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by [Joe Escobar](#) - Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 8:48 PM

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Re: #10 Cartoon

by [alex Henshen](#) - Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 1:47 PM

This cartoon reveals the impact our \$19 trillion national debt has on the country. If the founding fathers could see that they would not believe it. Especially Thomas Jefferson who warned us not to spend money before we earn it. Which we do just on a regular basis. The amount of people who spend their money before the check arrives would astound him. The founding fathers did not want to go into debt and always paid off what debt they had. Even after the revolution they paid their debt to Britain, after winning. That would never happen now

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**Cartoon #8**by [Eric Runes](#) - Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 7:48 PM

Cartoon number 8 depicting a comical take on three perspectives on the issue of immigration directly relates to what we were learning about in class both last week, and on Tuesday. The cartoon has three people: a contractor a farmer, and a political commentator all voicing their concerns on what the ramifications of a lack of immigrants would cause in their lives. In class we are learning about the labor movement, and how foreign immigrants willing to work for cheaper wages, and longer hours has been a hot button issue in America from its inception. From the Lowell mill girls making less money then men, and having Irish immigrants chomping at the bit for their jobs...To the cheaper labor offered by immigrants to build Americas infrastructure with canals and railroads, this is certainly not a new issue America has debated. What I particularly liked about the cartoon was its clever honesty, portraying three groups that are normally seen as "anti immigration" voicing their true opinions which tend to side with the "pro immigration" point of view. Without historical context the cartoon does a great job of pointing out some of the subtle nuance that is found within the debate in 2019. However, when applied to what we have been studying in class it is a fantastic representation of how foreign labor, and its role in America has led to not just a strong domestic economy, but also a rapidly developing infrastructure.

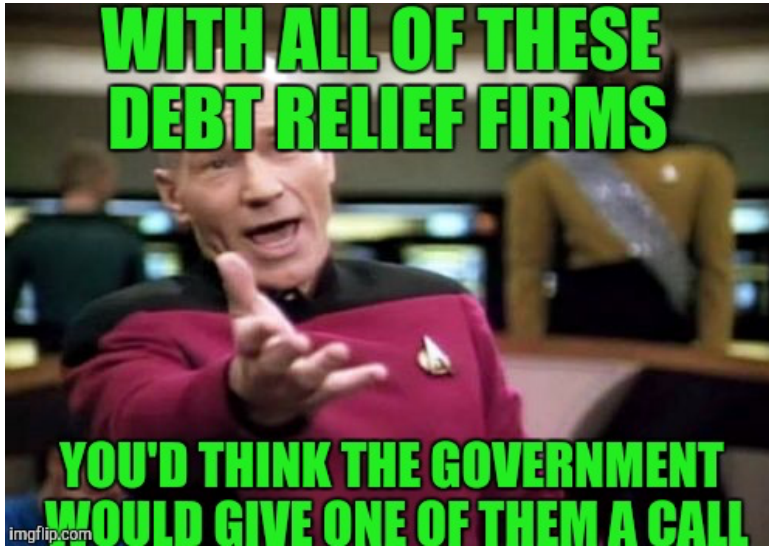
Sum of ratings: [3 \(1\)](#) [Permalink](#)[Show parent](#)[Edit](#)[Split](#)[Delete](#)[Reply](#)**Cartoon #8 Reflection**by [Jarod Doerner](#) - Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 8:18 PM

I decided to reflect Cartoon #8 since the idea of Illegal Immigrants from Mexico is plummeting is true. I'm sorry to say, but we do use Immigrants as a cheap labor source. Take the Lowell Mill Girls for instance. They were given a small pay for work we now take for granted. However, once Irish Immigrants came over, they worked for even cheaper pay and did the same work (28 November 2019 Lecture). Immigrants can do the same job for less money and owners will do anything if it allows them to keep more of a profit. Many people will say that Illegal Immigrants from Mexico, in this case, take American Jobs away from Natural-Born American's. However, Immigrants just want a job that pays well, usually it's jobs that Natural-Born American's don't want.

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During our class we have learned about our founding fathers and the beginning our constitution. Learning about how the articles of confederation were a weak set of laws and gave no real authority to the central government. Hence giving way to people like James Madison, Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton to create the constitution. However with this cartoon I completely agree with because of the growing national debt of the United States will soon come to haunt us. A federalist such as Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the treasury would have been concerned with such debt.

Alexander Hamilton believed in creating a national debt to create both national and internal credit of the United States. However he wanted to honor these debts and convert the Revolutionary War's debt with the individual state's debt into payable bonds. One of the fine details of cartoon is how negative the debt is viewed. Especially by calling the debt a "cancer" and with the dark coloring of red. Even though the cartoon is a bit outdated about the current amount of the debt it doesn't matter. It still does a good job of showing the importance of how big our debt is and how soon one day we are going to have to honor it.



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Re: Cartoon #10: The Debt that All Men Must Pay

by [Jarod Doerner](#) - Thursday, December 5, 2019, 6:56 PM

I also agree that the growing national debt of the United States will eventually come to haunt us, even though it's happening now. The United States has been in debt ever since Alexander Hamilton created it to increase both a national and an internal credit for the United States. Like the cartoon shows, the national debt is just one big tumor that will keep growing until we put it through chemotherapy, or in this case, pay of the current debt. However, unlikely this is.

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Re: #13 Politics, Power and Being Suppressed

by [Caleb Willis](#) - Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 10:34 PM

Politics and the power people really have, seem to be gone. Our ability to assert individual power in regard to change especially what is best for us, appears to be disappearing. All classes of people have the ability and power to verbalize and act on what is important for them. Sadly, this has changed since the Founding Fathers along with the Constitution, encouraged and supported freedom of speech, along with the right of assembly giving the right to discuss ideas and beliefs. Individual feelings certainly were encouraged. Given the protection of freedom, congress seemed to respect individual ideas and desires. However, there no

longer seems to be fair procedures, equal protection, freedom of expression for political purposes or freedom to vote fairly. No longer, do we as individuals rarely dare to speak out without being attacked by others emotionally or physically. How many of us really feel the ability to speak out in regard to politics without the fear of abuse or just second questioning as whether we have made a mistake. How drastically has our ability to change as far as politics and "power?" The cartoon clearly shows people, focused on one individual. This is horrifying when we as a country have experienced numerous leaders who have NOT had our best interest, but rather their agenda? In 1776, "...they agreed that every state needed a written constitution to limit the powers of government...." (textbook pg 180) "The first Amendment guaranteed the freedoms of speech, press and religion against federal interference." (textbook pg 202) Again, the cartoon gives the impression that people 200 years plus, are still following one or more so called leaders.

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Cartoon 13's Obvious Connection to Democracy

by [Brontae Sodeman](#) - Thursday, December 5, 2019, 11:15 AM

Having worked with cartoon 4 earlier in the week, I am familiar with cartoons now that poke fun at logic that we've had established in our system for years. Cartoon 13 depicts democracy in the simplest of terms that the people have the power. This cartoon may also be referencing political parties and their harsh alliances we've created in politics today. Often people vote for politicians they don't necessarily like just because they're in line with their own political party. I can relate this to what we've learned in class about how George Washington warned us against political parties in his farewell address. Washington believed that organization was natural but he argued that seeking power would make other groups seek revenge on political opponents. This directly correlates with what's happening in government right now with Trump's impeachment hearing. Trump sought to set up his political opponent Joe Biden. The cartoon pokes fun at what should have happened maybe in the 2016 election, where some republicans voted to align with their political party.

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Cartoon #10

by [Eric Runes](#) - Thursday, December 5, 2019, 2:51 PM

This cartoon depicts the 19 trillion dollar debt America has accumulated as a cancerous tumor encompassing the entire United States, and spreading.... As a depiction of modern times it is pointing out (not so subtly) that with such a massive, problem to the health of our country, upward growth, and prosperity becomes highly difficult. This is a problem the founders of our country were incredibly wary of, and had great debate over during our birth as a country. George Washington appointed Alexander Hamilton as Secretary Treasurer, and one of his first and most vital mandates was that we pay off our debts, and remain financially accountable as a country. Alexander Hamilton's insistence on fiscal responsibility could be argued to be one of the first areas our country ran into in regards to partisan differences. Differing opinions on the power of government in collecting, taxes, buying land, foreign investments/debts and developing government infrastructure sprang up around finances in those early years of our country. Alexander Hamilton (a federalist) believed we should model our economy after the British system, and Thomas Jefferson and the members of The Democratic Republicans disagreed, and sought a new system. Through debate, and compromise America was able to begin developing its economic policies, and standards. However, whether

Federalist, or Democratic Republican I believe both sides would agree with the cartoon that a growing 19 trillion dollar cancerous debt is not something they would have endorsed, and is a major problem that needs to be addressed.

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Re: Cartoon #12 Lack of Equality

by [Caleb Willis](#) - Thursday, December 5, 2019, 10:03 PM

This cartoon seems appropriate in respect to, "Do anyone of us really own our money?" Rather, I do believe the wealthy find means to keep their money and the idea of distributing to those who aren't wealthy, is never or not going to happen in the United States. When James Madison was asked in the cartoon whether the government intended to confiscate wealth in order for redistribution? Madison was quick to "shut" down the question with, "It was not a flaw, but a point." Madison was adamant in his opinions regarding distribution. Liberty and inequality was impossible because without inequality, liberty was impossible. The Constitution failed as Madison knew in regards to financial issues. The government would continue to regulate and decide whether or not wealth would be confiscated for redistribution. Madison was indeed a Federalist, he took a loose constructionist view upon the constitution. However, he worked along with Thomas Jefferson, a Democratic-Republican who had a strict constructionist view upon the Constitution, and the limiting of national government (Lecture notes). Hence, why the cartoon depicts what looks to be Obama, questioning why the Constitution doesn't say it allows for the government to confiscate wealth for distribution.

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Cartoon #10: Speaking of Cancers

by [Gabe Waisanen](#) - Friday, December 6, 2019, 12:07 PM

This cartoon depicts the issue of debt in America. In 1789, debt was only a couple million, compared to today, a whopping 22 trillion. Known as federal budget cuts, tax cuts, spending on military, and programs run by presidents, are all reasons that debt has increased dramatically over the last couple of years. The advance in weaponry, compared to 1789 had a lot of spending to do with creating these new weapons, which is one of the many ways that the increase in weaponry for our army is both good and bad.

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The power of speech and assembly, Cartoon #13

by [Ryan Peel](#) - Friday, December 6, 2019, 5:48 PM

Free speech and the right to assemble, it's very powerful when used the right way. When used the wrong way, you get something akin to Hitler's regime, where false propaganda and fear, and many other negative tactics are used for coercion and submissiveness rather than a change for the better. Now, the Nazi regime is the most extreme example of the power of free speech and assembly being misused. A calmer example would be in our homeland when the Adams administration passed the Alien and Sedition acts, prohibiting the use of negative language regarding President Adams. Still, that's two ways that it has been misused to such an extreme length, and was suppressed by our own early government. When done or used the right way, we

have the addition of the 19th amendment, where women peacefully protested their lack of rights or Martin Luther Kings's peaceful protests of segregation. Of those protests, came the Brown v Board of Education ruling, which ended segregation in schools. The Montgomery Bus Boycott, peaceful examples of free speech and assembly being used the right way. Not an oppressive, genocidal regime that wants to systematically remove a religion, for no reason at all, and an administration that doesn't want any backlash to any decision they might make.

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Cartoon #11

by [Eric Runes](#) - Friday, December 6, 2019, 6:49 PM

Cartoon #11 is by far my favorite that has been presented to us this week. It is in my opinion a wonderful example of how The First amendment can be a frustrating and often misinterpreted right of Americans when the person hearing the "free speech" believes it comes from a bad place. In class we learned how the Zenger trial set a precedent that because Peter Zenger was not considered seditious liable.. a person could not be prosecuted for speaking out or publishing their opinion. This was then expanded upon with the Bill of rights, the first amendment, and solidified when the Kentucky, and Virginia resolutions established the alien and sedition acts which were ultimately deemed unconstitutional. In 2019 for better or worse we live in a society where at times the loudest voice in the room dictates a narrative. Cartoon #11 is pointing out how even with the best intentions suppressing free speech in any form is still unconstitutional and goes against Americans first amendment right. The sedition acts were an attempt to curb, and eliminate criticism of the president and other elected officials with the threat of criminal charges. It is a slippery slope when one group aims to silence another because they determine their voice righteous, and just, and another groups evil, and wrong. One of the beauties of our country, and our society is our bill of rights, and the protections the first amendment provides. On a personal note I am one of the first to fantasize about being able to silence slanderous hate speech, and vicious propaganda. However, the idea that everyone is able to voice their opinion regardless of how backwards it may seem is far more comforting then living in a society where censorship prevails, and being right or wrong dictates ones validity.

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Re: Cartoon #11 Basic Freedom of Speech and Modern Intolerance

by [Caleb Willis](#) - Friday, December 6, 2019, 9:47 PM

Cartoon #11, really got to me in regard to how realistic modern tolerance often lacks around basic freedom of speech. Unlike the necessity and given the right of free speech 200 years ago, there is now a push for political correctness which suppresses what our constitution gave us. This was clearly an individual right as far as speaking as we wanted to, without consequences. The first Amendment, granted free speech. It is and should be that simple. However, this has been redefined in many ways. For fear of humiliating others values, beliefs, hate crimes and threats, freedom of speech, can't be tolerated as it once was. This given right, is gradually dying. Interestingly, the period of colonial opposition to England, was because of the colonist believing their rights were threatened, This again, being Freedom of Speech. We are now encouraged and educated to know, tolerance is not always acceptable, in terms of free speech. The question or debate is whether limits on freedom of expression should be implemented? We now as a modern society, can't put limits on the right to freedom of speech, but it is a fine line when it violates others rights, interests and

safety. The cartoon seems a bit "harsh," but possibly it is to place the importance of how sometimes, freedom of speech, will conflict with another's rights. A good classroom example was the Zenger Trials. It was simple, but also difficult in terms of what or what was not "legal." He was found not guilty because he told the truth (Class lecture notes). Freedom of Speech, must be an attempt to duplicate examples throughout history which are factual according to one's belief.

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cartoon #8

by [Hunter Schultz](#) - Friday, December 6, 2019, 11:53 PM

This cartoon relates to today's world with immigrants becoming workers in the U.S. and to the 19th century when Irish immigrants would come work in factories for cheap. With the contractors in the cartoon say "If they stop coming where will I get cheap laborers" this relates to the immigrants in today's world coming to the United States doing jobs for cheap (as complained by many Americans) but also to back in the 1800s as explained in class when the Irish came to the U.S. and took the jobs being complained upon for higher pay and worked them for a lot less without complaints (which the Americans also complained about)

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Re: cartoon #8 Immigrants Needed, but Not Needed

by [Caleb Willis](#) - Saturday, December 7, 2019, 11:41 PM

Your post was correct in regard for the need of cheap labor in the 19th century. This is still true, but as much as contractors in the cartoon complain they won't be able to have cheap labor, there is the opposite complaint that immigrants take away jobs. Are immigrants needed or not needed? Will the question ever be able to be answered? I doubt it. Our country, especially large companies, are greedy and forced to stay afloat. In order to do so, cheap labor from immigrants is often the answer. There is so much emphasis these days over illegal immigrants, but at the same time, it is confusing. Immigrants often need jobs which our country can provide, but there is so much controversy as to whether it is in our best interest. It comes down to competition for jobs. Wages are lower as a result of immigrants working for companies that would have to pay a much higher wage to non-immigrants. The Irish immigrants in the 1800's arrived in the United States when there was a gap between rich and poor and urban and rural life. New inventions required an increase of laborers, but there was still complaints as there is now. I agree, Americans will continue to complain and argue as to this "difficult" controversy. (classroom lecture notes).

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Cartoon 8

by [alex Henshen](#) - Saturday, December 7, 2019, 4:26 PM

This cartoon is relevant to today because immigrants are still coming to this country now, just like they came over in the 1800's. Back then it was the Irish immigrants coming over and working much cheaper. There was a usual argument in these times where the industry owners were happy about them but the domestic

workers were not. I think the cartoon was getting at how the higher ups were pleased with immigrants because they benefited from them. They had a similar argument about slaves. which lead to the slave movement to last longer because of the cotton supply growth.

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Cartoon #8

by [Riley McQueen](#) - Saturday, December 7, 2019, 5:00 PM

In cartoon #8 it is talking about the dropping numbers in illegal immigration coming from Mexico and the benefits of having them there. The construction worker and the farmer are upset because they will be losing workers who get paid lower wages because they are immigrants than workers from the United States, who get paid more for the same work. This is similar to when immigrants from Ireland came over to work, those in charge paid them a small amount for the work they did. The Irish immigrants gave the United States one of the resources needed to keep its economy expanding, a new labor force. Today, states like California, Texas, and Florida use immigrant workers whether legal or otherwise as a labor force and they boost the state's economy.

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Cartoon #10

by [Riley McQueen](#) - Saturday, December 7, 2019, 6:25 PM

Cartoon #10 is about the national debt. What this cartoon is saying is that the United States has \$19 trillion in debt and it continues to grow like a cancer. This is what Thomas Jefferson warned us about. The founding fathers wanted to have us pay off our debt as we go, they even paid off their debts to England after the Revolution. Thinking about how the US handles its debt now we are way off the path the founding fathers were on because we have normalized this behavior with government debts and personal debts.

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Truth, and the importance of it

by [Ryan Peel](#) - Saturday, December 7, 2019, 7:39 PM

In today's administration, we're in the middle of the biggest impeachment hearings in a long time. The last President that had to go through this was Richard Nixon. Even during the early times, no other President aside from Donald Trump and Richard Nixon has had to go through an inquiry like this. Richard Nixon was known for the Watergate scandal, where he tried to have the Watergate Office Building, the current

headquarters of the Democratic Party, bugged in order to further his own election campaign, the ensuing cover-up of the Nixon administration is what led to its downfall. The Trump administration finds itself in the same situation. If either side tells the truth, the administration's career is over. The past administrations had no such issue. The early ones were still trying to put together the government, and aside from Nixon, no one wanted to be part of a scandal this big. I am aware of scandals that past presidents have been a part of, such as Harding and the Teapot Dome Scandal, but that was about oil and land, not about trying to tip the scales of the election to your favor using illegal methods. The early presidency didn't have this problem because they never felt the need to stoop this low. Only two US Presidents have done this, Richard Nixon and Donald Trump. Please, don't try to unfairly win your big prize, tell the truth, and go about it the proper way.



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Re: Cartoon #9 Checks & Balances and Abuse of Government Power

by [Caleb Willis](#) - Saturday, December 7, 2019, 10:11 PM

Is the idea that different branches of government are really balanced or one branch has more power than others and can dominate the other two? The cartoon appears to mock what is sadly, a reality in modern times. Colonists depended and trusted the government to check the use of power by other branches. In order to control abuse of power, was initially an idea the government included in the constitution. The cartoon shows that checks and balances do not limit the power of the president. In fact, quite the opposite. Do we really understand any longer the concept of Checks and Balances? Although one branch was initially

not to have more power over other branches, the president does control the money because he controls the federal officials. Given this ability, isn't it possible for possible abuse of power? The government can be bought for the right amount of money and everyone is for sale. Those who have the money, have the power. The Government is controlled by the people's money, instead of the people who it's supposed to serve. (Federalist/Anti-Federalist class lecture notes).

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I think this cartoon represents in today's world when Obama was president they wanted to tax the wealthy more so that they could give more back to the poor and in the cartoon Obama is asking why it wasn't a rule in the constitution where the rich should be should have there "wealth confiscated" but James Madison is like there's a reason it's not in the constitution because Most of the men who "founded" this country including Madison were wealthy and they made sure the wealthy stayed wealthy. Because if you were wealthy it usually meant you were powerful and in today's world people think the rich should lose more money than the poor but back in James Madison's time period they wanted the wealthy to stay wealthy.

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