Cartoons for the Classroom



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Is yelling 'traitor' dangerous noise?



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- 1. How do these cartoons portray President Donald Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth attacking Sen. Mark Kelly and five other Democratic military and intelligence veterans for telling military members it is their right to refuse illegal orders?
- 2. When was "just following orders" ruled as no defense for anyone accused of war crimes?
- 3. The lawmakers got many death threats after Trump accused them of "SEDITIOUS BEHAVIOR. punishable by DEATH." Which long-time Trump lovalist also was threatened with death after the president called her a traitor?
- 4. Can angry political rhetoric spark violence? Why or why not?

Between the lines

"We're basically repeating the Uniform Code of Justice (in the video) and they're saying that's in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. It's absurd." = Sen. Mark Kelly, D-Arizona.

https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/ 2025/11/25/mark-kelly-pentagon-court-martial/ 87461964007/

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