

# Cartoons for the Classroom

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## Is Big Bird's budget bite too big?



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### Talking points

1. Mitt Romney says he'd eliminate the government subsidy to PBS. How much does the government give PBS? The subsidy is what percentage of the federal budget?
2. How much does Romney want to increase defense spending? What percentage of the budget goes to military spending?
3. "Entitlements" represent another big part of the budget. Who gets most of that money? What taxes pay for those programs?

### Between the lines

"I love Big Bird . . . But I'm not going to keep spending money on things to borrow money from China to pay for it."

- Mitt Romney.

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### Additional resources

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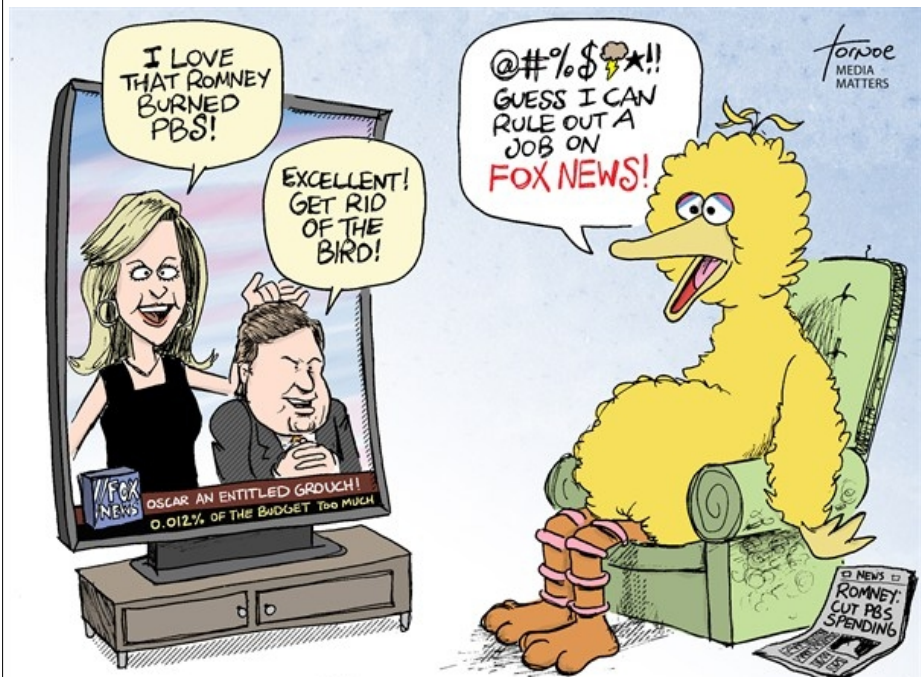
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