

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Nate Beeler / The Washington Examiner, Courtesy Caglecartoons.com

Drawing the line on Financial Reform

Talking points

1. Nate Beeler uses a variety of symbols to get across his point on the new Financial Reform legislation. Even the cartoon's setting is symbolic. List the symbols, (Donkey, Uncle Sam, etc.) and explain the meaning of each in the context of the cartoon's message.
2. What do the words "Statvs Qvo" mean? How does that meaning tie into the image carved into the frieze? Explain the message being conveyed.
3. Is the cartoonist supporting the financial reform legislation in this cartoon? Who do you think would agree with the cartoon's message, Republicans or Democrats? Explain why.

Between the lines

After two years of heated debate, President Obama signed the new financial Reform bill into law last week.. "There will be no more taxpayer-funded bailouts. Period." President Obama said today. But that's a major point of disagreement: Republicans argue the new law doesn't stop bailouts: It makes them permanent. Experts are mixed on how well the new law will work. According to an AP poll, 64 percent of Americans aren't confident the new law will stop a future meltdown.

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<http://goo.gl/FWJB>

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