

# Cartoons for the Classroom



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SUNSHINE WEEK

## Spotlighting government secrecy

### Talking points

Sunshine Week is a national initiative to open a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. It's about the public's right to know what its government is doing, and why.

1. What is the Freedom of Information Act that Etta Hulme's cartoon refers to?
2. Some people don't think your privacy should be a big concern. Why are there rules to keep the government from spying on you?
3. Explain why it's important to know what your government is doing? Who can best inform you about what your government is doing?



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Etta Hulme / Fort Worth Star-Telegram



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### Get out your newspaper

Gather a collection of political cartoons from your newspaper and other resources. Using the Cartoon Evaluation Worksheet (available online at the NIE Website) analyze each cartoon and explain the issues addressed. Find news stories about the issues addressed by the cartoons. Determine the point of view of the cartoonist and explain why you agree or disagree with the opinion expressed.

### Additional resources

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

More by Tom Toles  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/opinion/tolestom/archive/>

More by Etta Hulme  
<http://www.star-telegram.com/news/editorial/cartoons/>

More Sunshine Week resources online  
<http://www.sunshineweek.org/>