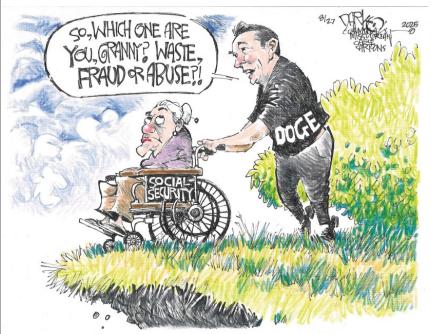
Cartoons for the Classroom &



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DOGE trying to push elderly off a cliff?



John Darkow, Columbia Daily Tribune / Courtesy of Cagle.com

- 1. What are these cartoons saying about Elon Musk. DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency), and Social Security?
- 2. Musk said the program is a "Ponzi scheme" paying benefits to millions of dead people. Is that true? Why or why not?
- 3. DOGE has cut thousands of workers and made it tougher for many to apply for benefits. Is that a way to weaken Social Security?
- 4. The program is funded by tax on earnings up to \$176,100 a year - a tiny fraction of Musk's income. Should there be an income limit for collecting Social Security taxes?
- 5. Do you think billionaires can look out for your best interests?

Between the lines

"Let's say Social Security didn't send out their checks this month. My mother-in-law, who's 94, she wouldn't call and complain.... A fraudster always makes the loudest noise." -Commerce secretary Howard Lutnick, Wall Street billionaire. https://www.axios.com/2025/03/21/socialsecurity-lutnick-doge-checks

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- More by John Darkow https://cagle.com/darkow
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