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Cartoons - Part 1

by Joe Escobar - Friday, November 24, 2017, 6:40 PM

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Response to Cartoon 4

by Maclain O'Leary - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 10:17 PM

Cartoon #4:

There are a few things going on in this cartoon. For one, it is obviously Thanksgiving and the people depicted are pilgrims (separatists). We knew that a major reason the pilgrims came over was because England was trying to basically run every aspect of everyone's life, including religion. So they came to America looking for a little more freedom from their government. But you can look even a little more into the comment made by the

pilgrim. We know that a large reason for the American Revolution was because Americans believed that Britain was trying to micromanage their lives. whether it be by taxes or by quartering soldiers in civilian homes, Americans believed that Britain was trying to "run their lives". In this aspect I believe they got the cartoon correct by depicting the view that Americans had on their government. Many of the large movements that happened in the 17th-19th century was due to people believing their government was intruding on their lives. So this cartoon doesn't only capture the thought process on one historical event, but can be applied to many throughout this time period.

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Cartoon #5

by Banyan Ryan - Sunday, November 26, 2017, 10:33 PM

This comic depicts the Federal Government as a tree, with each branch being represented by a LITERAL branch. The Executive Branch (the president) has sawed off the other two branches, symbolizing a loose interpretation of the Constitution in which the president is given more power as the Legislative and Judicial branches, which are mostly influenced by the people, are removed and all the power goes to the president.

The president attempting to take more power than the Constitution allows has been going on as far back as the second president John Adams with the Sedition Act. This act made it so you couldn't print or speak against the government or president, giving both of them powers NOT in the Constitution. The Virginia and Kentucky Resolve argued against it by saying "that state legislatures could "nullify" federal laws they deemed unconstitutional, thus anticipating constitutional theories that states'-rights southerners would use after 1830." (page 153).

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Cartoon 3

by Jennifer Reyes - Monday, November 27, 2017, 5:45 PM

In my opinion I feel like he is talking about the Pilgrims coming here and celebrating Thanksgiving. However, the Pilgrims left England because their beliefs were conflicting with the Church of England. (Textbook pg.59) When they came they had to abide by the Mayflower Compact, that meant majority rules. (Class lecture) This was refreshing for them because they can worship as they wanted.

I guess the comic is partially correct because they were trying to separate themselves, but it was for religion; so, they wanted to start their own congregations without being burned or murder for doing it. They were fleeing from the Church of England. Also, there

wasn't a government fully established when they came to the colonies and government wasn't the issue yet. So, I feel like the context of this comic isn't fully accurate. I feel like this guy should have added something religious to it, rather than government. Maybe if it wasn't pertaining to the Pilgrims then it would make sense, but I feel like their clothes would represent the time he was referring too, and these people look like Pilgrims.

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Cartoon #5

by Rachel Gragg - Monday, November 27, 2017, 6:38 PM

In Cartoon #5, the three branches of government are being represented. It shows the Executive Branch being strong and large and using a chainsaw to cut off the other branches. As learned in class, the Executive Branch is run by the president, the Legislative is run by congress, and the Judicial Branch is run by the Supreme Court.

The Judicial Branch's main job is to make sure that the things going on in the country are backed up by the Constitution.

An event that occurred in the past to depict this cartoon was the Louisiana Purchase.

According to our textbook, the Constitution does not state that the president has the power to buy land, however, Thomas Jefferson did it anyways. The textbook states this when it says, "[Thomas Jefferson] lacked constitutional power to buy territory, but the chance to buy Louisiana was too good to refuse" (*Liberty Equality and Power* Page 261).

This is showing Thomas Jefferson was possibly "cutting off" the Judicial branch and doing what he wanted to do despite them. I did some research on what this could relate to today, and found that a lot of people believe that President Obama during his time serving as Commander in Chief did this a few times. With his affordable care act and other executive orders, people believe he was guilty of ignoring the other branches of government and taking advantage of his power.

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States

by Hee Jin Seo - Monday, November 27, 2017, 6:56 PM



The majority of states concerned the growth of power of national government in the United States of America. Since the Constitution's ratification, United States are seeing people's freedoms diminish as the federal government usurps power and strengthens. Its Bill of Rights which part of the Constitution is designed to prevent majority rule. It is closely related to modern life. For example, Amendment I pointed out that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

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Re: Cartoons - Part 1

by Landon Stevens - Monday, November 27, 2017, 7:32 PM

I was going to choose the first cartoon on Jefferson's advice to the people, but it isn't what I would consider to be a genuine political cartoon, one that uses symbols to represent words. Instead, I have chosen cartoon #2, the two primary political parties digging deep into the pockets of "We, the People." For one, I am a firm believer that the collection of taxes is an essential part of what it takes to keep a large nation running smoothly, but as the dollars travel further from the point of origin, the handling of money gets sloppy, overlooked, wasted. Remember, the colonists cried, "No taxation without

representation to a power 3000 miles away across the Atlantic, and they did so because they felt unrepresented in Parliament. The same holds true for many hard-working taxpayers across this nation, this one included. So, when we see a person like Donald Trump get elected, a monumental occurrence, considering Mr. Trump's outlandish antics of various sorts, we cannot be too surprised, for much of the electorate was so upset at the governmental status quo, that someone like Trump actually got elected. President Trump promised tax cuts, but do we see Congress delivering on that promise? No! My parents work very hard, but they are disgruntled at being saddled with a 25% tax bill on their federal return, not to mention what the state charges them to live in Oregon. They believe it was a sad day when the 16th amendment was passed, allowing for federal taxation, because it gave Uncle Sam a green light to tax, and he has never turned back.

When a government becomes too big for itself - except for excise taxation for services like military, postal, and mint - that it threatens to shut down if a newer and ever-larger budget isn't passed, it has become too big for its britches, a sure indicator that the power to tax must exclusively be returned to the states.

I have included two cartoons that I retrieved from realclearpolitics.com. The first is of a craggy, old Uncle Sam, pausing to give thanks. I like it because it reminds me of how our nation has become fatigued with problems, but it is also a nation made of solid citizens, still, I believe, the core that keeps us moving in a morally positive direction.

The second one is of a Congressman going for a taxpayer's wallet in order to pad a fund that has been revealed to the American people that covers the legal costs of those representatives involved in "indiscretions." This is sickening, and it shows us how far government will go in its lack of transparency. Although i'm sick of all this sex stuff, I love how it's coming to the surface, because to be a politician is to be a public servant, a moral servant, and not to tarnish the office by assuming one is too large to be held accountable.



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Taxes today and past

by Joel Pedroza - Monday, November 27, 2017, 8:24 PM

The cartoon that caught my attention and thought that it was funny was cartoon two. The picture includes an elephant and a donkey which represent the Republican party(elephant) and the Democratic party(donkey) grabbing the taxpayers pants. I believe this cartoon represents that the parties would do anything to have the taxpayers money. In other words, each party's policies and laws are made to ratify the taxpayers. It mentions "The Compromise" where both parties are compromising with each other by trying to catch the taxpayers attention. We could use events from back in early days as a country and even today's elections. For example, Hamilton's economic plan, where he wanted to implement an excise tax to pay for the nation's debt. As a federalist(the North) people agreed, but what about the south? This led to the Whiskey Rebellion after the disagreement. In today's politics, the big issue is how Trump is using taxpayer's money. Democrats are complaining how Trump uses taxpayer's money to golf and for security. No matter what, according to history; the left and right parties will never agree with each other in how we use taxpayer money.

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Re: Taxes today and past

by Landon Stevens - Monday, November 27, 2017, 9:25 PM

Joel, I, too, chose #2. Isn't it interesting that Republicans and Democrats can be gridlocked over a myriad of issues, but when it comes to taxation, they are both more than willing to take, take, take. Republicans, I think, are worse, because they promise to cut taxes, yet in the end, it rarely happens. Democrats seldom make that promise. You had the Tea Party - conservative Rep's - back in the 1st Obama midterm clamoring for tax reductions and illegal immigration policies, but none of it came to pass because they didn't have the support, not even close, of other Republicans.

We are a very divided nation on a few issues, but they are divisive enough to make a big difference, and how money is spent is certainly one of those divisive issues. You bring up Hamilton, and he reminds me of a typical politician, intelligent but not a lot of forethought in certain areas, like what it took to be a farmer. He had little sympathy for the farmers who traded in corn whiskey because it was a lot easier to haul more corn in the form of whiskey than a flatbed full of raw corn. It was a matter of what sold better and could bring a higher price at market. He could have focused his taxation policy more on international trade with stiffer tariffs at the ports. Also, he liked the idea of international debt because it made nations beholden to each other, which in turn would stimulate trade. Sometime I think our government today still feels that way, so they're inclined to use taxpayer dollars hedge these bets. Good thoughts!

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Cartoon #5

by Garrett Caffee - Monday, November 27, 2017, 10:50 PM

In Cartoon #5 we have three branches on a tree and the one labeled Executive has sawed off the other two branches labeled Judicial and Legislative. This clearly represents the view that the Executive branch of the United States has taken or is using more power than it should and is attempting to edge out the Legislative and Judicial branches of the United States. This is a view that I have heard others take, but what many seem to forget is that the Legislative and Judicial (even if it is because John Marshall said so) have as much power as the Executive and can veto or overturn many if not all of the decisions made by the Executive branch.

I feel like the artist of this cartoon does not understand our constitution and history or they are deliberately ignoring the constitution and our history to make a political point (which is more likely).

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Interpretation and Context (#6)

by Andrew Erkert - Monday, November 27, 2017, 11:07 PM

Cartoon #6 appears to be a depiction of James Madison writing the Constitution and is being told by a man, to look at the assault rifle the man found.

This cartoon carries the idea that the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution is outdated now and that it was written during a time where muskets were the typical weaponry owned by locals. People who support stricter gun control in the 2000s now would likely support this cartoon due to the danger and ridiculousness it seems to shine on the 2nd Amendment. The argument that goes along with this cartoon is that the Founding Fathers never could have foreseen just how powerful weapons were going to become so we should amend the constitution and adapt it to the current situation.

The cartoon is accurate for what it shows. Obviously, Madison never actually saw a weapon quite like that though but the cartoon isn't really trying to show much but rather it is trying to convey a message. The 2nd Amendment was written to keep the people ready for war and to protect themselves hence the "well regulated militia" line in Madison's thought bubble on the cartoon.

I do agree with the cartoon's message, especially considering the danger one person could lead to by just possessing a weapon like the one shown in the cartoon. Recent current events, such as the Vegas shooting, certainly show what could happen if we had 100% freedom of arming ourselves. I am all for personal freedoms but in the case of this, I would prefer security over freedom due to how unpredictable humans can be.

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Re: Interpretation and Context (#6)

by Banyan Ryan - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 7:13 PM

Like you said yourself; the second Amendment was written to keep the people ready for war and to protect themselves. And yes, humans are unpredictable. But those two together are precisely why I'm a defender of the second Amendment. People need to be able to defend themselves against all threats to our safety, including each other. Obviously gun regulations have to be set in place, which is what everyone has been arguing about for years. We see what happens without strong restrictions with tragedies like the Vegas shootings. But it also shows why I don't agree with you when you say the second Amendment is "outdated". Dangers within our country that would require a well regulated militia have not gone away. If crazy people can be allowed to have guns, then sane people should have guns to defend themselves.

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Cartoon #6

by Sam Reposa - Monday, November 27, 2017, 11:47 PM

Cartoon #6 depicts President James Madison writing the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution which gives citizens the right to "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed". While writing the Amendment, Madison is interrupted by a general that is showing off a modern machine gun--a technology which men of Madison's era did not posses.

This political cartoon is historically significant because Amendments to the Constitution are made according to the context of their respective time periods. The Second Amendment was made around the time of minutemen and muskets. In Chapter 7, during lecture there was brief mention of the 2nd Amendment and how it's easier to justify people having the rights to owning muskets during that time period, than it is owning machine guns during this time period due to how dangerous each one is respectively. Because of the shocked expression on Madison's face, I believe this political cartoon is suggesting that if Madison had seen what kind of guns we would have today, the 2nd Amendment would be written much differently.

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Re: Cartoons 4 - Part 1

by Zongyuan Shi - Monday, November 27, 2017, 11:54 PM

Cartoons4 depict a situation that satirizes on the issue of intelligent surveillance programs in the USA. Although the boy is clearly ask his father about the possibility of alien's existence, the father refers his question to the US intelligence community's secret surveillance over the US citizens. The US intelligence has history to play a role in controlling the American society. In the early periods of the US history, intelligence forces were mainly used for military purposes and only toward enemies of the US. George Washington used intelligence to reveal the action of British troops and claimed that" the necessity of pouring good intelligence is apparent and need not be further urged"(washington, 1777). While the need for intelligence use toward the hostile states and nations has proven to be useful and seems to have no ethical issues, the use of surveillance toward US citizens is still controversial. From what we learned in the class, we understand that constitutional enable the government use surveillance mechanisms on it's citizens is the "Necessary and proper clause" in the constitution, which says that" The Congress shall have power...to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution to the foregoing powers...(US const.,Art.I) Thus, such measure make it legally possible for government to justify secret surveillance through the terrorist threat. I would say i agree with the claim of the cartoon: potential of being monitored by Intelligence community is very high.

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Re: Cartoons 4 - Part 1

by Jennifer Reyes - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 9:05 PM

Zongyuan Shi,

I agree with your post. I do think the kid is asking his dad if there is some being or God that exists above, and the father nonchalantly reply's, "Intelligence community". I agree when you said, "Thus, such measure make it legally possible for government to justify secret surveillance through the terrorist threat. I remember it all started with the Bush Administration during 9/11. It started out as a protection for our country, and next thing you see on the news that AT&T has been letting the government tap into their fiber optic lines. (<http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2013/09/nsa-timeline-surveillance/#>) Here it was for our protection, but everyone was starting to feel violated. Are they protecting us or our they controlling us? Now were under warrantless surveillance.



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Re: Cartoons - Part 1

by Peyton Hobie - Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 12:11 AM

I think this cartoon accurately represents our government in a sense that it represents peoples mindsets on how they think the government is run. Even though the legislative and judicial branches have the same if not more power than the executive branch, people see figures like the president and vice president as the main voice in decision making when there are regulations to prevent that from happening. It has been that way for quite a while, where people don't see the figures in the other branches and just mainly see the head figures among the executive as the voice of the government.

Cartoon #5



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Re: Cartoons - Part 1

by Rhyen Moncrief - Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 12:21 PM

In Cartoon #5, We can clearly see the three branches of government Legislative, Judicial, and Executive. The Executive branch as learned in class is run by the president, the Legislative is run by congress, and the Judicial branch is run by the Supreme Court. In this cartoon we notice that the Executive branch has sawed off the two other branches. This represents some people's views that they still believe the Executive branch has too much power when compared to the two other branches of government because of the fact that this branch is run by the president. The Judicial branch's job is to make sure that the things going on in this country are backed up by the constitution. An event that supports this cartoon's claim that we have learned in class this term would be the Alien and Sedition Acts where John Adams attempted to take more power than the constitution allowed. The first three Sedition Acts empowered the president to detain enemy aliens during wartime and to deport those he deemed dangerous to the United States. (textbook page 252) The fourth law of the Sedition Act set jail terms and fines for people who advocated disobedience to federal law or who wrote, printed, or spoke false, malicious, and scandalous statements against the government or president of the United States.(textbook page 252) This Act resulted in John Adams prosecuting 14 Republicans who were mostly journalists. The Sedition Acts along with John Adams power as president were seen as violating the First Amendment.

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Cartoon #6

by Hunter Coy - Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 12:08 PM

I found that Cartoon #6 in a simple and humorous way, captures one facet of the incredibly complex issue of gun control in this country. The cartoon depicts someone, presumably a minuteman, coming into the office of James Madison as he is supposedly writing the 2nd Amendment. The minuteman is brandishing a modern assault rifle while proclaiming "Look at this baby!" while Madison looks on with a mix of shock horror on his face. I believe the cartoonist has an accurate view of the issue, considering the context of the history. Certainly, when the 2nd Amendment was written, the Founding Fathers couldn't have foreseen how ballistics and projectile technology would advance over the centuries. I expect that the cartoonist wants us to view the cartoon within the context of the very unfortunate rash of mass shootings that have been happening for ~5-10 years. When the Constitution was written the flintlock musket was still very much

in fashion. This weapon had severely limited range, rate of fire, and reload time when compared to the modern infantry weapons of today. Of course, the Founding Fathers were thinking of these slow, cumbersome weapons when they envisioned the right to bear arms, not the semi- automatic, fairly long range weapons that one can purchase at Wal- Mart today. The cartoonists comment on the advancement of ballistic weapons has a point.

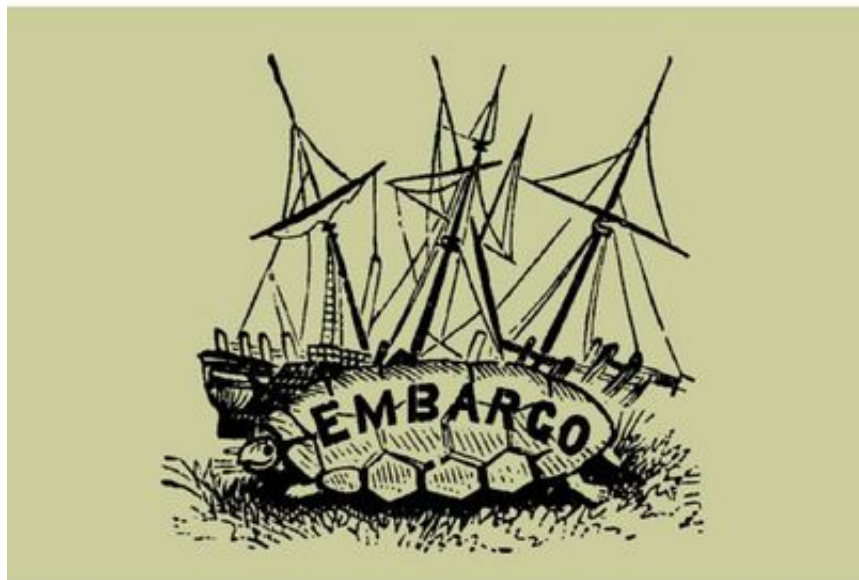
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The Embargo Act of 1807

by Rhyan Moncrief - Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 7:01 PM



This political cartoon shows a ship on top of a turtle. The ship represents the American economy and how it was disadvantaged during the Embargo Act of 1807. "The Embargo Act mostly hurt American commerce." (page 264) The American economy suffered and the American public opinion was not in support of the continuation of this act. The Embargo Act caused ships to begin evading rules that were set by the act and prices were raised on the goods that were shipped. Although the Embargo Act was a way to avoid having war with Great Britain, it also led to an increase of smuggling on and off the ships, and also led to an increase of unemployment. "In 1807, the exports of \$108 million dropped to \$22 million in 1808."(page264)" Many unemployed sailors, merchants dockworkers, and marine workers and their families sank to levels of economic despair". (264) In the spring of 1809, the Embargo Act was revoked. I think that this cartoon represents the Embargo Act perfectly by demonstrating what it was for the Americans to experience and what it was like for Congress to suspend trade with all other countries.

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Cartoon #2: Taxpayers

by Rachel Gragg - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 3:16 PM

In Cartoon #2, it shows an elephant and a donkey (meant to represent the Republican and Democratic parties respectively) reaching into the pockets of a man labelled as a “taxpayer.” I think that the point this cartoon is attempting to make is that no matter what political party you choose to side with, they both are going to have goals that are going to take money from you. Working citizens of the United States are required to pay taxes every year and both political parties have reasons for requiring taxes.

If you date back to the 18th and 19th centuries, this is also apparent in the political parties from back then. The second president of the United States, John Adams, was a Federalist and, as learned in class, part of the precedents of the Federalist party is to rely on government’s authority to tax where it is “necessary and proper.” On the other side of the spectrum, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson was a Democratic-Republican, otherwise known as a Jeffersonian or an Anti-Federalist. One of the biggest parts of Jefferson’s presidency, according to our textbook, is that, “Jefferson wanted to avoid war, which would inevitably bring high taxes, government debt...” (*Liberty, Equality, Power* Pg 264). This shows that both parties being in power, back to back, made differences in taxes and taxes were raised at points in both of their presidencies.

Flash forward to today, both of our two most recent presidents have passed things that raised taxes for certain people. When Barack Obama was president, one of his biggest acts he passed was that of ObamaCare. ObamaCare ended up raising taxes for many people and businesses. However, our current president, Donald Trump, has a tax plan that, according to the NY Times, would increase the taxes for the middle class by 15%.

This shows that even today, no matter what party you choose, there will be taxes which is what the cartoon is trying to convey.

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The Donkey and the Elephant

by Hee Jin Seo - Friday, December 1, 2017, 9:20 AM



"A LIVE JACKASS KICKING A DEAD LION."

And such a Lion! and such a Jackass!

An editorial cartoon sometimes mercilessly lampooned the politicians of the time. The cartoon displays intense power than a long-winded explanation to readers. It aims to raise public awareness about the social and political issue. I used to take European history class at college, however, I never take US history class before. I realized I did not

know the basic information of The United State history. For example, South Korea is run by multi-party system. I knew that The USA is effectively a two party system. I did not know that there is an animal to indicate each party. The donkey is symbol of the Democratic Party. The elephant represents the Republican Party. In 1870, Thomas Nast described Copperhead as a donkey. From his drawing, many people began to use donkey to represents the Democratic Party. It was interesting that at first, it means being lampooned. As time goes by the negative meanings were faded. Finally, the donkey and elephant became the symbol of each party.

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Federalism

by Hee Jin Seo - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 8:59 AM



In federalism uniformity is a strength and advantage. Some might say Federalism is intended to diminish the power of the central state. The United State is consists of 50 states. It was very confusing to me that each state has different rules. Each state has its own governor who leads the state. The states also have powers reserved to them. This division of powers does overlap and sometimes leads to problems. These problems are still closely connected to our daily lives.

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taxes in both parties

by Maayan Kirtner - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 2:02 PM

In cartoon #2, the captions says "the compromise" while republicans and democrats have their hands in the pockets of the taxpayers. I see this as very relevant to both today and the Early republic era. Alexander Hamilton brought the federalist party to fruition, taking in all the countries debts meant hat he would need the money for that. Would he take it from his own pocket, or find a way to pay for it using the peoples money? The Democratic Republican party, new that to keep up the United States and continue to improve their country they would need money. The only way they could get that money was from their own people. These taxes were often fought then and now. Back during that era, people were afraid that by taking taxes they would become subjects of a monarchical government. But politicians new at the time that no matter the party you are in or the size of government you have, you will still need money to keep the government and the country going in a forward direction. I do agree with the message in the cartoon. No matter the party you belong to, no matter your ideas for the country, it will always need money and the politicians and parties will always need tax money to continue towards their goals for the future. People might fight it and hate it, but in the end, taxes, in other words money of some kind, is need to protect, provide and move the country for one era to another.

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Cartoon #2

by Hunter Coy - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 2:34 PM

I found this cartoon quite humorous, and I agree with it. The cartoon depicts an elephant and donkey, the symbols of America's two main political parties, reaching into the pockets of the "average Joe" taxpayer. The words "The Compromise", are written at the bottom. The cartoon is a comment on how, despite their supposed ideological differences, both parties just spend recklessly at the expense the taxpayer. Also, I think the cartoon is trying to say "Hey, the two parties bicker and bash on each other, but at the end of the day, the "compromise" is that both agree to take from the American taxpayer". There is also an implication that the two parties are both sides of the same coin, meaning they'll do whatever is necessary to get that sweet, sweet, taxpayer money. I think it's also funny, taking into account the "anti-taxation" history of this country, and that one of the chief causes of the American Rebellion, was the perception that the colonists were being taxed unfairly.

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Re: Cartoon #2

by Hee Jin Seo - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 8:29 PM

The cartoon humorously depicts the world of the politicians. I also agree that cartoon #2 is humorous especially from the expression of the taxpayers. It is interesting that each party has own animal symbol. I think that is good because people can feel closer to the politics. However, I felt quite bitter about the situation. In South Korea, the congress members have much privileges. Most of the time, the parties argue with one another but when it comes to privileges, they share the same opinions. Everyone do not want to give up the advantages.

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Cartoon #5

by Hee Jin Seo - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 8:50 PM

In modern nations, the three powers of administration, legislation, and jurisdiction are ind The need for check and balance is essential to keeping healthy country. The cartoon is pointed out that executive branch's abuse of power. I agree with this cartoon. These days, many country's judicial system functions poorly. In my opinion, each country needs a free press to curb government excesses. I learned it from the experience of my country. This March, South Korea president got impeachment. Because she abused of power so badly. Thus, the result was dreadful. She ruined the whole system.

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