Cartoons for the Classroom

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Why was an emergency declared?



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Talking Points

- 1. How do these cartoons characterize President Trump declaring a national emergency at the Mexican-U.S. border?
- 2. Is there an emergency at the border? Please explain your answer.
- 3. Has President Trump been badly defeated in Congress over getting money to build a border wall?
- 4. Under the U.S. Constitution, which branch of government determines how to spend our tax money?
- 5. Presidents have conducted many wars since Congress last officially declared a war nearly 70 years ago. Does Congress have any power left if it can no longer control spending?

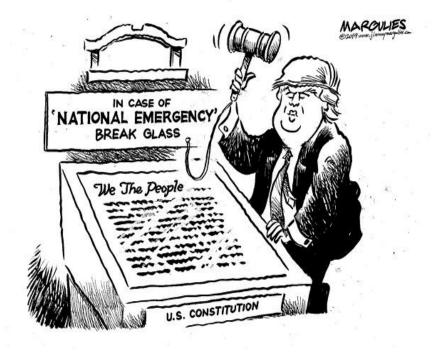
Between the lines

""I could do the wall over a longer period of time. I didn't need to do this. But I'd rather do it much faster." - President Donald Trump on his emergency declaration.

https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/ elections/2019/02/16/border-emergencydonald-trump-quote-undercuts-move-criticssays/2881619002/

Additional resources

- More by Daryl Cagle https://www.cagle.com/author/daryl-cagle/
- More by Jimmy Margulies http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/ browse.cfm/MarguJ
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