The Tea Party movement began in February of 2009 as a reaction against the bailout of Wall Street banks and President Obama’s stimulus package. The name is derived from the protest in 1773, in which Boston colonists protested the British government’s Tea Act by boarding a ship bound for England and pitching crates of its taxed tea cargo into Boston Harbor.

Talking points
1. Define the symbols Bill Schorr uses in his cartoon to get his message across. For example, what does G.O.P. mean? Why is an elephant being tossed overboard.
2. Once you’ve defined the symbols, write a sentence that explains the point of the cartoon.
3. Is the cartoonist for or against the Tea Party based on this cartoon? Or is the cartoon neutral and just making an observation? Explain your answer.

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