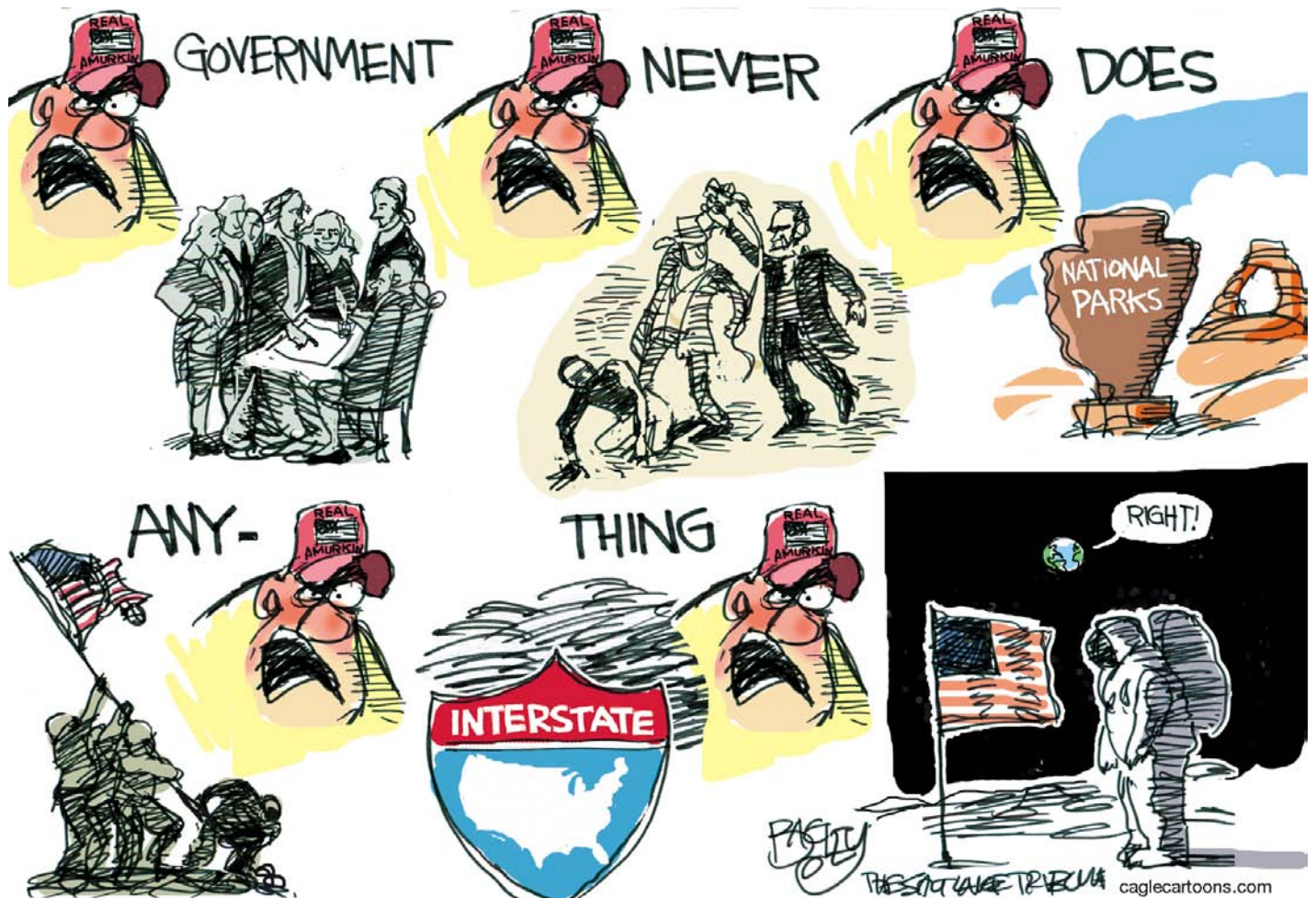


Cartoons for the Classroom

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Pat Bagley, Salt Lake Tribune, Utah, Courtesy Caglecartoons.com

What does the government do right?

Talking points

1. Pat Bagley uses irony to point out the fallacy in the statement in the cartoon -- indicating visually the opposite of the words in the cartoon. Define irony.
2. Explain the concept illustrated in each of the segments. Why does the cartoonist consider these successes? Do you agree that without government involvement, these would not have happened?
3. What else would you add to a list of "good" things that have been accomplished through government involvement?

Between the lines

A 2010 Pew Research Center survey found that Americans are less positive and more critical of government these days. Rather than an activist government to deal with the nation's top problems, the public now wants government reformed and growing numbers want its power curtailed. There is less of an appetite for government solutions to the nation's problems than there was when Barack Obama first took office.

<http://people-press.org/report/606/trust-in-government>

Additional resources

More by Pat Bagley

<http://www.cagle.com/politicalcartoons/PCcartoons/bagley.asp>

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