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Cartoons - Part 1

by [Joe Escobar](#) - Thursday, November 28, 2019, 11:31 PM

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Donkeys vs Elephants ad Taxpayers

by [Tuyen Thanh Diep](#) - Sunday, December 1, 2019, 4:51 PM

Cartoon # 2 Democrats are present for donkeys and Republicans represent elephants. Shows that America needs to reform its interests. Social security reform is good if politicians enact some energy taxes. Improve the US retirement system, after all, if they have a new revenue stream and they have the option of continually adjusting their rates to support the current system. Republicans are often socially conservative and believe in lower taxes and account for much of rural America; Democrats tend to favor higher taxes on corporations and high-income earners concentrated in urban and coastal areas.

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Cartoon #6: Gun Culture

by [Clay Noteboom](#) - Sunday, December 1, 2019, 6:34 PM

I'll start with an easy one. I say easy because I have lived during part of the history indicated in this cartoon.

The framer or founder is explaining the second amendment, as he designed it. Guns were necessary for colonial life, so they wanted to protect everyone's right to own one. The cartoon refers to hunting and animal control, but many people also associate the second amendment with militias. Early Americans wanted to make sure that they could protect themselves against a tyrannical government, so they ensured every citizen's right to bear arms.

The NRA sees the right to bear arms as all-encompassing, for hunting, but also for any other reason, sport, hobby, self defense.

The founder is stunned and gives up hope. That's not what they meant, the cartoon suggests.

The irony is that so many Americans still claim militia as an acceptable defense of gun rights, but people are not really actually allowed to form militias and overthrow a tyrannical government in the US. If we marched on DC with our guns, we would be arrested and maybe even shot by police. We would never get close to the White House or the Pentagon. The militia argument is very outdated.

This argument, and this cartoon, continue to be extremely relevant, with the rise of mass shootings and arguments about gun control vs gun rights. And what the framers wrote in the constitution is often cited as a pro-gun blank check.

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Cartoon #7

by [Glorianna Whiteman-Reyes](#) - Sunday, December 1, 2019, 9:17 PM

This cartoon reminds me of the uses of the elastic clause across the two early parties of the United States. Hamilton used this clause to support the federalist agenda, especially for the founding of the national bank. At the time, strict constructionist Jefferson made the claim that because the constitution did not explicitly state that the government could make a bank, that the institution should not be allowed (Hamilton's Plan Video 7 minute mark). However, several years later, Jefferson used the elastic clause for the Louisiana Purchase. Everyone is against the system until the system works for them.

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Re: Cartoon #7

by [Natalie Haffner](#) - Thursday, December 5, 2019, 8:41 PM

I also used this cartoon, but I didn't even think about this option of changing the system. I only took it as the results of an election. I like your take on this cartoon and how you related it to The Louisiana purchase.

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Cartoon #5

by [Kaleah Holmes](#) - Monday, December 2, 2019, 10:22 AM

Cartoon #5 is a good political cartoon to think about. It shows President Obama stating that the three branches of government are "Me, Myself, and I". Thomas Jefferson advocated for a smaller government with less power. He did not want too much power in one person's hands. That, however, is the opposite of the cartoonist's point of view. By showing Obama as the one governmental branch they are showing how much power the government has taken. The government was initially made so that one person would not be able to have absolute control over the country. The cartoonist has a good point that the government is extremely large and possibly too large. That does not mean that the president has all the power over civilians. There are several ways our Founding Fathers have ensured that the president, or any person, will not be able to have full control.

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This cartoon seems to address a huge discussion in our world today. many people say the president has too much power and that is what our founding fathers fought so hard against. yes, the government has gotten larger, but has that amount of power changed? I agree with you saying "that does not mean that the president has all the power over civilians," but I also think that some of the powers have gotten out of hand. This cartoon is very representative of today's world and relates very well to the past.

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Cartoon 1 points to the hypocrisy of the founding fathers, namely Thomas Jefferson. One thing mentioned in the cartoon is the comment about "too many parasites living on the labor of the industrious," which is funny, considering Thomas Jefferson owned slaves. The book points to this hypocrisy when it discusses his 175 slaves, and "through it all he insisted that slavery was wrong," when he wrote "all men are created equal" (p257, 9-1b). The book also made mention of his slave-woman Sally Hemings, whom he "fathered several children" by (p257, 9-1b). The book also speaks about Jefferson's hypocrisy when mentioning that Jefferson was "startled to see French women working in the fields," but that he "abandoned his concern for female delicacy when his own slaves were involved," having "gangs of half men and half women" working the fields (p257, 9-1a). Jefferson's hypocrisy seemed to know no bounds.

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Can I add "No freeman shall be debarred the use of guns," to bring together the founding principles and modern democracy? This quote by Jefferson is often cited as pro-gun rights.

So which of Jefferson's quotes held true?

Debt paid by each generation? No. Debt is increased by almost every government administration. Americans consider debt the new normal.

Resistance must always be allowed? No, this is currently being restricted through policy (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/energy-environment/2018/08/22/environmentalists-say-new-pipeline-protest-laws-restrict-their-freedom-speech/>).

Slaves should be happy. We no longer accept this.

This cartoon shows not only what a hypocrite Jefferson was, but also how far we have gotten from the founding fathers' framework.

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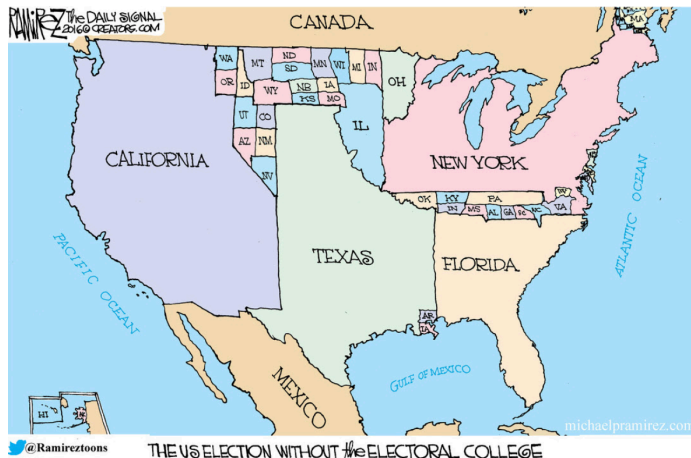
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The way the world sees us

by [Isabella Welch](#) - Monday, December 2, 2019, 3:31 PM



I really enjoy this picture for many reasons. For starters this tends to be the way the rest of the world sees America, and some people who live here as well. People often look at the U.S. and think of only these states and how they are they ones with the majority of the power, although they do hold a good majority of the U.S's population. I believe that these four states keep each other evened out when it comes to their political views, California and New York being more Democratic and Texas and Florida being more Republican.

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Re: The way the world sees us

by [Bryce Turney](#) - Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 7:03 PM

I agree with what your saying on how these four states are viewed as the most important by Americans and I think this cartoon misrepresented Pennsylvania and Michigan and should of included those two as well because they're swing states. I like the point you made about how these four states offset and so

then it comes down to the swings states and their importance which is where a lot of candidates will put their focus to win the election. Either way there are always certain states that get more attention than others.

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Cartoon 3

by [Ethan Rubus](#) - Monday, December 2, 2019, 5:48 PM

In Cartoon 3 the artists are trying to make the point that in today's world our government is far too big and intrusive and to do that he's using the pilgrims in their cartoon. I believe that the artist correctly interpreted this part of history to a degree. The Pilgrims had left for the new world seeking religious freedom. On page 54 in our textbook, it says that the pilgrims left England for the Netherland for religious freedom and then after a decade there they left for the new world for religious fulfillment. The cartoon made a point of them being thankful for having a government that not Intrusive and trying to run their lives. Which is true to an extent because the pilgrims left for religious freedom and fulfillment. I don't agree with the point of view of this cartoon. Mainly because of the huge differences between today's world VS world in 1600.

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Re: Cartoon 3

by [Isabella Welch](#) - Thursday, December 5, 2019, 9:43 PM

I agree with you to a point. I agree that today's world is WAY different than in the 1600. I do believe that in some ways that the government that we have is starting to try to restrict us in different but similar ways. You can interpret cartoon #3, when they say that they are thankful for the government not controlling them, that it no longer controls their religion, therefore no longer controlling them in that sense.

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Re: Cartoon 3

by [Glorianna Whiteman-Reyes](#) - Friday, December 6, 2019, 4:58 PM

I enjoy this cartoon because it is almost a prelude to the events that would transpire later in history. Early responses to government involvement in local governments could be immediate and violent. The way these responses were combated by the federal government helped set a precedent for a strong, and in some views intrusive, federal government is what lends this cartoon its irony. A good example of this is the whiskey rebellion, which acted as one of the first direct challenges to federalist authority and prompted the early use of military force on behalf of the central government. (Textbook pg. 202)

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Cartoon 5, Uneven representation

by [Luca Belsito](#) - Monday, December 2, 2019, 8:10 PM

Cartoon 5 is an exaggerated depiction of the popular vote during the 2016 presidential election. This was an issue in the beginning of the nation as well. The founding fathers elected to have an electoral college in order to balance the lopsidedness of the popular vote. The cartoon details the entire united states, and shows that the states with the greatest population represent most of the country. During the founding fathers time, this was even more lopsided than currently. Most southern states were rural farmers who did not vote, nor had any ability to vote due to distance from poll areas. As the cartoon suggests, a United States without an electoral college, is one whose president is decided by 4 states.

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The cartoon differs but there were some issues with the electoral college when convention delegates at the Hartford convention wanted the three-fifths clause, which led to overrepresentation of the South in congress and the electoral college stricken from the constitution (textbook p.226). I think the cartoonist was able to get their point across by the exaggeration of the most populated states and making the less populated almost non-existent in the cartoon. The founding fathers created the electoral college so the states with the most population wouldn't be the main focus. Also so other states would be represented fairly, so this political cartoon validates the creation of the electoral college showing how the whole U.S would not be fairly represented in each election. I agree with this cartoon because if the electoral college was no longer a thing then the enlarged states in the cartoon would be the main emphasis for candidates to win the presidential election.

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This cartoon hits at the idea of checks and balances and how that the electoral college relates to that. The cartoon portrays the United States "without the electoral college" and has the proportions of the states redrawn to reflect the way the voting power would be distributed without an electoral college. California, New York, Texas and Florida are inflated and make up the vast majority of the nation, while the majority of the rest of the states have been shrunk to where you can barely see them. The cartoon seems to be trying to depict the importance of the electoral college in the system of checks and balances and preventing a sort of "tyranny of the majority" with the states with the largest populations having all the power by balancing it out so states with lower populations have more voting power, and in this, I feel it was successful in getting it's point across and I believe the founders would agree very much with the message. I feel this cartoon in many ways still holds up very well as without the electoral college, the same states would still have very inflated voting power, however, I feel the cartoon misses slightly with where I see the real separation being in our country. In the same way in the past, voting lines and cultural differences may have been separated by either north and south or coastal and inland, I feel that today the main separation in the country is between the rural and the urban populations. More and more the voting trends seem to show that the majority of urban areas, no matter which coast or where they are located, have more in common with each other than they do with the rest of the rural population, even in areas much closer. The states in the cartoon that are inflated do have many of the largest cities in the country which accounts for most of their population so I wonder if rather than the inflated states there would be another way of portraying this to show the inflation of the voting power of the urban areas over the rural areas.

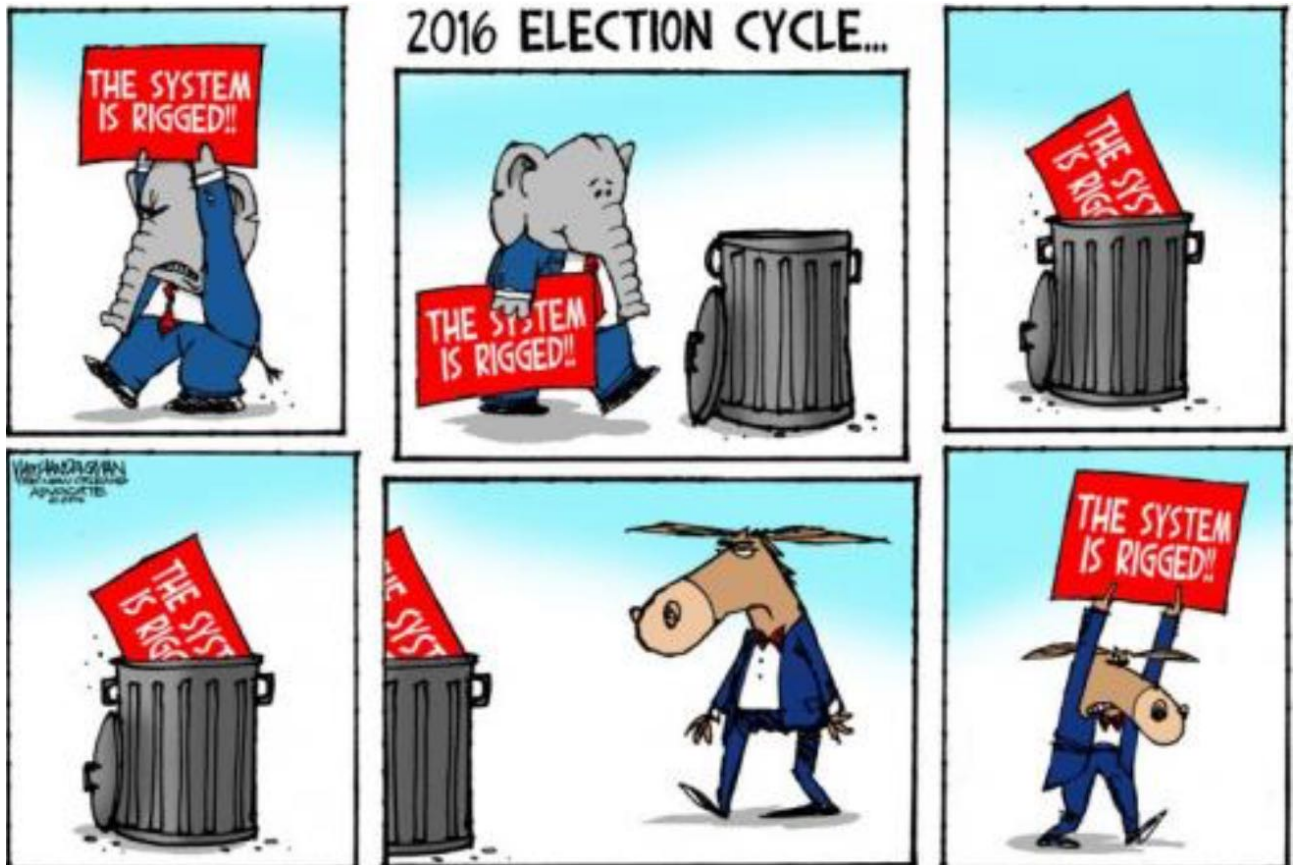
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**Re: Cartoons - Part 1**by [Samson Maberry](#) - Monday, December 2, 2019, 10:17 PM

In cartoon #7 it shows a system of reputation. When something goes one persons way but not the others the first will no longer see a problem with the result. However the second person now seeing that things are not going their way will start to make a lot of noise about the "new" issue. This has been going on since the begaining of the creation of the U.S.

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I found this cartoon very funny and relevant to our world today. It is labeled 2016 election cycle but I could see it applying to any election cycle. In the Cartoon the elephant is holding a sign Reading "the System is rigged" but the proceeds to throw the sign away when his desired outcome is reached. Next we see the donkey come along looking very defeated only to pull the sign out of the trash. Based on all the elections leading up to today we can concluded that next the donkey will throw the sign out only for the elephant to pull it out, continuing the never ending push and pull of power. In the beginning of the US there was still the push and pull, Patriots vs. loyalists, federalist vs non-federalist, and the list goes on until today's time. No matter the outcome there will always be an opposing side and that is very significant to how the founding fathers wanted this country to be. We have the right to our own opinions and to vote for what we believe in. We also have the right to disagree with the outcomes. And there will always be those who disagree

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Although we do have the right to agree or disagree with the result of the elections, I don't think the founding fathers wanted it to get to the point that its at now. It's good to have competition and different points of view but I think that today the U.S is too divided and there is not the unity that the founding fathers envisioned from the beginning.

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This cartoon shows what the states would look like if area were proportional to population. By showing how big California, Texas, Florida and New York would be, the cartoonist is trying to argue that the electoral college is necessary. The topic that's depicted, popular vote vs electoral college, is very similar to the issue of state equality vs proportional representation in Congress. In both cases, its a matter of how much voting power should be given to each state or individual. State representation in Congress caused a lot of disagreement between delegates from big and small states during the Philadelphia convention. Before the Connecticut Compromise was accepted, big states argued for proportional vote and small ones for equal vote. In the end, they decided to divide the methods between houses. Today, since each state's electoral

college votes are determined by adding the representatives from both houses (using the same system adopted in 1787), the current movement for a popular vote can be seen as a continuation of the same argument.

The cartoonist's point of view is consistent with that of the small states in 1787. In chapter 6 of the textbook, the author writes the small states "would never accept a constitution that let the large states swallow them" (pg 190). The cartoon almost makes it seem like the large states are "swallowing" the rest. In this way, the cartoon is an accurate but unintentional reflection on history.

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Cartoon #3

by [Sebastian Mertens](#) - Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 5:46 PM

For this forum I looked at cartoon number 3, for this cartoon I would say that it does a fairly good job of accurately representing some historical events at least during when I would assume this took place. My best guess for when this took place based on the caption, the way the people are dressed, and the fact that it looks like they are celebrating Thanksgiving of some sorts then I would assume it takes place around the late 1700s early 1800s. Based off of that I would say that the comic would be fairly historically accurate as during this time was around when the U.S Government was just first starting up and it seemed as though the Government was much more focused on paying back the debts it owed and setting itself up for the future rather than focusing heavily on the people and their everyday lives. With cartoon number 3 it seems like the illustrator took more of a comical approach with it which I would say made it almost more difficult to understand the real meaning behind it. Despite that I would say I more agree with it than I do disagree I don't think it would really apply to today's world but it seems like a fairly accurate comic for the time it is supposedly takes place in.

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Obama's Three Branches of Government

by [Tuyen Thanh Diep](#) - Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 5:50 PM

Cartoon #5 President Obama acts in action, whether the most recent people called for more gun control or those in the past extending pardons for the millions of illegal people here who have been or are being challenged in court. Obama did not really prioritize judicial appointments. He was ahead of President George W. Bush for overall appointments at this time during their presidential terms, but slightly behind presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton.

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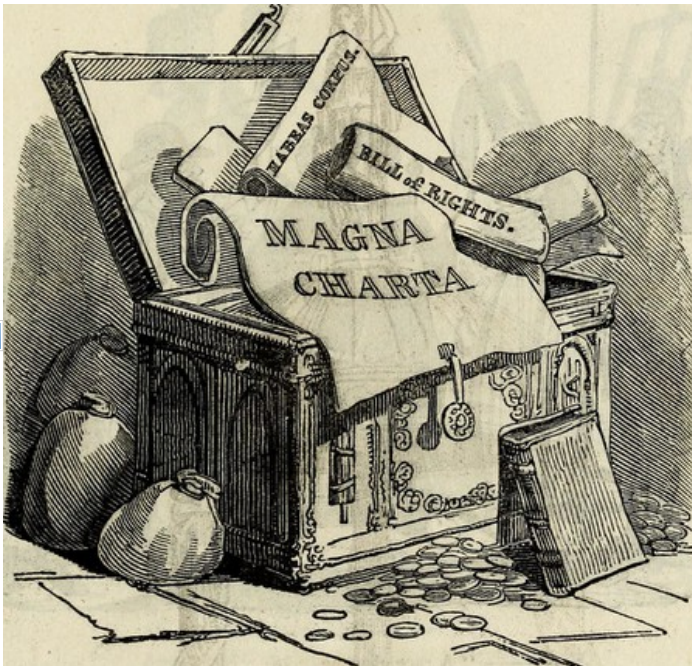
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Cartoon #1

by [Kaleah Holmes](#) - Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 8:51 PM

Cartoon #1 is interesting to look at since I have never lived in a society that pays its debts, or one that follows the rules of Thomas Jefferson's numerous quotes in this cartoon. One of Thomas Jefferson's quotes is "Never spend your money before you have earned it". This immediately made me think of credit cards.

Nowadays if you have a credit card you can spend up to its max even if you have nothing in your bank account. Many people go into debt because of this. Credit cards are encouraged in today's society. You will have better luck buying a house, and doing many other things if you have a credit card. You want to build up credit so that you can do these things. This type of thing was unheard of back in Jefferson's day. People paid back their loans, and debts. Even if you were at war with a country, you would repay your debt to them. There was a sense of honor in it. Another one of Thomas Jefferson's quotes is "It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes". When did this kind of thinking leave our country? There have been several generations that never paid their debt. We are currently over twenty two trillion dollars in debt. Alexander Hamilton put a plan in place called Funding and Assumption. He assumed all of the country's debt and promised to pay it all off. It would be nice if some person would take responsibility of our current debt and assume it all.

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What I think about this cartoon is that it is both simple and shows the viewer that the Bill of Rights isn't the only document about a person's rights.

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Cartoon #4 references what the United States voting would look like if we did not have the Electoral College. Our Founding Fathers put the Electoral College into place for that exact reason. If they hadn't put it in then few states would have all of the power in elections. Thomas Jefferson was in favor of strong constructionism, or a weaker government. The Electoral College

helps his ideals because the large population states are not able to outnumber the small population states.

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Cartoon 8 - Immigration

by [Ethan Rubus](#) - Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 3:48 PM

Cartoon 8 is interesting because immigrating is always a hot topic no matter the time. This cartoon while it is set in the modern-day it has a strong connection to the time that we are studying. The cartoon is about the number of illegal immigrants is falling and then has two Business owners wonder where they will get their cheap works from and a radio guy wonder where he'll get his Mexican hoard story from. The connection to the time that we are studying is with immigrants coming to the US and being used as cheap labor. On Tuesday in class Professor, Escobar talked about the Mostly Irish immigrants coming to the US and working for cheaper. Whether it was in the mill's or working on the Erie canal. The connection runs deep because of the use of Immigrants as cheap labor can be found during any point in American history whether it is back in the 1800s when this country was just getting started or in the present day.

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Cartoon #7

by [Bryce Turney](#) - Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 5:36 PM

In the election of 1824, Andrew Jackson lost to John Quincy Adams even though he won the popular vote of 42 percent to his nearest rivals 33 percent (textbook p. 311). This was the first election where this happened and more would happen in this fashion. The cartoonist definitely got the point across in how both parties Republican and Democrat get outraged when their candidate wins the popular vote but doesn't get elected as president. This was obviously apparent in the 2016 election which is what the cartoon is pointing out when Trump won because he had more electoral college votes. The founding fathers created the electoral college so the president would represent the majority of the U.S, and the issue of the popular vote winner not getting elected was prevalent in the early 1800s. I agree with the cartoon because both parties will think the system is rigged when the other candidate is elected because of the electoral college.

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Part 1, Cartoon 2

by [Devyn Crummett](#) - Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 10:58 PM

What I think of cartoon #2 is that it all comes down to money. Their hand in the Taxpayers pocket kind of indicates that they are trying to win over the Taxpayer to get their money.

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Cartoon 7

by [Ethan Rubus](#) - Friday, December 6, 2019, 3:46 PM

I really enjoyed cartoon 7. This cartoon showed that no matter what, not everyone will be happy about an election. This is true about every election whether it's in the past or present there will always be an unhappy side saying that the system is rigged. While I wasn't alive during the 1800 elections I'm willing to bet that the federalists were not the happiest after that election. The same can be said about the republicans in 2008 and 2012 and the same can be said about the democrats in 2016. The point is that there will always be one side that is complaining about the election.

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Cartoon #2 shows how the two main political parties are taking money from the taxpayers. This made me think of how while the government grew, our taxes and paychecks got higher too. This seemed pretty balanced to me until I found out that I make less than a Lowell Mill girl. I make more hourly than they would make in a day but they only had to spend one third of their money on bills. I spend much more than a third of my paycheck on bills. I did not choose this. The population of the country along with the cost of living went up, and the government continues to raise taxes. It would help my savings account if a president like Thomas Jefferson came along. Thomas Jefferson believed in a small government. With fewer employees, and therefore less buildings that they would need, our taxes could decrease.

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Cartoon 13 is intriguing to me because I believe that a lot of people tend to forget that we the people have a lot of power when it come to politics as we are the ones who elect the politicians them into office. the founding fathers set everything up so that the people would have power and rights. one example would be the first amendment which is the freedom of speech and religion. it gives us the people the right and power to protest and call out the government if we don't like what they are doing. The power of the people is one thing that gets forgotten. We are the ones who elect the people in the government and we are the ones who vote them out as well. The power of the people is far greater then most think.

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The message of this cartoon is to explain why the electoral vote is used, which assigns a certain number of votes based on population to each state, to make sure that states with a low population still have a say. This message is certainly relevant in today's landscape, and would also be an accurate depiction of the early US due to an uneven population distribution. For example, the population of New England greatly outnumbered

the Trans-Appalachian West. During this time most people were rural farmers, and there were only six cities with 10,000 people in the 1800 United States, even further giving extra power to those states with an urban population. This message is similar to those of the founding fathers in that it gives power to each state.

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Cartoon 6

by [Jay Elmore](#) - Saturday, December 7, 2019, 11:18 PM

The message of this cartoon deals with the Second Amendment and the right to bear arms. The cartoon is saying that guns have evolved and are now more powerful than in 1789, when the right to bear arms amendment was added to the Constitution. The cartoon is saying that today we should not apply a ruling that does not apply to modern technology, and that the intent of those who creating the amendment does not apply to today. This cartoon does not apply to post revolution America because during it's time people were encouraged and actually given guns to protect their communities in some cases, which is not the message of this cartoon which is anti second amendment. Although the cartoon is not relevant to the time period studied in class I do agree with it because it is not acceptable in my opinion to follow a ruling that has major components in it which have changed and evolved and not change the ruling to keep up.

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Cartoon 7

by [Jay Elmore](#) - Saturday, December 7, 2019, 11:24 PM

This cartoon is showing how both the Democrat and Republican parties will always think that the election is rigged when they lose. It shows that there are two political parties pitted against each other, just like during the early 19th century. However, during this time it was not the Democrats vs. Republicans but the Federalists vs. the Democratic Republicans. This cartoon applies to both modern and old politics if the republic and democrat party are changed for the federalist and democratic republican parties. I agree with this cartoon because there certainly is a divide in our nations politics and it seems like it has always been that way. This can especially be seen through the map shown in class, demonstrating the Jefferson election where the votes were basically split down the middle North vs. South, even fifty years pre civil war.

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