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by [Joe Escobar](#) - Friday, November 23, 2018, 7:49 PM

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Separation of Powers

by [Maria Cecilia Contreras Sanchez](#) - Sunday, November 25, 2018, 9:17 PM

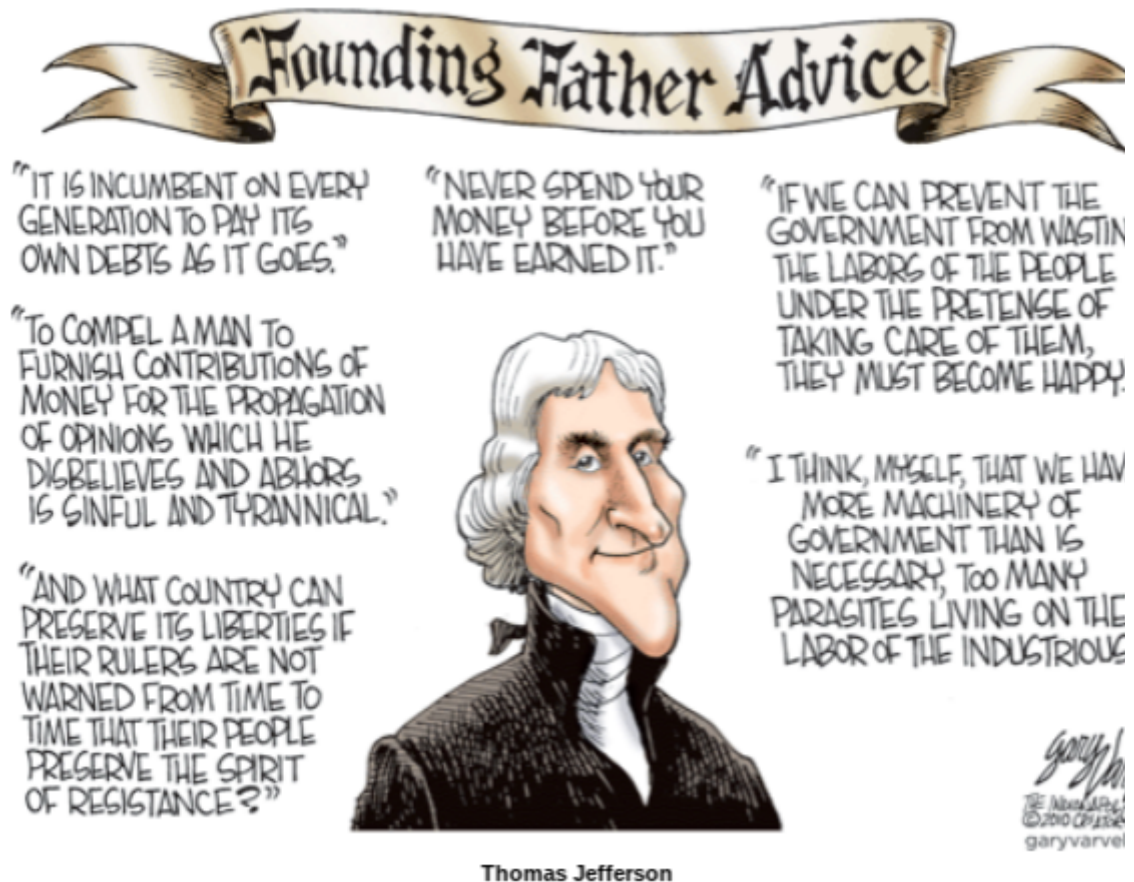
Cartoon # 5

This caricature is very simple and goes directly to the point. What this caricature shows us clearly is about the three powers that exist in the country. Recall that the division of power was given thanks to James Madison who thought of the need to separate the powers for a new democratic government. These powers as we have spoken in the class are one of the first to appear in our Constitution According to the cartoon, the Executive power is abusing its power. In the cartoon it can be seen that the Executive branch power was in charge of weakening and removing the power that the Judicial and Legislative power cut

them with a chainsaw. What this image wants to tell us is that today the powers do not maintain a balance to be able to continue with the democratic government which the country fought for. Also, it goes against what the Constitution tells us and the ideas of its creator was.

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**Political Cartoon #1**by [Tyler Antich](#) - Sunday, November 25, 2018, 11:29 PM

This cartoon accurately represents and relates what we've been talking about in class the last few weeks. It shows how the founding fathers all wanted to change what they thought was bad about other governments and it gives us this information in quotes, that are to be compared by the reader, to what our country is like today. This form of presentation shows the faults in our modern day government in a comedic way. The author does this by using irony, which I think is pretty clever since the quotes provided are accurate with what the founding fathers had in mind, but still conflict with how the US is ran today. For example, how we have a huge amount of national debt currently, and how Democrats want to keep expanding the government today, even though Thomas Jefferson (a Democratic Republican) had the opposite in mind like we learned in class even though he represented what was basically the "original" Democratic party.

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**Cartoon #6**by [Kimberly Wong](#) - Monday, November 26, 2018, 4:26 AM

When Madison was writing the Bill of Rights and he came to what is now the second amendment he wanted to ensure that a tyrannical government could not hold power over unarmed citizens. That a well-armed militia could be raised if it was needed. Our textbook says on pg. 240 "The Second amendment, prompted by old fears of a standing army, guaranteed the continuation of a militia of armed citizens." When this amendment was written it was largely meant to protect a militia's right to bear arms not an individual's, but back then individual's arms were the primary source of arms in the militia. But when Madison was writing this amendment, he could not have imagined how gun technology would advance. The guns that they had then are nothing compared to the guns you can buy down the street from your house nowadays. If he had known, he might have thought differently about that amendment. We can clearly see this in this cartoon. While Madison is writing the Bill of Rights this soldier walks in with a gun that almost any American citizen can buy now. When he sees this gun, his face falls as he realizes that the amendment he just wrote could put one of these very deadly weapons in the hands of anyone who wants one.

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I agree with you that Madison created this Amendment for other purposes. Today, as you have said, society discusses a lot about this "privilege". While some argue that weapons possession can only be used by organized groups, such as the National Guard. On the other side, some people understand that the second amendment gives them the right to carry weapons in order to defend themselves (which shows this caricature). I think that many people do not interpret the word "militia" very well.

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I found this cartoon and it perfectly construes my point that the founding fathers had no idea the advancements that would be made in gun technology. The man holding up a videogame saying they would never have imagined people having access to these advanced types of videogames while standing in front of a wall of advanced weaponry. The founders would have had no idea what a videogame was but they definitely knew what a gun was and those guns would of awed them.

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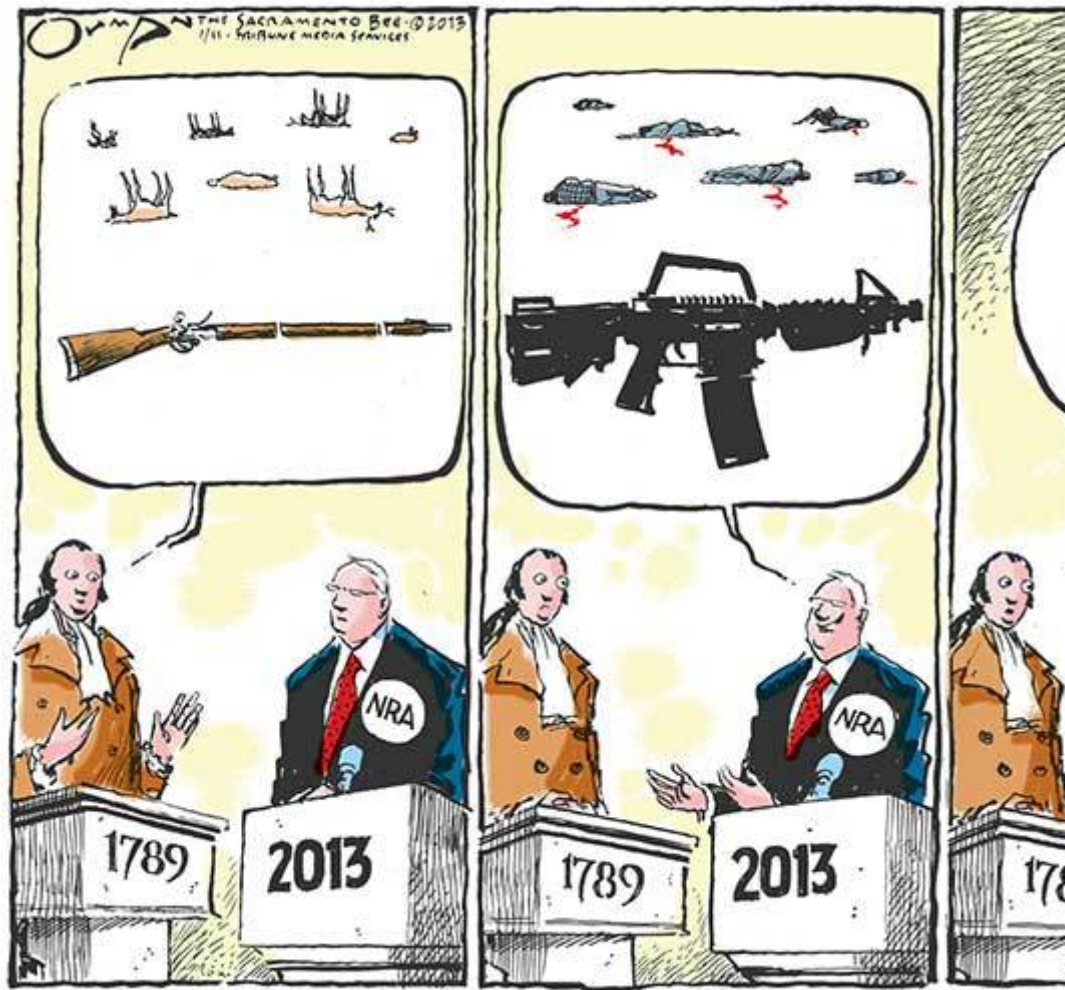


Re: Cartoon #6

by [Maria Cecilia Contreras Sanchez](#) - Saturday, December 1, 2018, 9:46 PM

This cartoon make me laugh because of his face expression. Although, I must admit that what he wants us to understand is very true. And especially when the speaker is part of the National Rifle Association (NRA), at least that's what I understand. While

we know that the NRA advocates the right to own weapons. I also found a cartoon that goes with this topic.



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Cartoon 6: A Well Regulated Militia

by [Donald Laskey](#) - Monday, November 26, 2018, 1:07 PM

Out of all the different political cartoons, I picked cartoon number six. I chose this cartoon because I think it best relates to the historical events we have been studying in class. I believe it has a relationship to the Constitution because it has James Madison, one of the founding fathers, in it writing about "A Well Regulated Militia" in the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution. While he is writing, a soldier walks in and has an assault rifle. James is shocked at what he sees. I think it is saying that the founding fathers did not know that there were going to be these type of guns in the future of the United States. If he was writing the amendment in today's modern world, maybe it would touch on topics such as assault rifles. I agree that the founding fathers had no way to know that hundreds of years later, there would be guns that were way more advanced than the muzzle loaders that they used during that time period. However, I feel as if the new guns are a good thing - they prove that we have had great advancements in technology and military defense. This also proves that there can be different interpretations of both the Constitution and the

amendments. In our textbook, *Liberty, Equality, Power: A History of the American People*, it reads "The Second and Third Amendments, prompted by old fears of a standing army, guaranteed the continuation of a militia of armed citizens..." (p. 240). Yes, the founding fathers recognized that we will always have guns, but they did not consider the future development and advancement of firearms.

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#6: A Well Regulated Militia

by [Zane Hiam](#) - Monday, November 26, 2018, 1:15 PM

I found cartoon #6 quite humorous. It, put simply, demonstrates how the second amendment fails to take into account the modern advances in firearm technology, and how most modern gun owners are not exactly what James Madison meant when he spoke of "A well regulated militia."

I agree with the overall sentiment of the cartoon. I'd say that I have a loose constructionist view of the Constitution, and believe that it needs to change with the times to ensure that it best suits the needs of the American people. Obviously, the founding fathers couldn't have predicted the kind of technological advancements we made, nor the fact that a well regulated militia would one day no longer be required to protect the people.

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Cartoon #5 The Branches of Government

by [Nathan Edwards](#) - Monday, November 26, 2018, 4:55 PM

The cartoon depicts a tree with three branches describing the three branches of government. Because it shows the executive branch cutting off the other two branches, it's saying that the president wants to have all the power. This is what the people have always thought when it came to the president. Back when electing the first president, many thought that it would be like a monarchy again and the president would be able to do whatever he wanted. However, this is not true. The branches were put into place so that no area of government could become more powerful than another. The president can't just do whatever he wants because of the checks and balance system. I agree with the fact that most people believe the executive branch wants nothing but power. In some cases this might be true but I don't think the president just wants to have full control. The Bill of Rights backs this up because it limits the power of government. But I think the cartoonist accurately represented what history has shown time and time again. But the president has never had more power than the other branches of government.

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republicans and democrats CAN agree on something. cartoon #2

by [Morgan Graham](#) - Monday, November 26, 2018, 5:36 PM

I chose cartoon #2 to analyze. I think this accurately depicts history because Republicans and Democrats typically don't agree with one another but when our nation came up with the idea of taxes, that was something they both could agree on because it benefited them both. I would say I definitely agree with the message of the cartoon because it shows the taxpayer in distress with a donkey and elephant taking money out of each pocket. It says the word compromise at the bottom because money is something that fuels both parties and they can compromise on them each taking some.

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Taxes and Constitution

by [Maria Cecilia Contreras Sanchez](#) - Friday, November 30, 2018, 6:16 PM

It is true that both political parties are in agreement with the taxes and even more if this is in our constitution. In our constitution and in amendment 16th it says the following: The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration. Although, the Amendment 16th was ratified and legalized permanently in 1913. We know that taxes have a longer history. For example, we have the one that was given during the Stamp Act, Sugar Act, Tea Act, among others. Here is a cartoon that also talks about taxes and national debt.



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Cartoon 6 (2nd Amendment)

by [James Carr](#) - Monday, November 26, 2018, 5:59 PM

Sorry for the formatting. It is not letting me adjust font or line breaks.....A common argument, as illustrated in the cartoon, is that the 2nd amendment (right to bear arms) was not written with modern weapons in mind or that the founding fathers did not anticipate

automatic weapons. — — My counter argument is that their intentions were not to simply allow citizens to own guns, but to form militias capable of countering threats, be it foreign or domestic. — — Actual amendment: '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.' — — As modern weapons advance, governments and foreign threats obtain these advancements. In order to combat this, armed militias also require more advanced weapons. Imagine if the US had a coup and our military (or another), with their automatic weapons, took power over our citizens? We would not be able to defend ourselves without similar weapon- surely not a musket or sword. Whether guns should be more regulated is another discussion (and the duty of the state vs fed) but my assertion is that to say guns be limited in any capacity violates the 2nd amendment. — — "Little more can reasonably be aimed at, with respect to the people at large, than to have them properly armed and equipped; and in order to see that this be not neglected, it will be necessary to assemble them once or twice in the course of a year." [Hamilton, Federalist 29] — — Hamilton was clear in that the country should have a PROPERLY armed militia.

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The cartoon states "...and we're thankful for a small unobtrusive government that doesn't try to run our lives"(Cartoon #3). This cartoon tells of a weak government, one that has limited power. This was something that was trying to be gained by early Americans. These days, we do not have as weak of a government as we once did.

Americans split away from Britain to gain more freedom. The colonists suffered greatly under the powerful ruling of the Crown. When the colonists split from Britain, they made sure the government would be weakened. They created three branches of power, the legislative, executive, and judicial. With the government split into three branches, no one person held the power. Americans also came up with the Constitution and the Bill of Rights to protect themselves from the government. Democratic Republicans protected the people by ensuring the government had limited power, and that the states had a say in their lives. One Democratic Republican that did a great job of this was Thomas Jefferson. He believed that the government should have less power, and even "cleansed" the government of incompetent officeholders(Week 8 Class Discussion).

Today, these ideas of a weak government almost seem laughable. Over the years, the government has gained more and more control. With the elastic clause and the government's ability to do anything that they view as "necessary and proper", the government's power has increased drastically("Liberty, Equality, Power" Page 243). These days the government pretty much does "try to run our lives" as the cartoon says(Cartoon #3). We've lost our privacy, and healthcare choices among many other things. You can't even attend your obligatory jury duty without having to take off your shoes and go through a metal detector, or even worse, try dealing with airport security. Our phones give away any ounce of privacy we may have still had.

In our government's attempt to protect and provide for us, they have stolen our privacy, guided our healthcare, and controlled our food. The government plays a role in nearly every aspect of our lives, and does "run our lives". This is why I don't agree with the cartoon's view on government today, but I do agree with it's view on America's early government in the eighteenth century.

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Executive Branch Vs. The Other Two

 by [Amanda Francis](#) - Monday, November 26, 2018, 9:12 PM

John Adams proposed the concept of three branches of government, intending to create "separation of powers" within the government in order to prevent one branch from dominating the other two, and to emphasize the importance of popular sovereignty: "the theory that all power must be derived from the people." (textbook p. 225). The three branches of government were written into The Articles of Confederation a few years later in the order of Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. Cartoon #5 depicts a large tree with three branches. One branch is labeled "judicial", one "executive", and the third "legislative" representing the three branches of government. The executive branch in this cartoon is aggressively holding a chainsaw and has completely cut off the other two branches, leaving only two stumps. Although this cartoon is a rather dramatic depiction of abuse of power, there have been examples of the executive branch exceeding their constitutional power throughout history one example being Thomas Jefferson. The Anti-Federalist president who was the most critical of too much governmental power bought Louisiana even though he "lacked the constitutional power to buy territory" (textbook p. 261). I think a more accurate cartoon would be the executive branch attempting to cut off the other two branches but not succeeding or a big branch labeled "executive", and two small branches labeled "judicial" and "legislative" since no president has been successful in completely taking away power from the other two branches nor do I think they would want to. Overall, I agree with the message of the cartoon.

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Cartoon #5

 by [Selina Scott](#) - Monday, November 26, 2018, 10:51 PM

The think the political cartoon #5 is representing the executive branch's (presidents) want for absolute power of the other branches. Because the Legislative branch has the power to undermine the presidents decisions. I think in the past the have been president who did not like the separation of government between branches and the people, and if there was only the executive branch there would be know one the oppose the decisions made by the president.

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Re: Cartoons - Part 1 Picture #3



by [Austin Anderson](#) - Thursday, November 29, 2018, 12:53 PM

Picture #3 of forum 4 shows a family over a thanksgiving dinner in what is obviously meant to be a Mayflower Pilgrim outfit thankful for an unobtrusive government. What is interesting about the image is that the time that the Mayflower landed in 1620 while the United States were still colonies and not its own nation (page 60 of textbook), overseen by a monarchy that wanted to have a constant watch on the colonies and decided how the colonies were going to do things such as trading tea (page 186-187 of the textbook for the Tea Act). The time period that had to do with a "small unobtrusive government would be shortly after the Revolutionary War around the 1790's. That leaves a gap of almost 200 years of history between the Mayflower Pilgrims and post-Revolution, which the drawing just meld together. Not only that, but there were a lot of civilians that lived in that era that did not hate the fact the way that the colonies were ruled, especially since there were loyalists all the way into the Revolutionary War that still fought alongside Britain to keep the colonies as they were (page 179 of the textbook).

If it were a cartoon involving people dressed in early American clothing (1790-1800's) then it would be more properly portray the time where the cartoon's quote would be the most accurate. While I do personally agree with the idea of a smaller unobtrusive government, I don't think that having a drawing where a family that lives under a monarchy is saying that would be the best way of doing so.

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Cartoon #4

by [Kimberly Wong](#) - Friday, November 30, 2018, 3:24 AM

This cartoon links back to the time we have been studying by showing the power we have given to the government today. During the time we've been studying the founding fathers and the American citizens were very concerned as Joe said in class on 11/27 with limiting federal government. They could never have imagined that the government could one day be surveying us from the sky. That the government would have the power to be able to do this. Beyond this the people back then lived farther out of government reach than we do now. Without all the technological advances we have now, if you lived far from civilization you were essentially out of the reach of most government. When they looked at the sky they knew no one was looking back.

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Re: Cartoon #4

by [Maria Cecilia Contreras Sanchez](#) - Saturday, December 1, 2018, 10:22 PM

Thanks for your explanation! This was the cartoon that I did not understand. But, now I understand perfectly how this caricature brings a very good point. Well, as you said, we have given the government so much power that we feel like "laboratory rats". Technology and government keeps us "guarded" so as not to lose that control and power that it has over us. If Madison knew that the government abuses his power, he

would be left with his face like this:



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Cartoon #2

by [Kimberly Wong](#) - Friday, November 30, 2018, 3:31 AM

This cartoon reminds me of the problems that early Americans went thru with tax systems. They had problems so large with England and taxes that it led to the Revolutionary war. After fighting this war when the new government was set up. There was two parties and eventually one or the other led to taxes of some sort. This cartoon points out the irony that no matter what side you choose they're still both gonna try to tax you. Now its republicans and democrats represented by the donkey and the elephant. Then it was the federalists and the democratic republicans. Before that England.

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The Third Amendement

by [Amanda Francis](#) - Friday, November 30, 2018, 12:00 PM

Before the American Revolution when tensions with Britain were building, they passed a series of four acts called The Coercive Acts. One of the acts was The Quartering Act which "allowed the army to quarter soldiers among civilians" (textbook p. 187). The Quartering Act infuriated the pre-war colonists and post-war Americans so much that they wrote it into the U.S. Constitution as the Third Amendment behind the freedom of speech and the right to bear arms. The cartoon I posted is of two men at a bar holding protest signs reading, "NOT IN MY HOUSE" and the other simply says "QUARTERING" in a circle with a line through it angrily watching a cartoon version of Donald Trump speaking on television. At the bottom of the cartoon it says, "Nobody ever talks about the Third Amendment people." To me, the cartoon is poking fun at the irrelevance of the Third Amendment by showing how silly it looks to have two people representing it. The hairstyle and clothing choices of the men in the cartoon are supposed to represent the stereotypical right-winged, potentially southern, gun rights advocate. Our textbook even goes as far as to lump the creation of two amendments together by saying, "The Second and Third Amendments, prompted by old fears of a standing army, guaranteed the continuation of a

militia of armed citizens and stated the specific conditions under which soldiers could be quartered in citizens' households" (p. 240). I think it's interesting that our textbook used the phrase "old fears" when talking about the Second and Third Amendment almost agreeing with the cartoon that neither of the amendment are very relevant in today's world. It's hard to imagine ever needing to be protected from the government enforcement of housing soldiers just as some would argue the same for needing weapons to protect yourself from an armed government militia. The cartoon, and slightly even the textbook, have a left-leaning political bias on the issue of the Second Amendment.

The New Yorker

By Benjamin Schwartz

August 10, 2016



"Nobody ever talks about the Third Amendment people."

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**Cartoon #1 America's Debt**by [Nathan Edwards](#) - Friday, November 30, 2018, 1:12 PM

Once again, things have shifted from what they used to be. We used to pay off our debts as a country and had a limited government when Jefferson was in office. Now we find ourselves with trillions of dollars in debt and with a bigger government than ever. This is completely ridiculous. Having debt and a bigger government is not helping our country whatsoever. How we changed as a country so dramatically, I'm not so sure of. The cartoon is completely ironic was makes it funny to an extent. Thomas Jefferson had great ideals and thoughts how America should be and we have turned away from them like we have turned away from God. So we should start taking the founding father's advice again. Maybe it will fix some of our nation's problems. So I think the cartoonist was historically accurate and I agree with him.

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