

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Sunshine Week

Sunshine Week is a national initiative to open a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. Though spearheaded by journalists, Sunshine Week is about the public's right to know what its government is doing, and why.

Sunshine Week seeks to enlighten and empower people to play an active role in their government at all levels, and to give them access to information that makes their lives better and their communities stronger.

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Courtesy Joe Heller / Green Bay Press Gazette



Courtesy Signe Wilkinson / Philadelphia Daily News

Additional resources

More by Joe Heller

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

More by Signe Wilkinson

<http://www.philly.com/dailynews/opinion/signe/>

Association of American Editorial Cartoonists

<http://editorialcartoonists.com/>

Shine the light on your government

Talking points

1. Joe Heller's cartoon turns the tables on the government. If the government wants to know everything about us through the census questions, why can't we demand to know more about what the government is doing? Is Heller saying the census is a bad thing?
2. Who is the census taker in Heller's cartoon? Why is he wearing sunglasses? (Hint, look at the newspaper the citizen is holding.)
3. The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that the government may not ban political spending by corporations in candidate elections. Signe Wilkinson's cartoon shows what may result. Can you explain the cartoon? What's the danger according to the cartoon?