

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Who feels a holiday price pinch?

**HOW FEELING THE
PINCH
STOLE
CHRISTMAS!**



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1. What are these cartoons saying about holidays and rising prices?
2. U.S. consumers are spending more on the holidays this year. How much of the increased spending is because of inflation?
3. The wealthiest 10% of Americans accounted for nearly half of all consumer spending earlier this year. Is your family buying more goods or spending more for fewer goods?
4. Stock market gains help fuel spending by the top 10%, who own the vast majority of corporate shares. How much stock does your family own?
5. Is your family spending more for the holidays in spite of any worries about the economy?

Between the lines

"Those at the top appear to have everything ... in oversupply. Meanwhile, those at the bottom feel like they're experiencing scarcity in everything that matters – food, healthcare, education, job opportunity." – Economist Peter Atwater

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/dec/07/stock-prices-fuel-christmas-us-economy>

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