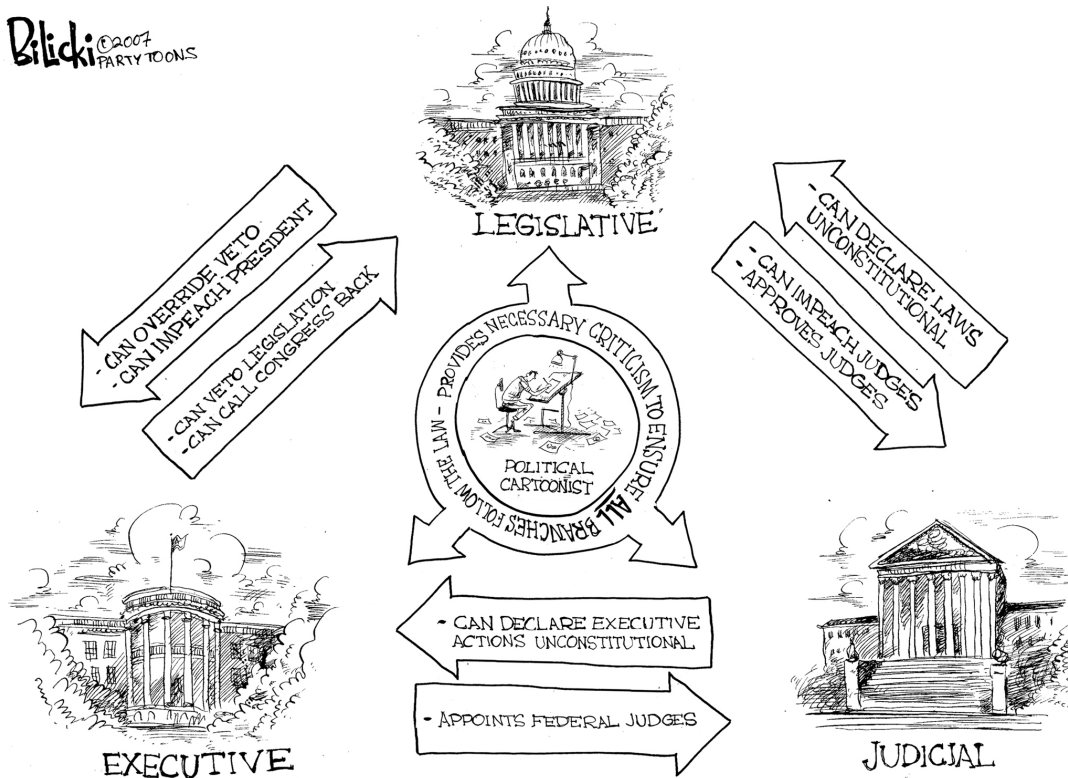


Cartoons for the Classroom



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Between the lines

Jimmy Margulies' toon below won first place in the recent "Party Toons" editorial cartoon contest. The contest was looking for the "cartoon that best expresses why editorial cartoons are so vital to democracy and why the continuing decline in the ranks of editorial cartoonists is so dangerous." Justin Bilicki's toon tied for third. "Party Toons" is a half-hour weekly political show built around editorial cartoons and political comedy.

Cartoon courtesy
Justin Bilicki / New York Press

Why are cartoonists vital to democracy?

Cartoon courtesy Jimmy Margulies / The Record (New Jersey)



Will the last editorial cartoonist forced to leave their job, please turn out the light?

Additional resources

Association of American Editorial Cartoonists
<http://editorialcartoonists.com/>

More by Jimmy Margulies
<http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/Marguj>

More by Justin Bilicki
<http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/BilicJ>

Talking points

Use the quotes below to write a paragraph expanding on the ideas displayed in these cartoons on the role cartoonists play.

- "The political cartoon has always served as a special prod - a reminder to public servants that they are public servants."
-- Herbert Block, Washington Post cartoonist
- "An editorial cartoonist, fundamentally, should be anti-establishment. No matter which party is running the government, it is the essence of satire to question authority."
-- Nick Anderson, Houston Chronicle cartoonist
- "Nothing is more patriotic than social criticism. . . . The First Amendment doesn't exist so that we can freely praise our elected officials, it exists so we can freely criticize them."
-- Chris Lamb, Author of *The Use and Abuse of Editorial Cartoons*

Get out your newspaper

Gather a collection of political cartoons from your newspaper. Using the Cartoon Evaluation Worksheet (available online at the NIE Website) analyze each cartoon.