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Cartoons - Part 2

by Joe Escobar - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 7:43 AM

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Cartoon #1

by Alexandra Miller - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 4:44 PM

In some ways yes this does accurately represent what happened when the pilgrims first settled in America. Some of the things I find wrong in the cartoon is that most of the Native Americans weren't very welcoming when the settlers got here. There were many retaliations that took place but as time went on there were treaty's signed and it became more peaceful. I would have to agree and disagree with the point of view of the cartoon

because I don't think the Native Americans realized that the white men were about to completely take over and change their land. But I don't think the Native Americans were as welcoming as they are portrayed in this cartoon

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Re: Cartoon #1

by Carly Kleefeld - Friday, December 1, 2017, 10:10 AM

I agree that Native Americans weren't as welcoming as portrayed in the cartoon. The Natives were extremely hesitant according to class discussions and videos we have watched. This makes me think of how in today's age Americans are fighting to keep out Mexicans and immigrants from other countries. Just like how the Natives were fighting to keep out the British.

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puppet on a string

by Alexxis Romo - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 5:09 PM

I found political cartoon #9 quite harsh, but ultimately true. The image depicts a republican leader and a democratic leader as puppets on strings. the comment below the picture states, "choose your puppet. Disclaimer: if voting could truly change the system, it would be illegal". this political cartoon makes me think about the last presidential vote we had and even had me wondering if our votes actually do count. I've always questioned as to whether our votes actually count or if they are being manipulated. What i got from the cartoon was that the leaders that are being voted for are ultimately just a front and a show to make the voters believe they are actually voting for a leader. The statement that if voting could change the system it would be illegal struck me. Its as though if the people had the right to actually vote they would hold more power over the government, which in today's society doesn't seem like the case. I feel that this completely goes against how the founding fathers went about things; in the formation of the thirteen colonies people actually voted for the leader that they wanted, and got it that way.

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Re: Cartoons -8 Football

by Jack Swisher - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 7:26 PM

Cartoon number 8 is really big in today's society. The football players are not happy with this country right now, so kneeling during the national anthem is their form of protest. While it may be offensive to people who put their life on the line everyday like police officers and soldiers, according to the first amendment Kaepernick is doing nothing wrong. The First Amendment states, 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.

That being said, both men are doing nothing wrong. But just like in schools, when religion is brought in, it can be offensive. Depending on what you think is right, one picture here can be offensive, one can be good or both can be bad or good. But no matter how someone views things, these men have the right to pray or to protest.

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Re: Cartoons -8 Football

by Carly Kleefeld - Friday, December 1, 2017, 10:05 AM

I agree that kneeling during the national anthem. Religion in this country has become extremely controversial over the last few years. I remember when I was in Elementary school and everyday before class we would stand and say the national anthem. Now, they have completely taken that away because parents will complain and it is causing major problems. I personally find nothing wrong with people expressing themselves and fighting for what they believe in. After all, you are right. They aren't doing anything wrong according to the First Amendment.

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Re: Cartoons -8 Football

by Jacob Spriggs - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 11:54 PM

What I find interesting in Cartoon 8 is that there is a bias in it. The artist is obviously supporting Tebow and is against Kaepernick and the players kneeling for the national anthem. However, when I first saw this cartoon I saw that there are opposite sides to both kinds of kneeling. It is true that when Tim Tebow would kneel after scoring a touchdown, some people saw it as offensive, but I know plenty of people who saw it as a great courageous act of freedom of religion. It is also true that Kaepernick has the right to kneel or sit or do whatever he pleases during the national anthem, but a

lot of people saw it as disrespectful. I think Alexander Hamilton had an idea that situations like these would arise in the future of our country, and that is why he added the freedom of speech and religion to the first amendment.

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Re: Cartoon #5 Republicans & Democrats

by Carly Kleefeld - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 7:54 PM

I decided to pick this cartoon because its relevant in today's debates with the two most influential parties in the United States. With our President wanting to build a wall to prevent immigrants from coming into our country illegally. In his words he calls it "a big beautiful wall, with a big beautiful door" with a goal of only letting approved immigrants through. This cartoon depicts Democrats asking Republicans why they are against illegal immigration and their only response is "because it's illegal". Democrats in todays age want to prevent families being torn apart and work to embrace and respect all those who come into the United States. While Republicans believe in strict immigration laws, they don't want illegal immigrants to receive the same benefits of legal citizens. They welcome immigrants, as long as they are legal and do it the right way by following the law for the safety of Americans. To relate this to what we have discussed in class, I immediately thought of how a majority of immigrants came from Europe, not Mexico. Most that came from Europe would come to the U.S. for not only religious freedom, but economic stability. Now, that hasn't essentially changed. Most that come from Mexico aren't religiously oppressed but do come for some economic security. Cartoon #5 is correctly interpreted because the two parties have never agreed on the topic of immigration, both are essentially set in their ways. Republicans are strict to the law and Democrats welcome all with open arms. I do agree with the cartoon and the message of it. The United States is supposed to be a "free country" so why keep anyone from entering it? Back in chapter 4 of our textbook it is discussed the expansion of our colonies. "Renewed immigration, particularly of unfree migrants, drove much of the postwar expansion" (120). It is then said that North America had reached it's "peak" from all of the migration that was coming to the States. Although what I found interesting is that three-fourths of all immigrants in the colonies were unfree (most were forced immigrants). Meaning they were slaves or servants, etc. In today's age it's the opposite, it is a goal to get the illegal immigrants out instead of forcing them in like in the 1700's.

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Re: Cartoon #5 Republicans & Democrats

by Isabel Aguilera-Muro - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 11:27 PM

I agree with your illustration of Political Cartoon #5. The political cartoon helps understand the differences between the Democrat and Republican party. The cartoon depicts the Democratic party mascot asking "why are you against illegal immigration?" and the Republican party mascot response is "because its illegal". That is simply not a sufficient answer . Like you mentioned in your post, the Republican party believes in strict immigration laws, while Democrats want to prevent families from being torn apart, but that is not all. The Democratic party understands the benefits of allowing immigrants in the Unites States, and the republican party as shown in the cartoon, only response is "because it is illegal". Which is why the democratic mascot asks " Oh come on, that's all you got". He wants the reasoning and facts behind his response.

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Cartoon #8

by Benjamin Hawley-Gamer - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 8:26 PM

This cartoon portrays the double standard of using the constitution to defend your rights. The idea that people will turn a blind eye to things when they agree with the idea and then contradict that when it's something they disagree with. We see this in our modern day with the idea of succession when the southern republican states wanted to break away because of a Democrat held government and now the Democratic states are talking about the idea of breaking away. Furthermore this double standard is made more interesting in this comic do to the fact that the man who is kneeling is being attacked for being offensive and the other man is being defended by the first amendment, even though this is opposite of how the actual event played out, it is still interesting to see this double standard and contradiction in a comic form.

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Re: Cartoons - Part 2

by Daniel Game - Friday, December 1, 2017, 3:51 PM

Cartoon #3

The Founding Fathers of America wrote the Constitution to protect the future of a nation. Those rights are based on the trials and tribulations those men had to endure to create and secure a free country for all Americans, which also serves as guidance if freedom becomes jeopardized. The Second Amendment has been a topic of debate for many years as the government and the media try to prove that guns equal crime and necessary bans or controls need to be put in place. American citizens have a right to defend every word the Founding Fathers wrote to keep free existents.

Guns don't kill people; people kill people is a common belief of anti-gun control supporters and is the statement that drives the National Rifle Association (NRA). Both the NRA and it's thousands of members defend the Second Amendment and feels that no federal or state laws should dictate the use or ownership of firearms. Many efforts to keep guns away from citizens have not been successful. America benefits from firearms when used and owned responsibly. Responsible citizens have the right to the ownership of firearms. Crime has not decreased despite gun control laws passed. Firearms have been effective in the prevention of crime and serve as an effective form of self-defense.

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Re: Cartoons - I agree

by Jack Swisher - Friday, December 1, 2017, 8:56 PM

Cartoon 3...I agree with you on the statement "people kill people." A very controversial topic in today's society. Many Americans believing that guns should be outlawed while the others believe that guns should not have any government interference. Yes, guns have become a huge problem lately and there are plenty of reasons to back both views up. But the second amendment gives Americans the right to bear arms. The man is right when he says that the misuse of guns is bad, the guns aren't what is causing these problems, it's the people. I think that gun do a great job of protecting innocent people from those crazy people how cause shootings. Guns are good to protect people in their own homes from a robbery. I believe that even if guns are banned, people will still get their hands on weapons and those who don't could be in danger.

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Re: Cartoons - I agree

by Daniel Game - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10:28 PM

In a perfect world if you were able to remove all the guns from society and even criminals were not able to get them theoretically there would be less lethal weapons in the hands of everyone again “theoretically” leading to less death. Some other crimes may not be as prevalent such as robbery etc. Many people who commit crimes are not necessarily bigger and strong then those they attack they just use a force multiplier(gun) but then again they could still use knives and other objects so in my opinion that could be a wash or at least be debatable. Generally, though most people who support gun control are people who are scared of guns and the reality that comes with them, we do not live in a nonviolent world and we can be attacked by people even in places we feel are safe. Those attacks can leave us hurt or dead in extreme circumstances and it's not a game. Guns can take lives and they are serious business, owning one is a decision that must be weighed with the pros and cons and the person choosing to own one especially in self-defense needs to get training and constantly be mindful of themselves and their surrounding if they carry.

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Re: Cartoons - I agree

by Jacob Spriggs - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 11:34 PM

I agree with everything that Daniel and Jack are saying in this conversation. Maybe the part of the second amendment that says "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state" is a little bit outdated, but the part that upholds "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed (Liberty, Equality, Power pg. A-10)" is still relevant to this day. I agree that an increasing number of deaths and other problems are being caused in the U.S., but a lot of those are because those people are still allowed access to guns. A prime example of someone who was allowed to have a gun and committed a heroic act was the man who stopped the man who was shooting the church in Texas about a month ago. That man went outside and opened fire on the shooter to draw his attention away from the church and the people inside and driving him away from the scene, putting his life in danger, but saving the lives of many others. Anyone who wants guns to be banned from every citizen in this country should take a look at what that man did and rethink their position on this subject.

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Cartoon 8

by Micah Phillips - Friday, December 1, 2017, 7:27 PM

First Amendment

The First Amendment guarantees freedoms concerning religion, expression, assembly, and the right to petition. It forbids Congress from both promoting one religion over others and also restricting an individual's religious practices. It guarantees freedom of expression by prohibiting Congress from restricting the press or the rights of individuals to speak freely. It also guarantees the right of citizens to assemble peaceably and to petition their government.

https://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/first_amendment

Absolutely do Tim Tebow and Colin Kaepernick have the right to have done what they did. It is shown here in the first amendment. We may or may not agree with what they did or don't think that they have all the facts right, but we still can respect their right to free speech and freedom of religion. I definitely don't agree with everything they had done, but I can respect that they are doing what our country was founded on. Standing up for what you believe in and standing firm. I think a lot of us could end up learning from that aspect of it self.

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Re: Cartoons - Cancer

by Jack Swisher - Friday, December 1, 2017, 9:10 PM

Cartoon 4 shows "cancer" spreading across The United States and the tumor is labeled 19 trillion dollar debt. I think the reason that the debt is portrayed as a cancer is because of the fact that the tumor is growing and spreading throughout the country, just like the debt is continuing to grow. The tumor looks pretty massive to me because the debt is massive. I mean 19 trillion dollars, wow. The fact that we aren't doing anything about it kind of compares to a patient with terminal cancer, it just keeps getting worse and nothing can be done.

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Re: Cartoons - Cancer

by Lindsay Schnell - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 11:30 PM

I agree and see what you are talking about with this cartoonist and his vision on what is going on in america and how how debt is a huge problem and it is only going to get bigger and bigger if we can't take control of debt and do something about. we dealt with the debt problem we had back then, when all that money was owed do to the war and who was it that came up with an idea to repay some of that debt that america owed. Citizens and government officials may not want to realize it or get it to sink in but their are countries out heir that we pretty much owe our lives to them. American is trying to find a way out of all the debt owed but im starting to feel that we may never get out because of who our leaders are. if mother nature to take us down their is somebody , somewhere out there that will destroy us and we will not be ready for it. here is what im talking about that is going to happen to us if we can't solve our own problems.



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Cartoon #4

by Carley Kramer - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 9:35 AM

This cartoon accurately reflects the time period because the issue of the national debt has been present throughout the history of the United States. After the Revolutionary war, the nation was about \$59,000,000 in debt (p.241, pg.4), and what to do about the debt was debated. Hamilton wanted the nation to assume the states'

debts as a permanent fixture of government and pay the nation's foreign debts, as it was "...a move that would announce to the international community that the government of the United States would pay its bills." (p.242, pg.1) This also included using the Elastic Clause to create a National Bank, creating a financial system remarkably similar to that of Great Britain. Thomas Jefferson did not agree with Hamilton's plan, saying, "The ultimate object of all this is to prepare the way for a change from the present republican form of government, to that of a monarchy, of which the English constitution is to be the model." (p.243, pg.4) As Jefferson went on to become President, he dealt with the debt in his own way. He believed that "A "wise and frugal" government would respect the powers of the states and preserve the liberties ensured by the Bill of Rights. It would be small, and it would pay its debts without incurring new ones, thus ending the need for taxation and cutting the ground from beneath the burgeoning Federalist State." (p.256, pg.1) In his administration, Jefferson went on to cut the debt by \$23,000,000. (p.257, pg.1) National debt was an issue that many of the founding fathers disagreed upon, but they agreed that foreign debts should be paid, and that the national debt was heavily tied to American freedom. I think the cartoonist correctly interpreted history, as debt has historically harmed our unity and freedoms as a nation. Considering that our debt is now so much higher than it was during this time period and that it seems to only become larger with little concern as to how this effects the role of government in our lives (something the founding fathers were acutely aware of), this is a significant issue to connect with history.

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Cartoon #1

by Christopher Zuercher - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 5:06 PM

This cartoon is accurate in that the Native Americans were mostly welcome to immigrants at first. But little did they know that their land would be taken from them and that their way of life would never again be the same. The Native Americans had the ability to destroy the first of the immigrants as well. They outnumbered the original Jamestown immigrants and could have easily exterminated them but they didn't. Chief Powhatan who controlled 30 villages in the area, and he even "sought to embrace Jamestown as a new tributary village for his confederacy," (pg. 51 textbook).

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Re: Cartoon #1

by Isabel Aguilera-Muro - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 11:46 PM

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I agree with your view of Political Cartoon #1. Although the Native Americans were not as welcoming towards the English settlers as portrayed in the cartoon, the Native Americans would have never guessed that their land and lives would be in danger explaining the phrase "let them all in. What could possibly go wrong". The cartoon helps explain the negative interactions between the Natives and the English settlers. And like you mentioned, the Native Americans outnumbered the settlers in the Chesapeake area and could have obliterated them, but instead "sought to embrace Jamestown"(pg 51) which later led to more rebellions.

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checks and balances/ Cartoon #5

by John Steil - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 5:24 PM

The cartoon shows the power of the President. The chainsaw cuts off the two other branches which are supposed to be able to balance power. When the Founding Fathers were writing the Constitution, delegates from each state had to compromise in order to make three branches of government. The Federalists were tied to visions of an orderly commercial republic with a powerful national state.(237) In the Hamilton video they talk about how Alexander Hamilton wanted a society of hierarchy with a central controlled government. Hamilton who was a fan of Great Britain, wanted a purer Great Britain government. John Roche article discussed how the Virginia plan wanted a unitary central government effectively freed from and dominant over the states. When the President uses his power to veto a bill it can feel like the picture. Luckily this cartoon is not correct. The Constitution put in place three branches of government. They check and balance each other.

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Big Money tips the scale, Cartoon #2

by John Steil - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 7:46 PM

The cartoon shows the checks and balances of our government. When the Founding Fathers were writing the Constitution, delegates from each state had to compromise in order to make three branches of government. The Federalists were tied to visions of an orderly commercial republic with a powerful national state.(237) The John Roche article discussed how the Virginia plan wanted a unitary central government effectively freed from and dominant over the states. The Constitution put in place three branches of government. He also reports that Oliver Ellsworth of Connecticut changed the wording in the Third Virginia Resolution to say, Government ought to be established consisting of a supreme Legislative, Executive and Judiciary branch. This cartoon is showing how big

business writes a big check so the government will help them out. I guess this is the American way. People who give people in government big money are going to want something in return.

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Re: Cartoons - Part 2 #1

by Isabel Aguilera-Muro - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 8:05 PM

The political cartoon I chose to illustrate is cartoon number one. The cartoon shows English settlers entering the new world, and what is looks like to be the chief of the tribe welcoming them. While it shows the chief saying "let them all in. What could possibly go wrong", it also shows the rest of the tribe with a concerned look on their faces, and a native in the background falling off their horse or hurt. The Native American looking hurt helps me understand the different battles, and defeats they had against the English settlers. "What could possibly go wrong", helps understand the negative relations Native Americans had with the English settlers as well as the battles.

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#1

by Kyle Shrope - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 8:27 PM

This cartoon displays the Native Americans meeting the pilgrims. The Native Americans discuss between themselves and one is saying "Let them all in. What could possibly go wrong". And from learning about our nation's history we know that it all went wrong for the Native Americans. All their land was taken by the people they let in to their country. this cartoon is accurate in a way. Not all Native tribes were accepting of the colonist. There were a lot of disputes throughout history between them. The message is that it all went wrong for the natives after they let the colonist in.

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cartoon #8

by Lindsay Schnell - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10:32 PM

i feel like i agree with what this cartoon is saying because as a person who watches football this is what is happening today. football as we know it will be forever changed. i also feel that there is a time and place for these protests though. these reflect to the past is with the slaves of the North and slaves of the South. One was being treated

differently because of what side of the country they are on. Living conditions and the economy were both different on each side of the country. With football, these black players feel that there being mistreated and with seeing all of the evidence the media provides. I do see why their are so many protests, but what gets me why do you feel the need to bring this into a sport that you are being paid tons of money to just respect something that also gave you the freedom to protest on these rights. sports has nothing to do with what is happening in the world but some may feel otherwise. It is your right to stand up but when your getting paid to do a job other viewers like myself don't want to see that. With also having being the daughter of a Navy Vet i am proud and I stand with those men that fought for our right to be a free country and be able to speak my mind even when the government tries to shut me down. but i also have to remember that i need to pick the right time and place.

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Cartoon 5 illegal immigration

by Jacob Spriggs - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10:36 PM

I find cartoon 5 very interesting because I can see how it could possibly satisfying the views of people supporting both sides of the illegal immigration debate. On one side, I can see how a democrat might view this cartoon as the republicans don't have any other evidence to support why they are against illegal immigration. However, on the other side, I can see how a republican might see this cartoon as it is illegal for many reasons and the fact that it is illegal is why they are against it. To me, the elephants face is illustrated to show that he is annoyed that he should have to explain any more to the donkey, and if that's the message with this cartoon then I agree with it. Although I don't agree with the current immigration requirements or the way illegal immigrants are being deported in the present, I believe that we shouldn't just be turning a blind eye to this problem in our country and ignoring the law.

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