

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Courtesy Nick Anderson / Houston Chronicle

Corporate Profits vs. Jobs

Talking points

1. Who is this giant guy wearing the Corporate America badge? Why is he so much larger than the other people in Nick Anderson's cartoon? Think it's an accident that he has his back to the unemployment office? Is "Corporate America" a bad guy?
2. Why are record profits good news to corporate America but not necessarily to the workers?
3. What can workers do to improve their chances to pry some additional jobs from "Corporate America?"

Between the lines

"Two years into the recovery, hiring is still painfully slow. The economy is producing as much as it was before the downturn, but with seven million fewer jobs. Since the recovery began, businesses' spending on employees has grown 2 percent as equipment and software spending has swelled 26 percent, according to the Commerce Department.

A capital rebound that sharp and a labor rebound that slow have been recorded only once before — after the 1982 recession.."

--The New York Times, June 9, 2011
(<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/10/business/10capital.html>)

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