Stalemates sink our opinions of leaders

Talking points
1. Political standoffs have blocked action on many major issues, including new “automatic” spending cuts. What event is cartoonist Bruce Plante using to illustrate dissatisfaction with our political leaders?

2. What do polls show about our opinions of the performance of Congress and the president?

3. What is Adam Zyglis' cartoon saying about how parties deal with crises?

Between the lines
“We've got to stop lurching from crisis to crisis to crisis when there's this clear path ahead of us that simply requires some discipline, some responsibility and some compromise.” - President Barack Obama.


Additional resources
More by Bruce Plante
http://www.cagle.com/author/bruce-plante/

More by Adam Zyglis
http://www.cagle.com/author/adam-zyglis/

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