## Cartoons for the Classroom &

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## Should they be classified careless?



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- 1. How do these cartoons describe the discovery of classified documents among the personal papers of President Joe Biden, former Vice President Mike Pence and former President Donald Trump?
- 2. How are these cases similar, and how are they different?
- 3. Should anyone face legal penalties over the documents?
- 4. Why does the U.S. government classify millions of documents as confidential, secret or top secret?
- 5. Are all government secret documents about national security or are some classified to avoid political embarrassments?

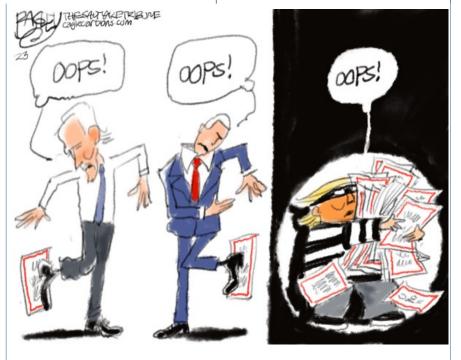
## Between the lines

"What should have been a one-day thing became a big cause celebre because of the resistance.... In the case of Trump, it's the old adage — the cover-up is worse than the crime. It's only because of that precedent that now this is a cause celebre for the current president." -J. William Leonard, former archive security official.

https://time.com/6249863/presidents-classified-documents-misplaced-history/

## Additional resources

- More by R.J. Matson https://www.cagle.com/author/r-j-matson/
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