a zero% homeless rate). Currently in America a number of our tax dollars just disappear, or the federal reserve just prints more money driving interest and inflation. The "compromise" as I see it is that although current republicans and democrats will disagree on low impact issues like flag burning, abortion, or gay marriage, the last two administrations have been very quick to spend money in numerous ways that don't benefit the average taxpayer in any way. When Halliburton was contracted in Iraq for instance the taxpayers were paying \$7 a piece for a soldier to have a 12 ounce coke every night. The last two administrations have also practiced very loose constructionism of the constitution ranging from bushes Patriot act to Obamas approval of the NSA saving all our personal information and conversations in servers.

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Cartoon 4



by Jeremy Rutledge - Friday, November 28, 2014, 8:15 PM

I do not think that cartoon four is a monopoly. However, cartoon four clearly shows both major political parties robbing the us (taxpayers) money. Additionally, the faces of the characters in the cartoon tells a different story. For instance, the elephant and the donkey look like they have been taking large amounts of the taxpayers money and for the taxpayer it seems like he is frightened that it will never stop who ever is elected.

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Re: Cartoon 4



by Colin Roach - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 7:58 PM

The cartoon portrays taxation in a very negative light. While I will not pretend to be entirely comfortable with how taxpayer's dollars are spent by our government, I will not deny the necessity of taxation to maintain its function. This cartoon portrays taxes as robbery, which I disagree with.

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Re: Cartoon 4



by Jeremy Rutledge - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 11:32 PM

I agree we need taxation to maintain our government. However, previously in Mr. Escobar class he gives examples of taxes he wishes he didn't get tax for, but others would so he will get paid. For instance, if you were getting taxed for public road repairs, but you don't have a license, then you are getting taxed for repairs on public roads that you do not use. I believe that is government digging in your pockets and taking your money for no reason at all (robbery).

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Re: Constitutional Cartoons #5



by Brody Wasson - Friday, November 28, 2014, 11:27 PM

This cartoon really made me light for one it depicts a colonist and an everyday bum off the street the colonist says don't tread on me he wants the freedom and the bum wants us to tread on the colonist because he doesn't want the government to take away his rights. in a way I sorta agree with this cartoon, for one it depicts a modern and day representation of what is happening to us. we blame the colonists for their problems and don't want to them to tread on us or in other words take our tax dollars.

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Cartoon #2



by Arianna Magana - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 12:36 PM

Cartoon #2 is an image that is a vending machine only accepting cash for votes, also it notes says on the bottom "no small bills." I feel like what this cartoon is saying is that anymore it doesn't matter anymore what a candidates beliefs or values are anymore, its how much money you have. I can't say but I think its safe to say that most of the people want someone in office who will be honest and really have this country's best interest at heart. These candidates today will spend any amount of money to get their name out there. I know of a lot of people that don't even vote because of this reason. I think a lot of people have the thought process of "What does it matter?" A lot of faith and hope has been lost in this country and its sad to say that in this present day that this political cartoon is spot on.

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Re: Cartoon #2



by Kaitlin Silva - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 6:56 PM

I completely agree. Elections are purely a money game, whoever has the most money will honestly get their name out more, have more public appearances, more marketing techniques, causing people to know who they are. People are not going to vote for someone who they know nothing about. Like you said, people don't vote for this reason, I'm one of those people. I don't believe it's fair to choose between two of the richest candidates. It would be a different situation if all candidates had equal opportunity to present themselves, without it having to do with money at all.

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Re: Cartoon #2



by Colin Roach - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 8:06 PM

I agree. I see the cost of campaigning as one of the major problems facing our election system. Even with no other changes, I suspect that we might see a reduction in the influence of lobbyists and wealthy corporations over our politicians and more politicians that better understand the situations of the majority of Americans, because they've been there, or at least closer to it.

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Bluntly Robbed.



by Kaitlin Silva - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 6:48 PM

When I first saw the cartoons I thought that #2 and #4 followed the same message. They both depict a meaning of government taking our money. In cartoon #2 it shows a vending machine requiring money to vote, while not allowing any "small bills". It reflects how elections in today's world is a game of who has the most money. Marketing for any elected position requires a huge amount of money, and the person who essentially markets themselves better wins. In order for someone you want to win you have to dish out some sort of income, even if it's for the sign to put in your yard. Cartoon #4 shows both major political parties robbing a man. This goes along with what I mentioned about cartoon #2, how any political party needs money to function. Over the years the concept of voting has evolved into purely a money game, and political parties will do anything to get it. This is how our government elections work. It curious' me if there will be a time where the way we elect people changes. We saw this, in a way, with the revolutionary war. We didn't like the system in place so we revolted, and started our own.

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The right to bare arms in today's world



by Ronald Howard - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 8:24 PM

I found this cartoon particularly interesting due to the significance it has in today's world. The debate over what it means to have the right to bare arms has been argued and fought for endlessly as I have been growing up. The Constitution vaguely states that citizens have the right to bare arms, however, did James Madison predict that high power weapons capable of killing hundreds in a matter of seconds would become available to every day citizens? Did he realize that highly explosive and detrimental weapons would easily become obtainable to those who looked to get their hands on them? I think this cartoon does a good job of explaining why it is important that we update certain parts of the constitution in order to fit into today's world.



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Re: The right to bare arms in today's world

by Jeremy Rutledge - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 11:40 PM

I agree we have to update the parts of the constitution. However, I am concerned whom ever gets to make those decisions or vote on the updates will be looking out for themselves instead of the people. I believe we should do a very minor change to the second amendment because of the shootings that we are having in today's world.

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