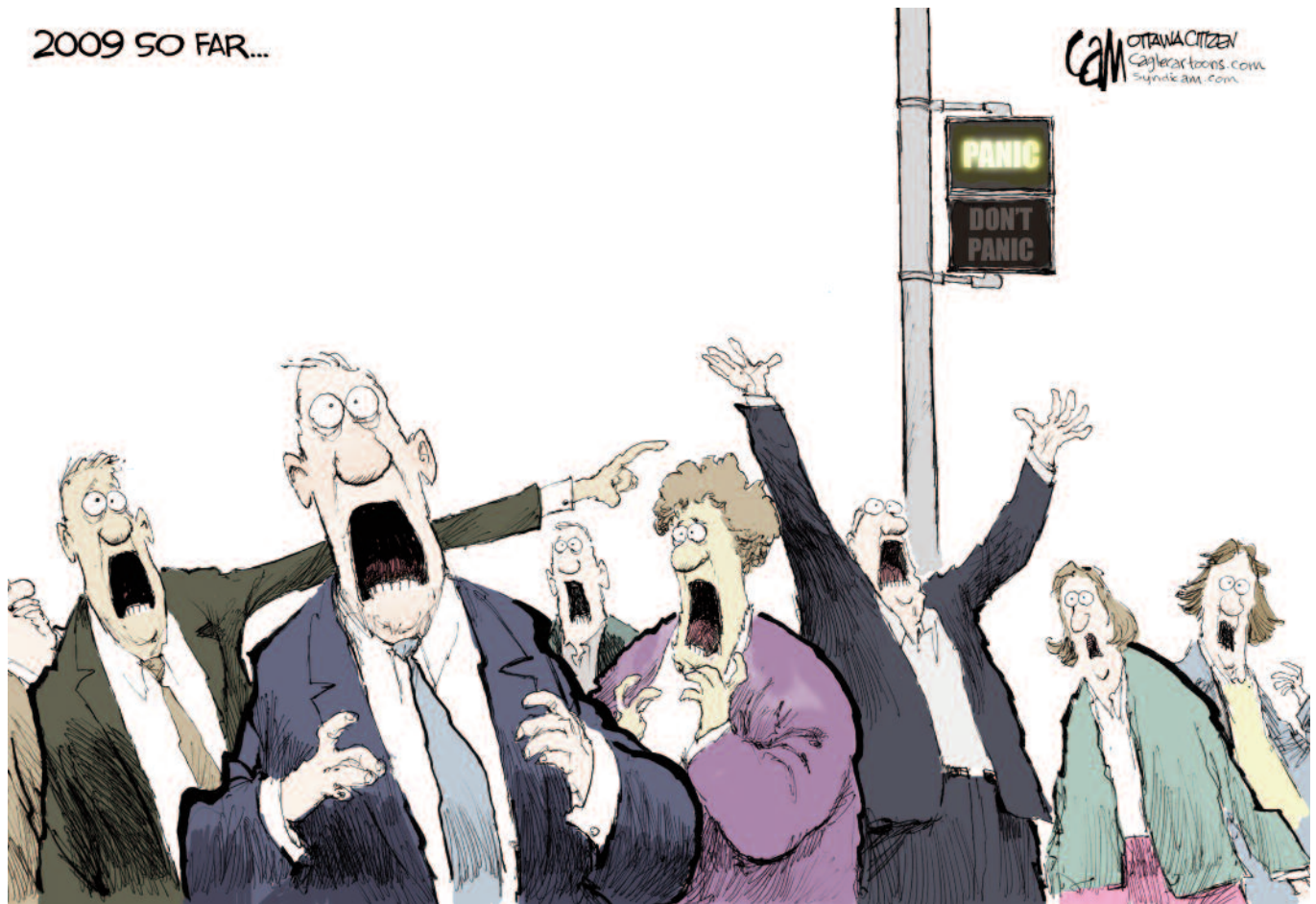


Cartoons for the Classroom

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2009 SO FAR...



Cam Cardow of The Ottawa Citizen / Courtesy CagleCartoons.com

Ok, what's the next crisis?

Talking points

1. It certainly seems like we've been lurching from crisis to crisis this year. And Cam Cardow's cartoon shows how we've been reacting -- when we're told we SHOULD panic. But who's telling us to panic and then changing signals and telling us not to panic? The government? The media? Somebody else?
2. The recent Swine Flu outbreak caused people around the world to don surgical masks, close schools and quarantine the stricken. But virologists now say that the outbreak has been relatively mild so far and less fatal than previous pandemics? Did we all overreact? Or should we keep our surgical masks on?
3. Check the list at right and talk about how these crises have affected you. Which concern you the most? Which just aren't worth panicking about?

Between the lines

Just for starters this year:

- Worldwide financial crisis
- Oil crisis
- Swine Flu
- Newspaper bankruptcies
- Auto company bankruptcies
- Bailouts
- Iraq/Afghanistan/Pakistan
- Energy crisis
- Global warming
- U.S. Debt / Deficit
- Health care crisis

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