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Alan Moir, Sydney Morning Herald / Courtesy CartoonArts International

Obama's baggage

Talking points

1. Alan Moir uses a mountain-climbing analogy to illustrate the problem facing President Obama. Write a sentence that sums up the point the cartoonist is making in the cartoon.
2. Define "analogy." Can you come up with different ways to illustrate the point of expectations vs. reality?
3. What are the expectations that are weighing down President Obama? Are the expectations realistic or are they unreasonable? How are the expectations making it difficult given the realities facing the president?

Between the lines

"The sharp defeat Democrats experienced in the midterm elections wasn't just because of the economy, as President Obama has said several times since Nov. 2. . . .

"Rather, they're now admitting it was caused largely by the administration's failure to live up to the expectations they set in the 2008 campaign."

--Washington Post, November 15, 2010
(<http://goo.gl/TDL71>)

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