Is air traffic system out of control?

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1. How do these cartoons illustrate problems with the nation's air traffic control system that delayed or canceled hundreds of flights at Newark's airport last week?

2. Are you comfortable relying on decades-old technology to ensure your safety in the air?

3. How long can too few air traffic controllers keep working 10 hours a day six days a week?

4. Has the air traffic control system been long neglected by politicians, the air industry and the public?

5. Air travel is far safer than land travel. Has that lulled us all into a false sense of security?

6. Should air passengers pay more to fix the system? Why or why not?

Between the lines

"I think, as I always say, that the controllers, the individuals who run this system daily, perform quiet heroic acts, in spite of a system that is built to set them up for failure. I believe in those people doing their job, but there's only so much stress they can take." – Aviation analyst Miles O'Brien.

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