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

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Cartoon 1

by Casandra Fountain - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 12:44 PM

I feel this one is pretty self explanatory and a regular cartoon prompt we typically see anymore. We can assume the whites are Pilgrims given the date reference at the top. The quote is hindsight looking them "dead" in the eye. Every chapter we've read about some war between the indians and settlers. More recently it has been The Battle of Fallen Timbers, The Battle of Tippecanoe, and The Battle of the Thames and War of

1812. Whether they were allied with the British or Americans, they never truly came out ahead each and every time. Many great chiefs were killed, ie Tecumseh. The video we watched in class showed he never backed down from what he believed in especially given the historical outcomes of the Indians versus the settlers/British. By “letting them in”, up to 95% of the indigenous population was wiped out by the colonization, including disease and warfare (wikipedia). This cartoon does hold true to actual events and I feel it even relates to current events about immigration. I found it insightful and funny sarcastically.

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Cartoon #1

by Kelsey Lane - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 4:58 PM

I picked cartoon number 1 because I think it really speaks to how we view the first settlers and Columbus in today's society. When looking at the cartoon you have a group of Indians watching settlers approach as one of them says "Let them all in. What could possibly go wrong". This cartoon throws sarcasm at what we've learned in class in regards to the relationships between settlers and Indians. We know that in the end, a lot went wrong for the Indian population in the early and later days of our countries birth. I think that the artist of this cartoon probably had little knowledge of the actual history between Americans and Indians and made this cartoon purely with knowledge that "Americans took Indians land". I do however agree with what the cartoon is saying. Yes we did take Indian land and no it did not go well for the Indian population, nut this is also with me having more knowledge of the events that actually took place. This cartoon largely relates to today's societies views on early settlement. Many states today don't recognize Columbus Day and instead celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day.

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Kaepernick Protests

by Nicholas LaMonica - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 8:34 PM

I chose cartoon #8 to write about since I'm a huge fan of NBA basketball, and a lot of players are following suit with Colin Kaepernick's decision to protest the national anthem, so it's something I've thought about for awhile. The cartoon relates to our studies because the oppression of black Americans and specifically police brutality(what Kaepernick is protesting against) can be traced back throughout American history, all the way to the pre Civil-War era. The implementation of a 'social hierarchy' in the colonies during the mid-18th century in which brown skin was indicative of inferiority clearly still holds implications in the present day. Commonly, parents are major influencers in the ideology of their children, and the belief in the superiority of whites

was an idea so rigid in the foundation of our country that it has taken generations to escape it. To describe the magnitude of this delusion on a national scale, here's a quote from our esteemed founding father, Thomas Jefferson: "...blacks, whether originally a distinct race, or made distinct by time and circumstances, are inferior to the whites in the endowments both of body and mind." (1) It leaves a bad taste in my mouth that much of the media is disregarding the issue of police brutality, the whole reason Kaepernick is protesting, and instead focusing on painting him as being disrespectful to troops. In my mind, if our military is fighting for anything it's for our right to practice the first amendment and protest peacefully.

1. http://www.understandingrace.org/history/history_trans.html

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Cartoon 1

by Dylan Ganahl-Johll - Friday, December 1, 2017, 1:22 PM

Cartoon number one is showing the Indians allowing the settlers to come explore their land, thinking they will be friendly. These people appear to be pilgrims, maybe columbus in 1492. However, even when he or others came to America they weren't friendly towards the Indians. They stole their land from the east coast to the Ohio River, and then eventually pushed them even farther out of the way. They killed their animals, killed them, and tried to start war.

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Re: Cartoon 1

by Dylan Ganahl-Johll - Friday, December 1, 2017, 1:36 PM

The cartoon I have posted is similar to the one posted we get to chose from. However, this also goes with Trump and his wall in today's society. In this cartoon, the Indians are building a wall to stop the pilgrims from entering their land because they are entering illegally, don't know their language or culture. This goes with today now that Trump is President he wants to build a wall between US and Mexico to stop illegal migration to the US. And why? Because they don't speak our language, don't know our culture, they are entering the US illegally, and etc.



"THEY SAY THEY'RE BUILDING A WALL BECAUSE TOO MANY OF US ENTER ILLEGALLY AND WON'T LEARN THEIR LANGUAGE OR ASSIMILATE INTO THEIR CULTURE..."

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#10 - "Oligarchy"

by Jason Yeager - Friday, December 1, 2017, 8:11 PM

This cartoon, which shows political leaders from both sides of the aisle laughing, is somewhat of a sad commentary on the current state of American politics. There can be no question that the U.S. is indeed ruled by a very small group of people when compared to the total population of the country. The aspect of this cartoon that is most telling exists behind the leaders in the "stars" field of the American flag.

Regardless of who holds elected office, large companies often shape American policy through lobbying and campaign contributions. As Mr. Escobar has mentioned a number of times in class, "Follow the money." Some of these contributions are used to fund advertising in various media in support of one candidate or another. Many of these advertisements do not extoll the virtues of the candidate they support, instead attacking the opposing candidate. As we have seen in recent elections--particularly the latest presidential election--these ads can be quite nasty and crass. As we learned in class, "attack ads" were first introduced in the election of 1800. I wonder how the producers of those original ads would feel knowing that the trend they started had come so far....or stooped so low.

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Re: #10 - "Oligarchy"

by Casandra Fountain - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 2:19 PM

This was one ad I avoided because I don't know much about politics and the interworking of it all. But your explanation really helped. It also solidifies why I don't care for politics. It's very discouraging as a young adult to be participating in our recent elections (2012 was the first I could vote in). In all honestly to be given the two people in this last one to choose from, no wonder the voting percentage was an average of 59.7% for eligible voters (United States Election Project). Americans are one of the least active voting populations among developed countries. The US comes in at 31 out of 35 countries in voter turnout compared to Belgium who had 87% in 2014 (pewresearch.org).

To see our "leaders" being herded like cattle is very disheartening and gives the American people very little faith knowing they have our interests in mind. Like Mr. Escobar has stated and you repeated, "Follow the money". These big companies, in my eyes and understanding, basically run our system. Just like the theory behind pharmaceutical companies and setting their chronic patients up for failure when it comes to "getting better". I feel if the men from the 1800 elections could see us now they would be applaud and quite frankly disgusted. I know I am sometimes growing up in this era.

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cartoon #4

by Raleigh Emerson - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 2:09 PM

Cartoon four is the cartoon with the largest difference between how it relates today's society and how it relates back to the time of the founding fathers. Thomas Jefferson took such aggressive action in order to keep the national debt in check. Jefferson took actions such as completely cutting off foreign trade in order to keep the debt in check. Today we see the 10 plus trillion dollar debt and a complete disregard for the goals and warnings of our founding fathers. This cartoon depicts the national debt as some sort of heart or center for the nation completely going against the values of what we were told the founding fathers held.

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**Re: cartoon #4**

by Casandra Fountain - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 2:41 PM

I agree with you on the first part how Jefferson did his best to rid the country of its debt. From our chapter 7 notes, he “cleansed” the government, replacing incompetent officeholders (isn’t that a concept we should consider today), reduced the size of the army and navy, and repealed the 1798 federal property tax. By doing this he shrunk the size of government, thus shrinking the national debt from \$80 million to \$57 million during his administration (p.257). As far as the interpretation of the cartoon, I feel it’s not the heart or center but a disease of the country. At the bottom of it there’s a sentence saying, “Speaking of cancers...” If you know anything about cancer it spreads fast and isn’t picky. The cartoon shows a cancer cell spreading all over the US. It is feeding off everything and our government just keeps supplying it with its food, money and debt. And we, the worker ants, will be the ones to suffer the most.

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**cartoon #1mercy**

by Daniel Brockett - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 5:32 PM

it is the same because in some cases the natives did invite the Settlers. The book says the settlers would not have survived the 1st winter in some cases without natives helping them. It also differs because the settlers are raising his hand. The meeting where most likely much more tense than that. (the in class lecture) I would say no it is not knowledgeable about are history. It's attempting to compare to modern immigration. But

according to the book they couldn't be more radically different the British brought livestock immigrants today simply seek a home.

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Cartoon #7

by April Frost - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10:35 PM

This cartoon is definitely honing in on specific aspects of the constitution. Obama is represented here as a democrat that stereotypically wants to redistribute the wealth of the rich and give it to the poor, while appearing oblivious as to why the constitution would *not* include that right. Across from him sits James Madison, who claims that the idea of these “handouts” is unconstitutional. It seems that when a huge change is brought about, many opposing modern Americans tend to claim that a proposal is unconstitutional because the constitution may not include that specific right. However, the constitution is not a simple list of freedoms, but rather, the right to fight for freedoms. As the Necessary and Proper Clause states, “The Congress shall have Power ... To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.”, furthermore, “Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom, and independence, and every power, jurisdiction, and right, which is not by this Confederation expressly delegated” (Articles of Confederation).

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Cartoon 7

by Jack Westphal - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10:39 PM

Looking at Cartoon #7, it appears Barack Obama is asking James Madison where the clause is in the Constitution that allows for the confiscation and redistribution of wealth, and he is told there isn't one, and that's the point. I believe this to be a shortsighted view of historical events that we've been studying; taxes can be called a confiscation of wealth as it is redistributed to the rest of society, and taxes were implemented long before the signing of the Constitution. Among other things, no clause in any government contract has ever stated that the confiscation and redistribution of wealth was permitted, and Barack Obama never explicitly asked for that permission. Obama was labeled by his political opponents as a socialist, implying he would redistribute financial resources in an attempt to balance out the wealth gap currently in place.

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Cartoons #9 and #10

by Jack Westphal - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10:50 PM

With Cartoons #9 and #10, a correlation I made to our studies in history was the idea by President George Washington, who explicitly stated that political parties should not be formed, as they could cause a divide in the country. While the images don't focus on the relationship between Republicans and Democrats, it does focus on the idea that

regardless of which party you decide to vote for, your vote counts towards someone without your best interests in mind. One of the many intents of the Constitution was to design a government that would not be controlled by corporations making donations to politicians. Now lobbying has become so ingrained in American politics that many of the politicians that have retired in the House or the Senate have become lobbyists themselves. What this picture represents is that corporations have their hands in the pockets of both Democrats and Republicans, and that a vote for either one is a vote for benefitting corporate welfare at the cost of the American poor.

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