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

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Re: Cartoons - Part 2

by Coty Ferguson - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 9:34 AM

Cartoon #3 is an interesting picture that brings up a very important distinction on the nature of guns. The founding fathers have an amendment stating clearly that in order to have “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”. Pg. A-10 of textbook. While it is true that nowadays we don't

have state militias, but instead a national military force, the right of the people to form a militia if they need to defend themselves is still a right that is of value today. The man in the right in the cartoon states a very important fact, it's not guns themselves that are bad, but rather the irresponsible usage of them that is a problem. If we ignore this factor as well as the right of the common people to have a means of defense in the worst case scenarios, we are doing a great disservice to them and ourselves.

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Re: Cartoons - Part 2

by Tuan Tran - Friday, December 1, 2017, 9:21 PM

The Second Amendment allows us to have guns also but it did not limit the number of guns you can keep for yourself. Moreover, the Congress should enact the new laws to direct The Second Amendment in the positive ways. We cannot blame our Founding Fathers to create this amendment, they did it because they wanted to allow militias to keep their weapons and fight with the Continent Army against our first invaders from Gear Britain.

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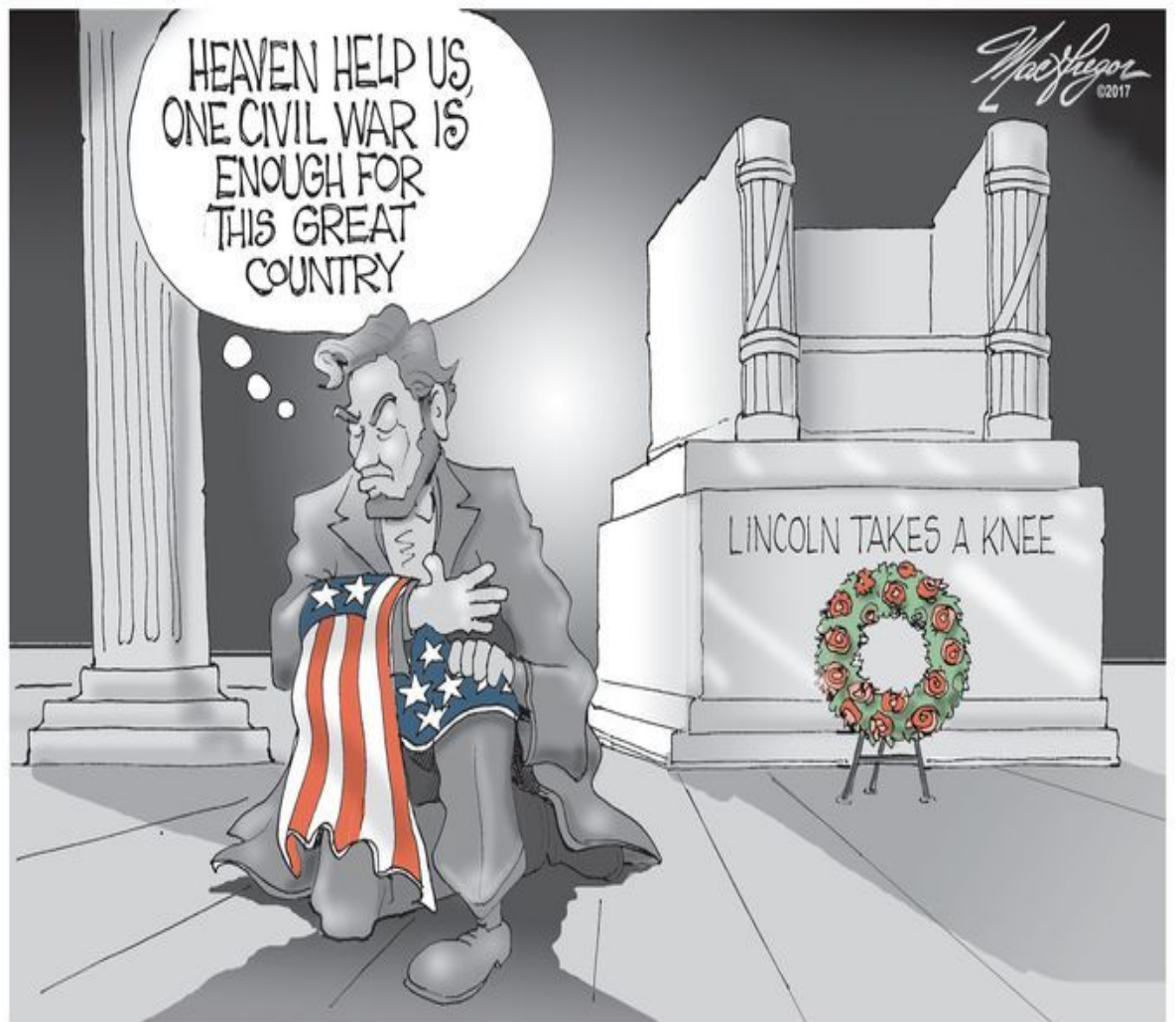


Cartoon Part 2 Civil War

by Jesus Narvaez Santiago - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 7:23 PM

This Political Cartoon I ran into spoke a lot. Lincoln was the President when the Civil War started in the United States which basically stopped the succession of the Southern states. Today we see a country divided whether people voted for President Trump or Hillary Clinton.

A lot of the things going today make it seem like the country could go into another war within itself. This image reflects on that Civil War we don't want to happen. As well it addresses the Taking a Knee Protest by Colin Kaepernick which suggest to end Police Brutality against people of color and as well uplift the youth from these bad crime filled areas.



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Re: Cartoon Part 2 Civil War

by Tuan Tran - Friday, December 1, 2017, 9:00 PM

President Lincoln did not want the Civil War to happen as the high casualties of American brothers. It was not worth for us to fight each other instead of the outside enemies. Today, there is the warning trigger to start the war between liberals and white supremacists, Trump supporters against Clinton fans and American people will be influenced by this conflict. The sitting statue now becoming kneeling statue which reminds our American people to ignore the hatred and diverse to stand with each other raising our great nation.

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Reply to Tuan

by Jesus Narvaez Santiago - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 2:17 AM

I see your point. But I myself see it different when we choose to ignore the hatred and diversity we are allowing for our country to divide. If someone was being a bully/hateful against an individual I myself would not just walk away and ignore it. To be able to stand with each we must cherish our diversity and as well become aware that certain group of people are being treated differently than others.

I do see your point that liberals against white supremacists, Trump supports versus Clinton supporters the American people are influence by this I agree. I believe we can all have a conversation and see the different views and stories presented. In some ways one side is right and wrong, and in some ways the other side is too.

These conflicts will continue because we also have the freedom to believe and think how we like. I for one respect that, but we can also take the time to know the other side or story being presented.

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Cartoon#1

by Tuan Tran - Thursday, November 30, 2017, 11:38 PM

The cartoon shows us the welcoming attitude of Native Indians to the new settlers. However, they did not know that these explorers would destroy and exploit the living habitat of Indians in the future. Moreover, the fresh immigrants would kill the Indian men, capture Indian properties and families even put the massive destruction to the Native Indian wild animals. It's hard for us to know the natural mind of human, people can change due to the endless ambitions as white settlers.

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Cartoon#1 Reply To Tuan

by Jesus Narvaez Santiago - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 4:20 PM

I agree with what you are saying.

Native Americans in some socities were welcoming. Others did wage war on each other. When they welcomed the European settlers they did not know what the future would hold.

Like we discussed in class European immigrants look at land and things as property while Native Americans did not see land that way.

I think that mindset led to them to also clash because of different views and mindsets.

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Cartoon 1

by Kerianne Guza - Friday, December 1, 2017, 2:38 PM

In cartoon one, an illustration of one of the first colonies is seen. Given the date of 1620, we can assume that it was the Plymouth colony. They call it the “Sanctuary City” and that can only be because the Puritan settlers came “to worship as God commanded, not as the Church of England required” (Liberty, Equality, Power, pg.59). Going to America gave the settlers the freedom to worship as they saw fit.

In the first cartoon, one Indian says “Let them all in. What could possibly go wrong?” to the other. This is a common line used movies when things are about to go horribly wrong. Just as viewers of a movie would have predicted, things did take a bad turn of events. When the Europeans came into contact with the natives they became “ravaged by disease” causing as much as “90 percent of the region’s Indians” to perish (Liberty, Equality, Power, pg.60). However, even after such a tragedy, they managed to make an alliance with the Indians and “relative peace prevailed for several years” after that (Liberty, Equality, Power, pg.60). In that moment the Indians probably felt really good about where they stood with the settlers. Little did they know that years later the land would be plagued with war and the settlers would only push them further and further away, taking the land for themselves.

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Re: Cartoon 1

by Robert Taylor III - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 11:54 PM

Yeah agreed, its a relative play on the current state of U.S. immigration affairs. It looks to make a counter response to pro-immigration voting citizens, using the countries documented past as a prime example.

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Cartoons - Part 2 - Cartoon #2

by Jesus Narvaez Santiago - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 2:11 AM

Given that the "Checks and Balances" are actually what keeps the power equally distributed between the Judicial, Legislative, and Executive Branches this image spoke to me. Because before The branches of government were holding each accountable on things being done, and recognizing that certain powers were not given to the federal government to do.

Seeing this image in my opinion is that now a days we have big corporations that actually pay Senators and Representatives to vote in their favor, knowing certain decisions affect the American people. Like our professor has said many times "A Government that can't protect its own people, is not a good or reliable government" (Not an exact quote).

Which is true, if our government is taking checks to benefit companies and not the hard working American people then where does that leave us with our freedom to vote, and actually make a change in the country. The richest get what they want, while we the middle/lower class end up paying the price.

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Re: #2

by Kinsey Alexander - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 11:03 AM

This cartoon addresses the issue of corporate influence on politics. In it, a check is being made out to someone's campaign by "Megacorp" for a written amount of "no limit". I think its point is that money distorts our system of checks and balances, which the founding fathers implemented to prevent the risks associated with the centralization of power. Each branch (executive, legislative, and judicial) is monitored by the other two. However, when big money starts lobbying politicians from all three, our government becomes increasingly centered around their demands. Therefore, I believe this cartoon appropriately satirizes corporate disregard for the system our founding fathers set up for us.

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Re: #8



by Kinsey Alexander - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 11:46 AM

This cartoon reflects on the hypocrisy of the media in their portrayal of Tim Tebow's and Colin Kaepernick's display of self-expression. While Kaepernick is congratulated for practicing his right to free speech, Tim Tebow is mocked for exercising his religious beliefs. Both individuals derive their freedoms from the First Amendment of the Constitution, which declares that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech". Therefore, this cartoon is accurate in its accusation and I agree with the overall message. The media was wrong to disregard the Constitution in Tebow's case, especially when they used it in Kaepernick's case.

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Re: #4

by Kinsey Alexander - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 2:41 PM

Our nation's founders knew that in order to establish a positive standing in the world, the United States had to pay off its debts. Alexander Hamilton, head of the United States Treasury Department believed that because of this, starting off with a little debt was a good thing. However, he was referring to a limited and controllable debt. The founders believed that excessive debt would be detrimental to our national character. This political cartoon refers to our \$19 trillion debt as cancer, alluding to these warnings made by the founders. It is spiraling out of control and killing our nation's reputation like a malignant tumor.

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Re: #4

by Robert Taylor III - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 11:29 PM

Agree, it's a good tool for comparison when you think of how the notion of debt in America today is when compared to the era of Alexander Hamilton. The debt seems to be discussed often as a major priority publicly, amongst today's members of government, but its acted upon as much further down the proverbial pecking order.

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Cartoon #7

by Coty Ferguson - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 5:03 PM

Cartoon #7 raises a very good point about the difference between the original founders and our modern ones. Madison makes a good point that the reason for the Constitution is there allow the government certain powers, and only those powers, so as not to give them too much power over the people. One of the factors that shaped the Constitution and the early spirit of the republic was self reliance and personal achievements. The redistribution of wealth seems like the opposite of what should be happening under such a setup. The constitution was designed to limit government and protect the people from corrupt leaders seizing power and leaving the people powerless. If the government were able to confiscate wealth for redistribution, it would remove the self determination that should be in the hands of the individuals.

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Cartoon 3

by Kerianne Guza - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 6:48 PM

In the third political cartoon, a man states that “Guns are bad!”, but another man argues that only “the misuse of guns is bad!” (Cartoon 3). The debate on whether guns are okay to own or not has been going on for a long time. However, it always leads to the same supporting phrase, in the U.S Constitution. Back two hundred years ago our founding fathers signed the U.S. Constitution, agreeing to the second amendment, which states that it is “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms” and that it “shall not be infringed”. Given that decisions of legality are determined based off of the U.S. Constitution, it is unlikely that this right will ever be taken away. The cartoon’s artist was using his/her art to make a statement illustrating their view of the situation.

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Re: Cartoon 3

by Tuan Tran - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 11:25 PM

The main purpose to have guns is defending ourselves against the domestic and international threats. We should understand the true meaning of our Second Amendment: the right of the people to keep and bear Arms not killing our people like those mass shootings happened in the USA. Moreover, we demand the Congress to enact the law which prohibits the amount of guns without hurting the Second Amendment.

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Cartoon #4

by Robert Taylor III - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 9:18 PM

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I believe that this particular cartoon is relevant to the historical events studied in this class, due to its focus on the current status of the U.S. national debt. The illustration created in the cartoon, however, is drawn from a particular perspective that is not exactly stated in the toon. Other than the sight of a U.S. map and the national debt depicted as a tumor; the nature of this illustration really plays to the individual to convey its point which makes the grading of its effectiveness historically difficult. But I do find that if you are someone who knows the importance that people like Alexander Hamilton placed on outstanding debt then it is a much more effective message than it would be if you are not.

Sum of ratings:1 (1) [Permalink](#) | [Show parent](#) | [Edit](#) | [Split](#) | [Delete](#) | [Reply](#)**Cartoon #1, Welcome to America?**

by Scott Fails - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 9:36 PM

"Let them in, what could possibly go wrong"...little did the Natives know that by letter my in the explorers that it would create a tidal wave of life changing events in such a short time period for them. Clearly this cartoon uses humorous sarcasm to take a jab at the significance of change that the Indians had to endure during that time. We all know what the Indians endured. Forced to give up their land, subjected to disease, horrible treatment and murder at times...all over what had been theirs for so long. While yes, this cartoon pokes fun at the history of the relationship between early explorers/ settlers and Native Americans, you can also bring that full circle to today's modern society and the impact that those initial events had that compounded over time. The Indians over time were relegated to even less land or "reservations" to call their own and in turn were forced to sacrifice heritage and ownership of what was so rightfully theirs to begin with. I completely agree with the artists depiction of said events and furthermore believe it to not depict an opinion, but fact.

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by Tuan Tran - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 11:21 PM

It's so urgent for us to know this cartoon relating the true catastrophic story which white settlers bring the chaos and extinct threat to Native Indians as the number of Indian decreasing through ages. One conspiracy that Mexican immigrants will replace white as the majority of Americans. Moreover, they will turn the USA to Mexico land like our ancients did to the Indians. I wonder if their purposes are similar to our first settlers or they just want to find the new country to stay and develop its elite power.

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When you point your finger, there's 3 more pointing back at you.

by Scott Fails - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10:00 PM

Cartoon #5 forces me to look at illegal immigration a bit differently. The modern day issue that has been around so long and a constant hot button issue for politicians seems like a complete hypocrisy for the very foundation of this country. Early settlers here were never held accountable by anybody for the “illegal immigration” or possession of this land from its original inhabitants. The Natives were forced from their land as is depicted in cartoon #1 that I discussed in a previous posting. See, it’s hard to call the settlement of America “illegal” due to there not being a structural set of known laws to be broken at the time. That however, doesn’t change the knowledge of us all being “illegal immigrants” to this country as our claim to this land wasn’t executed by known modern day legal standards that we hold those to for entrance and citizenship today. How do we hold others accountable to do things the right way when in fact our ancestors didn’t. How can we grant citizenship to those wishing to become “Americans” to a land that by modern day “law” wouldn’t be ours to have. Who are the real “illegal immigrants”? The answer can be found in any mirror. The Native Americans were pushed out and onto reservations by thee true original “illegal immigrants”, but at thee very least allowed to stay on this land. The artist nails this idea of how I have depicted it is correct? I like that it provokes thought and forces me to see another view of such an impactful subject...even if my depiction is incorrect.

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Anybody got a dollar?

by Scott Fails - Saturday, December 2, 2017, 11:18 PM

Thee “Speaking of cancers” cartoon referencing the current national debt is not how this country and its financial obligations were ever intended. The biggest early contributor to the national debt began with the Articles of the confederation and its weaknesses of no money to tax which meant no money to pay off debts. The debts of war being the biggest contributor to early government financial burdens. Early Congress didn’t have

the power to collect taxes which and for that to change all states needed to share the same vote for the change to take place in the articles. Many shared differing opinions regarding enforcement and therefore pushed the country further into debt at the time. Clearly not to a point of modern day debt. The biggest difference in my opinion is that early government had a true intention to pay off their debt and the people themselves had a truer integrity regarding the “borrowing” of money and the desire to fulfill the payment obligation. Today’s money and debts are just those, debts. There isn’t even a realistic plan nor idea to alleviate the national debt. It’s almost as if Government deals with fake money as it’s never truly made a priority and in turn jeopardizes the integrity of our country. This cartoon absolutely brings to the surface the true sting of reality regarding the national debt and I completely agree with its depiction of such.

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