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### Analyzing Political Cartoons: Student Worksheet

#### Identifying the Main Idea

1. To what political event or idea is the cartoon referring?
2. What key person(s) are targeted in the cartoon?
3. How has the artist depicted these people? Are they distorted in any way? Does the artist's portrayal of characters cast them in a negative or positive light?
4. Identify and explain any symbols incorporated in the cartoon.
5. Identify and explain captions, labels, titles and/or speech bubbles. How do these contribute to the cartoon's message?
6. What is the message of the cartoon? How is the artist trying to persuade the reader?
7. What impact and/or reaction is the artist attempting to trigger?

#### Analyzing the Method Used by the Artist

1. How does the method used by the artist effectively convey a political message?
2. Identify and explain the use of:
  - a. Juxtaposition (the state of being side by side or close together, in a figurative sense)
  - b. Irony (the use of words or pictures to express something different from, and often opposite of their literal meaning)
  - c. Exaggeration (representation as greater than is actually the case; overstatement)