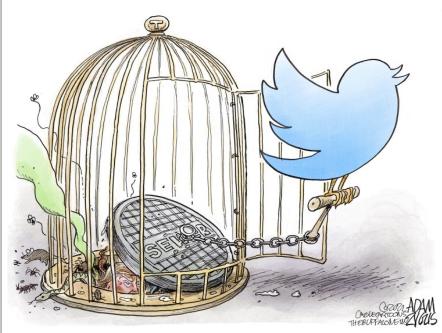
Cartoons for the Classroom

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Will new owner 'free' Twitter speech?



Adam Zyglis, The Buffalo News / Courtesy of Cagle.com

- 1. What do these cartoons say about billionaire Elon Musk, a self-described "free speech absolutist," buying Twitter?
- 2. Musk has said that social media should allow all speech permitted by law. How would that work in countries where criticizing leaders, questioning religion or disagreeing about history can result in a lengthy prison sentence or even death?
- 3. Are threats or calls for violence covered by free speech rights?
- 4. What is misinformation? Who gets to decide what it is? Could it be dangerous? Any examples of obvious misinformation online?

Between the lines

"Dis- and misinformation are hardly absent from Twitter, but removing the restraints that have been applied will flood the zone." - Cheryl Rofer, physicist and Twitter user.

https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/twitter-elon-musk-and-free-speech-absolutism/

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- More by Adam Zyglis
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