Obama strategy: Go around Congress

Talking points
1. How does each cartoon illustrate President Obama’s promise to act on his own?
2. What did the president say he would accomplish by using executive orders?
3. Which executive orders in history had a lasting impact on the nation? Which orders were quickly thrown out?
4. Why was last year’s Congress the least productive in U.S. history?
5. Do you believe members of Congress who say they are very willing to work with the opposing party?

Between the lines
“The fact is: The president has to deal with Congress whether he’s happy with us or not.” - Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine

Additional resources
More by Bob Englehart
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