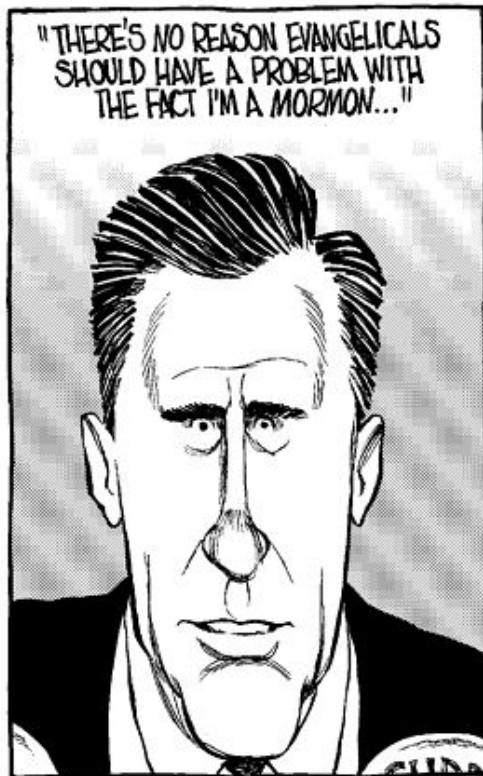


# Cartoons for the Classroom



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MITT ROMNEY, THE CONVERT...



"...AFTER ALL, I'VE BEEN BORN AGAIN IN SO MANY WAYS!"



Courtesy David Horsey / Seattle Post-Intelligencer

## Tooning into the Candidates: Mitt Romney

### Between the lines

Mitt Romney is a former governor of Massachusetts. Elected in 2002, Romney served one term and did not seek re-election in 2006. The candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 2008 has faced criticism over his changing stance on a variety of social issues and concern over his Mormon faith.

### Talking points

1. David Horsey uses campaign buttons to skewer Mitt Romney's changing positions on certain social issues. Critics call the changes "flip-flopping" and accuse the candidate of pandering. Supporters say the candidate has grown in understanding. If a candidate suddenly changes their stance and supports YOUR position, do you tend to trust or distrust them?
2. The question of a candidate's faith always crops up in campaigns. Why is that? Doesn't the Constitution separate Church and State? What bearing does a candidate's religion have on their ability to lead?
3. Is this caricature of Romney flattering or unflattering? Where does the cartoonist stand on the issues in the campaign buttons for example?

### Get out your newspaper

Gather a collection of political cartoons from your newspaper and other resources on the Presidential campaign. Using the Cartoon Evaluation Worksheet (available online at the NIE Website) analyze each cartoon and explain the issues addressed.

### Additional resources

Association of American Editorial Cartoonists  
<http://editorialcartoonists.com/>

More by David Horsey  
<http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/horsey/>