Between the lines

On September 17, 1787, the final draft of the Constitution was signed by 39 delegates. The document was then sent to the states for ratification, and went into effect on June 21, 1788 when New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify the Constitution.

Federal law requires that all high schools, colleges and universities that receive federal funds educate students about the Constitution on September 17.

Talking points

1. In Bob Englehart’s cartoon, only the 2nd Amendment survives in the “Frightened States of America.” Are we willing to give up all our other rights?
2. Explain the impossible predicament posed in Mike Keefe’s cartoon. What issue does the 14th Amendment address? Why do some want it repealed?
3. Explain the symbols in Keefe’s cartoon (the snake on the tie, the hat, the tea bags) and explain how they relate to current events.

Additional resources

More by Mike Keefe
http://www.cagle.com/politicalcartoons/Pcartoons/keefe.asp

More by Bob Englehart
http://www.cagle.com/politicalcartoons/Pcartoons/englehart.asp

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http://editorialcartoonists.com/