Is ‘compromise’ a dirty word to some?

1. How do these cartoons use well-known images to comment about politicians’ reactions to the deal to raise the nation’s debt ceiling?
2. Moderate Republicans and Democrats in Congress joined to pass a compromise on the debt and spending limits. Who voted against the deal?
3. Why would some lawmakers risk economic disaster that would happen if the United States hit the debt ceiling and the government stopped paying its bills?
4. Do politicians often oppose compromises because of their true beliefs or to show off to supporters on the far right or the far left?

Between the lines

“We can’t write Joe Biden a blank check for the rest of his presidency!” - Rep. Jim Banks, R-Ind.

“I can live with a painful compromise, but I can not accept one so lopsided.” - Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn.


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