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Constitutional Cartoons



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

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'well regulated militia' (Cartoon #6)



by Kyle Quinoveva - Monday, November 24, 2014, 4:23 PM

The Cartoon seems to imply that perhaps if the founding fathers had known the level of military technology today they would have second guesses on, or at least how they worded, the Second Amendment (Article IV) in the Bill of Rights.

Article IV is frustratingly brief (a single run on sentence) and offers little more than a sweeping statement without any specifics or extra conditions. This makes interpreting it after close to 200 years of military development difficult.

While it is impossible to know for sure; I am of the opinion that the cartoonist is correct in this assessment in that most of the writers of the constitution would have disagreed with the idea of everyone having ready access to assault rifles with telescopic sights, extended magazines, suppressors and underslung grenade launchers, as depicted in the image, outside of well-regulated militia. Remember that many of them became in favor of a stronger central government after the events of Shay's Rebellion and would fear mob rule should the common person be given unregulated access to such firepower. (Though, perhaps Jefferson would approve with his whole 'a little rebellion every now and then is a good thing' statement).

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Different times



by Dalyn Stram - Monday, November 24, 2014, 9:01 PM

I wholeheartedly and thoroughly disagree. Our founders believed in a well regulated militia and our right to bear arms because they felt that a nation's citizens should always have the power to defend themselves or take back the power from a tyrannical or corrupt government. It's not about "what type of gun". It's about the people having that power. In the 18th century, that power came by muskets. In the 21st century, that power comes by assault rifles, shotguns, etc. Times have changed. If America was founded in 2008, our founders would have fought their revolution with today's weapons; not muskets. Spiraling into an argument about the difference in guns misses the point COMPLETELY of what our founders intended by giving us the right to bear arms and form militias.

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Different Subject



by Kyle Quinoveva - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 12:02 AM

I do not disagree with this statement necessarily, in fact I do agree that many the Founding Fathers believed in a well-regulated militia was required to keep freedom and maintain the people's interests, Article IV is solid proof of that. HOWEVER, I believe that was what the *Cartoonist* was trying to draw attention to here *was* the differences in firearms and time period, so I hope you can understand why my focus was what it was. In that way you can say, yes, the cartoonist has a skewed view on Article IV that is inconsistent to what the actual founders intended.

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Re: Different Subject



by Dalyn Stram - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 5:26 PM

I believe the cartoonist was simply trying to make a political point through a historically inaccurate cartoon.

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Re: 'well regulated militia' (Cartoon #6)



by Courtney Tullock - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 12:57 PM

I think the founding fathers were clever enough to realize that as time went by new technology including weapons would be created. "Well regulated" are the key words in

this amendment. I don't know if Madison and Jefferson could have imagined the kinds of weapons we would have access to in our generation but they did want us to have access to them as long as we know how to use them. Of course no one wanted an angry, most likely drunken mob to have weapons. They wanted the people to be knowledgeable and ready if a rebellion became necessary.

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Power

by Darren Rolewicz - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 1:53 PM

While I understand your logic, I must disagree. The founding fathers must have certainly known technology would advance to a level well beyond their thoughts. When Article IV regards a "well-regulated militia", they are referring to an armed force (Army, Navy, etc.), the use of the term militia was due to the fact that at that time, it was what our armed force. And in reference to bearing arms for citizens, I don't think the type of weapon has anything to do with it. As stated previously, this article was about giving power to its citizens that no other nation gave to theirs; the power to fight against a corrupted government. And the founding fathers understood that this even meant their own if the time came. And Madison's quote on "a little rebellion every now and then" was not an appraisal of violence, it was an appraisal of what the founding fathers wanted for this country; people pushing back against their leaders when they feel injustice has been done.

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Is it really free though?

by Benjamin Kelly - Monday, November 24, 2014, 6:56 PM

I thought the 7th political cartoon was very intriguing and had a very creative way of portraying its message. It shows President Obama holding a little girl's hand (America) telling her "The government will fix everything and it won't cost a dime." Then it shows the little girl saying "I love free stuff." I thought this cartoon was pretty funny because like most Americans, I love free stuff too. I think by using a little girl to represent America, the cartoon is trying to say that Americans can be naive (like a child) to what the government is really doing. The fact that at the bottom of the cartoon it says State of the Union, I think is referring to what the President tells the U.S. during the State of the Union address and how what he says, is not always what happens. Americans tend to be easily manipulated in the sense that if they are told something, they don't always question it and just go with what is happening without looking more into it. This a lot of times how a child is which is why I think this is such a powerful political cartoon.

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Re: Is it really free though?

by Michael Bennett - Monday, November 24, 2014, 9:49 PM



I had a really hard time getting a meaning out of the picture, other than the person who wrote that probably is not on the Obama fan wagon. I really like what you got out of it and it makes a lot of sense looking back at the picture now. And i agree with what you said about American people tend to be easily manipulated. Voting for example, people check that they are a democrat or a republican (or independent), and vote for the people of the party they chose to be apart of, without really knowing anything about who they are voting for. The cartoon is a very clever one. A dig at both the people and the government of America.

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#2 -- Rich Vending Machine?

by Kathryn Kinney - Monday, November 24, 2014, 7:16 PM

I believe this political cartoon shows it's historical value when the man on the left says, "Remember when this used to only take votes?" This is obviously poking at the fact that now in present times, we have super pacs and corporations that give large amounts of money to candidates for office. The statement, "No small bills" helps to verify my opinion that only if you have a lot of money, you would be able to choose your congressman or president. In the early republic period of United States history, the runners for office didn't have multi million dollar contributions to fund television ads, or attack signs. Sure Jefferson and Adams had their disagreements during the running of Adams second term (that he lost to Jefferson) but not at all like it is today.

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Cartoon #4

by Courtney Tullock - Monday, November 24, 2014, 7:37 PM

The elephant and the donkey represent the two ideals held of America. One is big and strong (federalists) whereas the other is a common and small (democrats). Both however have their ideals founded on the taxpayers. In this cartoon the democrats are represented by the donkey wearing red while the elephant stands for the federalists in blue which is accurate for that time period based on what we have learned about the formation of the parties. In our time the donkey stands for the blue democrats and the elephant is the mascot for the republicans.

I don't agree with this interpretation. Both parties were complete opposites of each other and though they could agree that the people needed to be loyal to the country and pay taxes, I don't think they both wanted to steal from the people as this cartoon depicts.

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Cartoon #7- Government vs. The People



by Caitlyn Cravotto - Monday, November 24, 2014, 8:47 PM

As a nineteen year old, I have only experienced financial (mostly) independence for a short time now. Although, in this short time, I have finally gained a little bit more of understanding and knowledge for the different tax levels that correspond with income levels. This cartoon to me depicts a scenario our government currently working to be taking aid of the low-income citizens of country, therefore having to "rip the band-aid" (if you will) over those who take more money in each year. Exemplitory: with President Obama's Obamacare act, the cost of the tax on healthcare is astoundingly high for those who "can afford it" (for now). This is how i look at it. So, that fair? A very complex and complicated question, indeed. It is hard for me as a middle-class citizen to know "what side" I stand on with this incredibly huge and controversial concept. I do know the middle-class is taxed quite heavily as well. I am in support of low-income citizens to have healthcare, although is the amount that the government is taxing the high-incomers corresponding to what the government is contributing to the people rather than itself? The cartoon to me is representing the naiveness that takes place in a person when using what is given from the government. I think there is a stereotype involved that "free health care for all" has encouraged: that the low-income are being taken care of by the government--the people.

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Get your government out of my wallet



by Dalyn Stram - Monday, November 24, 2014, 8:52 PM

Cartoon #4

I absolutely agree with this cartoon. I think the vast majority of Americans today (in our age of cynicism) would agree as well. Both the Democrats and Republicans have their hands in the taxpayers pockets. It's hard to disagree in a time when government spending is soaring, when our president gives his friends lucrative contracts and/or jobs paid for by our tax dollars, when we have career politicians who make ridiculous amounts of money and do nothing but vote themselves better and better benefits, etc. Neither party truly seems to want to stop spending, although I do think there are individuals who care about cutting our costs. Sadly, if I could, I would have to add one more person to the cartoon - other American citizens. It's a sad state of affairs, but right now we have too much weight in the cart and not enough horsepower to pull it. We have millions and millions of people dependent on the government, but where does the government get money from? From the taxpayers. We have far too many people who don't work yet have their hands in the pockets of their taxpaying neighbors. It's a mess, and something needs to change or our country will collapse financially. We simply won't have enough people to tax. The cartoon immediately reminded me of some of our readings. I remembered making mental note that some of our nation's earliest and most bitter arguments and debates were over finances. Who to pay, how to pay, how to distribute currency, how to deal with debt, etc. Finances have and always be a major issue for any country. Nobody likes taxes, but I would imagine most people recognize and accept their importance. However, I would say our founders would be appalled at the rate of our taxes today. The government will literally tax you or fine for anything they possibly can. We are being taxed to provide services or pay salaries that are not necessary to what our founders wanted to set up. They wanted a strong enough

federal government to provide safety and a few other essential services. Today, our government does far more than they ever could have imagined, and most of it isn't essential. It might not be realistic, but it would be nice to see our government return to taking care of only the true essentials and basics of what it was set up to do. And like I mentioned earlier, it's sad to see that not only the Democrats and Republicans have their hands in our pockets, but also many of our fellow Americans who want a free lunch.

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#6 Gun Control



by Michael Bennett - Monday, November 24, 2014, 9:33 PM

At first i was confused because i remembered that Madison was on the Democratic-Republican side. I was wondering why Madison was writing about having a well regulated military. Than i remembered he had changed from a Federalist too being more for the rights of the states. James Madison is writing with a federalists view, than some random guy walks in with an assault rifle telling him to check it out.

This can be related to today because Americans are still debating over the same issue. Gun control and the power of the military.

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The Compromise (Cartoon #4)



by Zachary Ehrhardt - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 12:53 AM

This cartoon peeked my interest. I believe that historically, this was not the case, however it may have always felt like it to some. Knowing that the American revolution was partially, if not mostly, fought to escape the tariffs and duties imposed upon the colonists, I could understand why many colonists felt that the taxes being imposed upon them by the new American government were wrong. It was a belief of Jefferson that the government should not impose taxes upon its citizens to pay off the nation's debts.

That being said, I feel that the cartoonist may not be pointing at history, but rather at the current state of affairs. I liken this cartoon with cartoon #2. I do feel like the cartoonist is saying that this is a current problem, which I agree with. It is my opinion that this country has two major parties: the Republicans, and the Republican Light. I feel that politicians are looking out, first and foremost for themselves, which is a normal human instinct.

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#2: Democracy for the wealthy



by Darren Rolewicz - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 5:28 AM

The line from the first man in this cartoon tries to describe the difference of the election process from the Early Republican era to the current period. It refers to the fact that originally, elections were a result of the true democratic voting process; when officials were

elected mainly on their political positions, regardless of how much money they had toward their campaign. And more importantly to the fact that a corporation itself could not contribute to a campaign. Now it is impossible to win an election without big money being contributed by large corporations who in turn, make these elected officials their puppets. This is the reason for the second man stating "I hate to see what it spits out." The main idea the cartoon is trying to convey is without corporate money behind your vote, your vote doesn't really account for much. Which I have seen to be true so far in my life.

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Votes are costly nowadays



by Jesse Bowman - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 8:40 AM

I agree with your points made about the #2 cartoon, corporations lately have vast amount of power and wealth able and are to manipulate the outcomes of politics more than the average middle income citizen.

During the early foundation of Democratic Republican party, Madison and Jefferson (and others) warned of the dangers of powers given to the government - that it could stifle the people if not carefully regulated, but they seemed to leave corporations were left out of the discussion when it came to creating limiting legislative documents (many efforts were made in the Bill of Rights to address governmental power and possible oppression, but not corporations).

Jefferson had a distrust for concentrated and consolidated power and even directed that distrust toward corporations, "I hope we shall crush... in its birth the aristocracy of our moneyed corporations, which dare already to challenge our government to a trial of strength and bid defiance to the laws of our country." - Thomas Jefferson, but as we currently see today, those ideas failed to flourish into legislative documents that limit corporations, which unfortunately are able to influence the role of politics in a major ways with the power of their monetary value.

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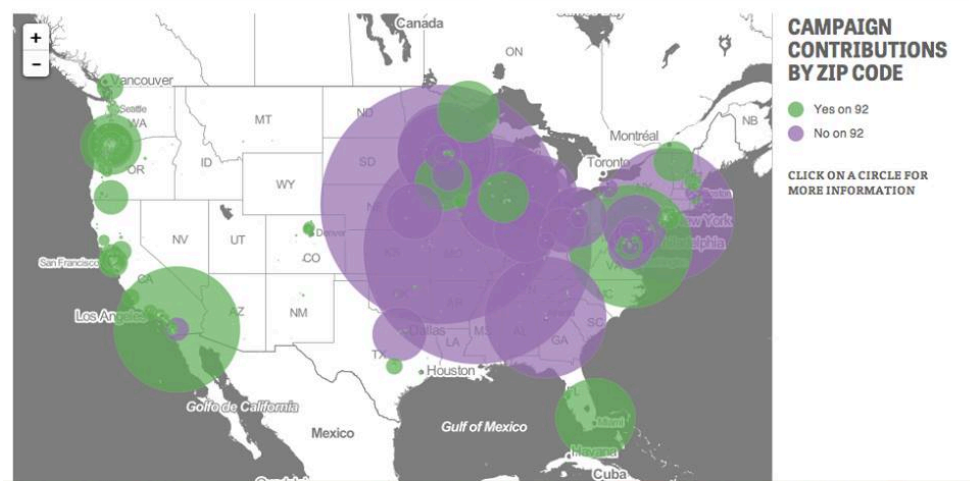
Re: Votes are costly nowadays



by Jesse Bowman - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 8:46 AM

Here is a quick example of corporations power in todays government. Below is a bill that was voted on in Oregon "Measre 92" which had to do with the labeling of GMO's. Take a gander for yourself at the corporations involvement.

NO	YES
\$16,326,276.73	\$6,763,677.96
Cash on hand: \$3,816,172.06	Cash on hand: \$347,090.99
From out of state: \$16,323,666.73 100.0%	From out of state: \$5,361,877.46 79.3%
Corporate contributions: \$16,325,691.73 100.0%	Corporate contributions: \$2,769,427.77 40.9%
Individual contributions: \$585.00 0.0%	Individual contributions: \$1,604,819.18 23.7%
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Re: Votes are costly nowadays

by Zachary Ehrhardt - Thursday, November 27, 2014, 3:43 PM

Wow that's a really increadible info graphic. I agree, I think that money is power these days. I was really surprised to see that 100% of no votes were from out of state.

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Re: Votes are costly nowadays

by Dalyn Stram - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 5:32 PM

You can derive some information from this graphic. However, I could easily make the argument that the most "YES" money came from West coast liberal/democratic hubs where this food isn't grown, while the most "NO" money came from more conservative areas of the country where the food actually IS grown and where they might actually know how much that measure would have ended up costing us. A lot of this is politics. And a lot comes down to the difference between those who might grow the food and those who don't. Just food (pun intended) for thought.

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Re: #2: Democracy for the wealthy

by Dalyn Stram - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 5:38 PM

I would disagree with your statement that without money, your vote doesn't really account for much. No matter how much money you have, your vote counts for one...just like everybody else. However, I do agree with your general assessment. Money plays a huge part in winning elections. You have to have deep pockets to run a long election. I think placing term limits on federal representatives would help this problem. However, it seems to me that things have been this way from almost the very beginning. The wealthy running for office isn't a new thing. Our very first presidents (Washington, Jefferson, etc) were wealthy men. Of course that isn't the case always, but the necessity of money to run for any kind of public office has more or less been around since the beginning of our country.

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Cartoon # 6



by Adam Graves - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 8:50 AM

When James Madison was writing the 2nd amendment maybe he wasn't thinking about how technology would advance the firearm industry. With that said the 2nd amendment states that citizens have the right to bear arms. To me there is no loose interpretation of that. Although muskets were not efficient, reliable, and accurate as the assault rifle depicted in the cartoon, it's still a firearm and as Americans we have the right to own one. If the states want to evoke their powers at the state level with the 10th amendment to try and ban these types of weapons; I say good luck. I would be fully supportive of figuring out a way to make sure they don't fall into the wrong hands, which is the bigger problem.

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Equal Pandering



by Sullivan Paulson - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 11:21 AM

Cartoon #4 is elegant in its simplicity, but I think there is more to it than just its face value. With a quick pass the viewer can effortlessly say that the intent is to convey that the Democratic and Republican parties are equally willing to take from the taxpayer for their own agenda. With another moment or two the viewer sees the title of the cartoon "The Compromise" this brings a second, if similar, meaning to the image. The two parties are not only both willing to take from the taxpayer, but have come to the understanding that rather than fight over what is available they can each have half, or "take a pocket" as the cartoon shows. Notice the bland look on both of the representations of the parties, as if to say "just another day" or "this is just business as usual". The "taxpayer" in contrast is shown with an expression of discomfort, making it clear to the viewer that this is a bad and undesirable situation to be in.

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Re: Equal Pandering





by Sullivan Paulson - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 5:33 PM

With further examination I think there is a third deeper meaning to this cartoon. Note that with close examination the look on the face of the "taxpayer" could be seen as one of surprise not just discomfort. The cartoon seems to ask "Why surprise?" with the bland and uninterested looks of the other two. While the cartoon could have gone with the devious or scheming look of a thief for the Democratic and Republican representations it instead opts for the look of someone just going about their humdrum daily business. To me this seems to imply that the "taxpayer" or rather the viewer at this point should not be surprised. I think the cartoon can be interpreted as a critique of the viewer as well, demonstrating that since these two parties have opposing positions on what to spend money on and what to stop spending money on, no matter who wins there is going to be a lot of taxpayers who feel like they're getting their pocket picked. In the end the cartoon does not define who the "taxpayer" is, but let's this figure stand for all taxpayers including the viewer. I think it is fair then to interpret this as a cartoon not just stating that Republicans and Democrats both have their hand in the taxpayers pocket, but also a cartoon asking, "Why are you surprised?"

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#1 Founding Father Advice

by Courtney Tullock - Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 5:58 PM

I think this cartoon is historically accurate. Jefferson as we are well aware of by now was an avid believer in a small central government, becoming debt free and staying that way as well as rising to the occasion if liberty infringement calls for it. Each statement fits the persona of Jefferson as I have come to know him through lectures, especially his inaugural address, in which he swears to respect the power of the states, defend liberty and the Bill of Rights, pay bills while not incurring new ones, and to shrink the size of the federal government.

I am in total agreement with the cartoonist and his message. His title, Founding Father Advice while picturing Thomas Jefferson, the father of Democracy says it all. He believes our government is too big and has too much control. The statements he chose express this belief. "I think, myself, that we have more machinery of government than is necessary, too many parasites living on the labor of the industrious." "It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes." I think the statements the artist chose represent the principals he feels we have lost, hence, the founding father of Democracy must remind us.

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Cartoon 4

by Adam Graves - Thursday, November 27, 2014, 1:28 PM

I like the compromise cartoon. Doesn't really matter what party you are, both sides want your money or figure out how to squeeze a little more of your hard earned cash out of you in some sort of tax. Government has always figured out a way to have their hands in your

pockets to shake that change out. Even in the early colonial years citizens imposed the stamp act on legal documents, and later years with Hamilton's excise tax that put a duty on coffee, tea, and booze. (textbook pg.250) Nothing like taxing the things that people consume the most. Even in the lovely state of Oregon my bottle of Whiskey is taxed 2nd highest in the nation. But the beauty of the cartoon is that it party affiliation doesn't matter when it comes to government wanting your money.

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"#7 Who Doesn't Like Free Stuff?"



by Jesse Bowman - Friday, November 28, 2014, 4:42 PM

The very last cartoon shown on the list may not have many words, but it does say a lot. Obama, is depicted dressed in a suit is holding the hand of a little girl with a Mikey Mouse ears hat who is labeled 'America' with the following phrases exchanged from Obama to America, "Government will fix everything and it won't cost a dime"... "I love free stuff!" replied America.

Dialogue: President Obama's statement about the Government paying for everything could be an indication of a strong belief in a powerful central government to assume debts and pay for them all, which goes along the lines of what Hamilton purposed in his attempts at a larger stronger central government (Liberty, Equality, Power, 248-249).

Noticing how this cartoon is also titled "the State of the Union" and is dated in 2013 must reference his state of the union address in that year which he started out by quoting John F Kennedy's opener at the 1962 State of the Union message "Members of Congress, the Constitution does not make us rivals for power but partners for progress" and like Kennedy, Obama attempted to sway the belief of congress to assume the role for providing health, education, and opportunity for a good job(s) and home. These ideals seem to support the belief of a strong central government and a loose-constructionist interpretation much of which Madison and Hamilton believed during the early foundation of the central government (Liberty, Equality, Power, 246-250) (before Madison switched sides).

The little girl labeled as America responds with enthusiasm towards the idea but with a simple response such as "I love free stuff" implies that the young girl doesn't fully comprehend what Obama is saying when he declares the government will fix everything and it won't cost her anything hinting at the idea that America is naive (childlike) and will simply follow the government where it leads her. I feel this may be more accurate today than what we've been learning about in the early Republican Era, although the ideals of a strong central government with massive power were in play, it seems as if the new Americans at the time were more alert and distrusting of the formation of a new strong government.

While America is depicted in full view for the reader not much can be seen by a seemingly mysterious Obama (government) possibly hinting at the distant or unfamiliar relationship between America and the government implying a clear separation of the two entities

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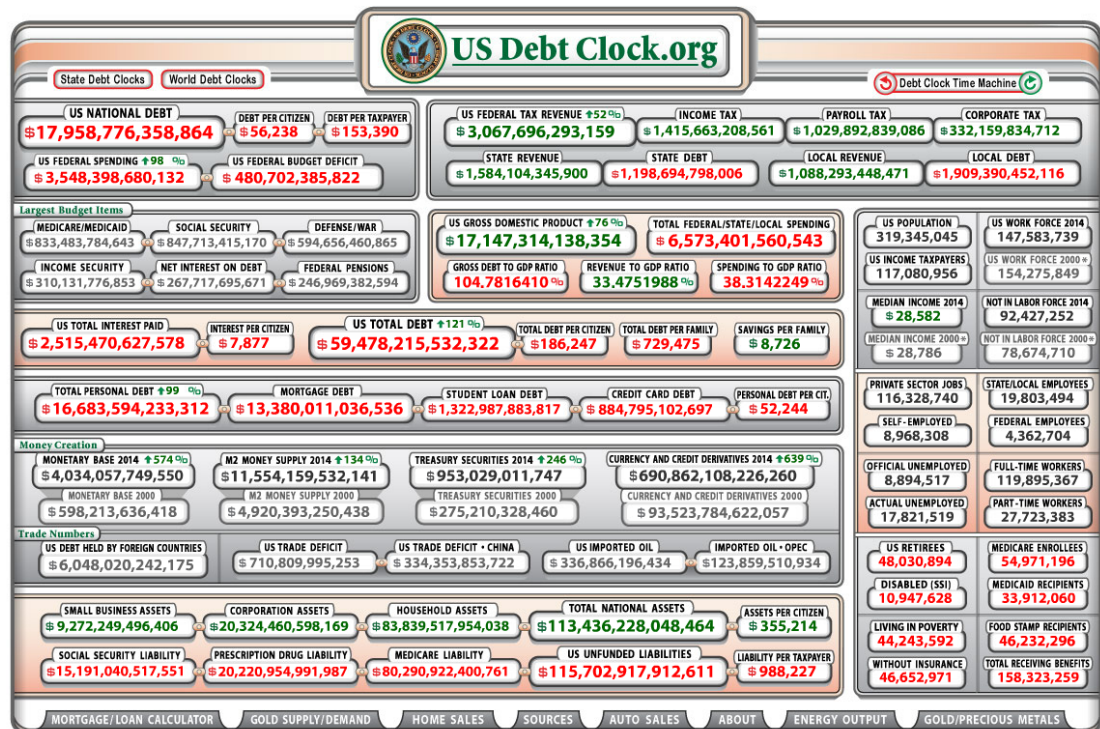


Cartoon #1 - Interpreting Advice

by Kathryn Kinney - Friday, November 28, 2014, 9:51 PM

When I read the first political cartoon, I was enamored with the idea that these were direct quotes from Thomas Jefferson. At first I was a little skeptical that these were actually quotes from him, so of course I looked them up on Google. Once I validated them, I got a better idea of what Thomas Jefferson envisioned for the country that was to come.

The first quote on the upper left corner was the one that really stood out to me. "It is incumbent on every generation to pay it's own debts as it goes." It made me think about how the country is today. Our generation is having to pay debts that we inherited. This is going directly against Thomas Jefferson's philosophy or advice. The fact that we are almost to 18 trillion dollars in debt would probably make Thomas Jefferson think he is in a completely different country if he was alive today. The picture I am posting is the US Debt counter from www.usdebtclock.org is accurate as of 9:39 pm on November 28th, 2014. The definition of incumbent means that it is necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility. If Thomas Jefferson believed that each generation should pay off its own debts, then why is our or the next generation having to pay for the previous generation? I believe that if Thomas Jefferson was alive today he would ask the same question.



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Re: Cartoon #1 - Interpreting Advice



by Benjamin Kelly - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 9:01 PM

I really like how you interpreted the 1st cartoon and I would have to agree with you. Thomas Jefferson had no idea how much the national debt would grow over the years and if he saw it today he might change his mind. I personally was surprised when I saw the picture you posted because I did not know the national debt was that large. I also liked how it had other important stats like debt per citizen, U.S. federal spending, and mortgage debt.

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Corporate Vending Machine



by Robert Edwards - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 9:36 AM

The 2nd cartoon with the vending machine underlines a problem with the current voting system, only two parties, Democrats and Republicans, get their voice heard because corporations can make a profit supporting their campaigns. This results in a large portion of politics being run by businesses or by business-minded candidates rather than people who actually want to get things done or changed. With the line "No Small Bills" It also underlines the fact that campaigns these days cost a lot of money, reinforcing that only those with money and connections to money stand a chance in the long or even short term.

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In agreement



by Kathryn Kinney - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 8:02 PM

I completely agree with you. I picked this cartoon for the same reason. The fact that corporations today are deemed equal to people is why large bills (or large amounts of money) would only be required. Corporations will put their money with a candidate that supports their interests, which allows for lots of advertising.

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Re: Corporate Vending Machine



by Benjamin Kelly - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 10:33 PM

I definitely agree with you, if you are not voting either democrat or republican then you don't have much of a chance of winning. The other candidates on the ballot just don't have enough money to spend millions of dollars on their campaign like the top two parties do. I also agree with your point that they candidates care more about winning and making money, then actually making changes and helping the country. It's such a shame too because with all the problems in the U.S. right now, we could really use someone who is actually pushing for the change they say they want.

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Coming Together



by Benjamin Kelly - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 1:28 PM

In the 4th cartoon it shows an elephant and a donkey both reaching into the tax payers pocket with the caption "The Compromise" I thought this cartoon was a very funny adaption of how the democrats and republicans tend to act. It's no secret that democrats and republicans don't get along and have many different views on how the country and the government should be run. However taking money from the tax payers is something both parties can agree is a good idea. You can tell by the expressions of each of the parties that neither is thrilled about having to comprise with the "enemy" but they probably aren't to upset about taking money from Americans.

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Cartoon #4



by Brittany Newton - Saturday, November 29, 2014, 3:11 PM

In my opinion this shows both parties freely taking the tax payers money. It could either be in a hidden way or just out and out recusant taxing. In this picture there are no signs of saving or being frugal it just shows that they have the option of taking so they will. Basically its stating that when they need money there is no need to save or cut all they have to do is tax, tax, tax ! In the 17 and 18 hundreds the newly formed American citizens would not have stood for such a thing. Honestly there would probably be more violent protesting's going on. This taxation can lead (has led) to a very strong government which as we have discussed these past weeks so many of our founding fathers' including many from the now known Democratic party stood so strongly against. In fact the Anti-Federalist Party was founded on the principle of a weaker party!

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