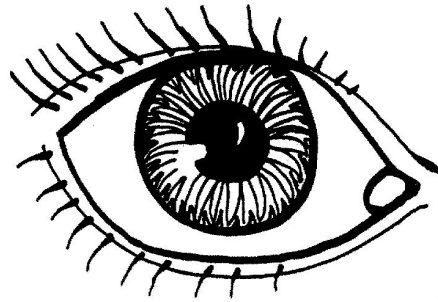


Political Cartoons: More Than Meets The Eye



Political cartoons are a pictorial
editorial and artistic social
commentary

What Are Political Cartoons?

- Art form that serves as a source of opinion on society
- Express viewpoints on political, economic, or social issues
- Make use of humor, symbolism, historical events, and stereotypes

Don Cherry Running for Public Office?



Political cartoons can be
used to influence viewers

Or make them think about
the current issues of the day.

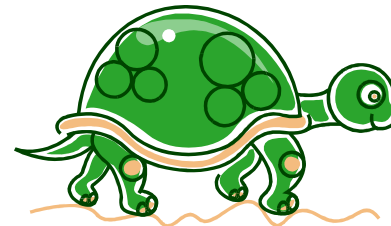
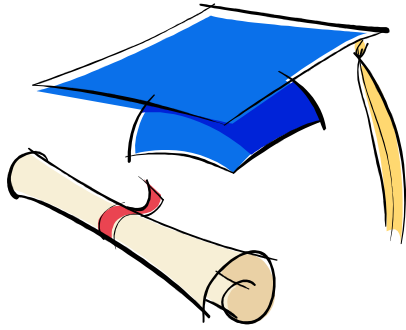
Example: Global Warming vs the Cold Canadian Winter



Cartoonists use simple objects, or symbols, to stand for larger ideas or concepts.



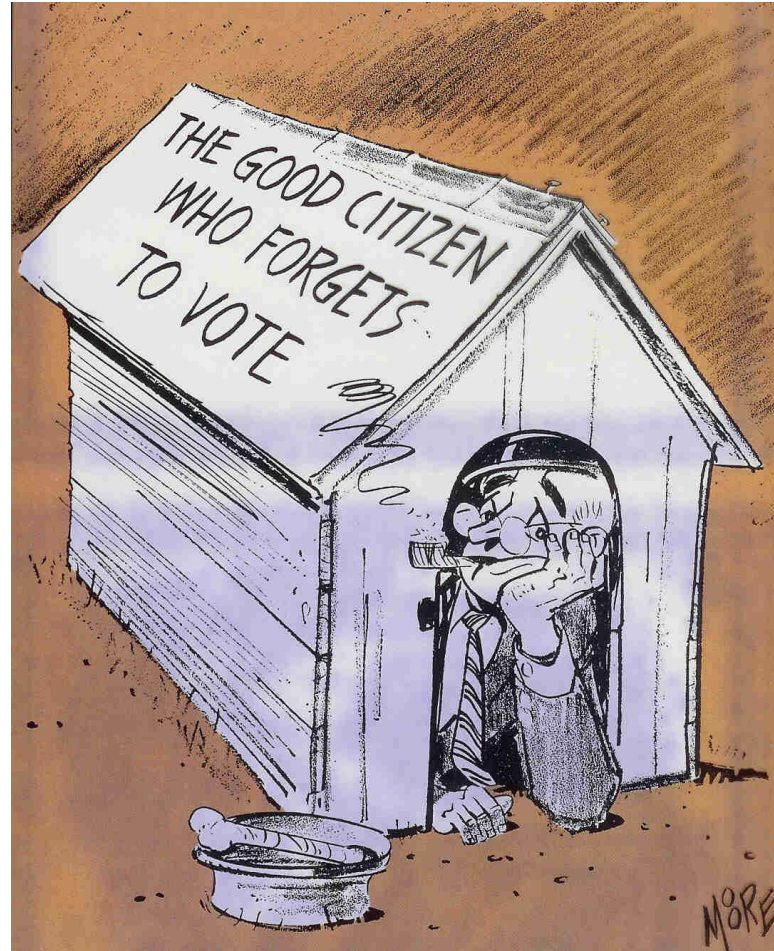
What Do These Symbols Mean?



Humour and Satire

- Humour creates interest
- Caricature: overemphasis of a person's features
- Irony: saying the opposite of what was really meant
- Satire: the portrayal of a wrongdoing so that it becomes the object of ridicule
- Stereotype: an oversimplified judgment of a group of people or objects

What is the artist's viewpoint of this cartoon?

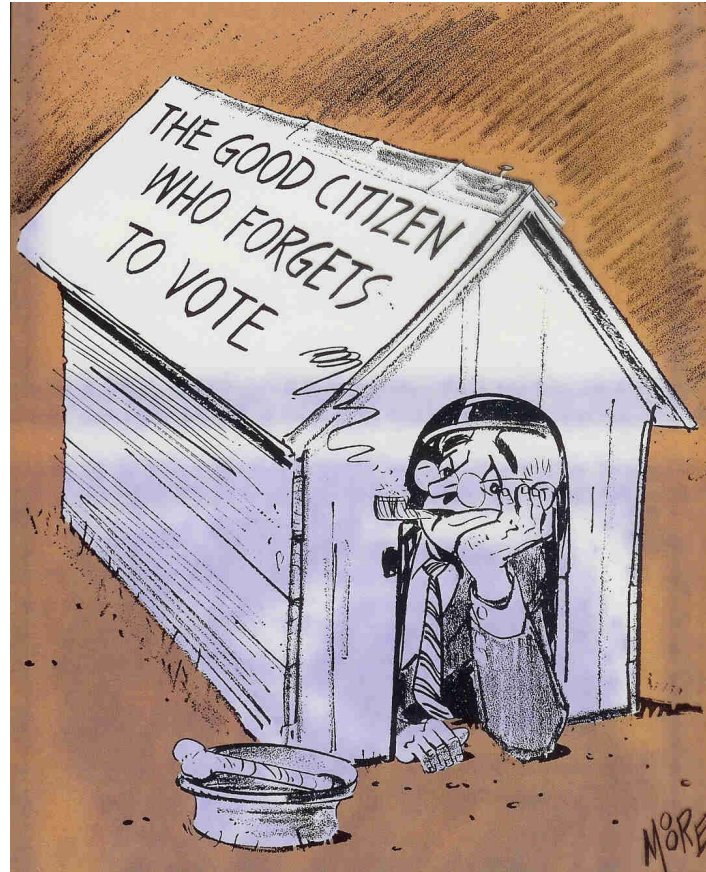


What does a dog house symbolize?



“You are really in the dog house now.”

What is the artist's viewpoint of this cartoon?



Voter apathy: People who don't vote will be in trouble with society.

Uses

- Promote the status quo (support what is going on in society)
- Raise awareness of social concerns
- Motivate people to seek change

H1N1 Flu, Queue Jumping and the Canadian Health Care System



Political Cartoon Assignment

You live in Totalitaria and are deeply concerned with _____
(issue). You happen to know a man who owns a printing press and believe the public must understand this issue better. It just so happens that most people cannot read, so you decide to create a political cartoon instead so that the masses will be better informed of the issue.



Criteria:

The political cartoon must:

- be produced on an 8x11 sheet of paper.
- be hand-drawn as neatly as possible.
- (1) promote the status quo; (2) raise social concerns; **or** (3) motivate people to seek change.
- be an original creation.
- be insightful and thought-provoking.
- be coloured or appropriately shaded.
- use appropriate symbols, dimensions, exaggerations, labeling, analogies, irony, etc. (the techniques) to convey the message.
- be accompanied by half to one page summary (12 font double spaced) of your cartoon that explains the message(s) and how you used certain techniques to convey the message(s).

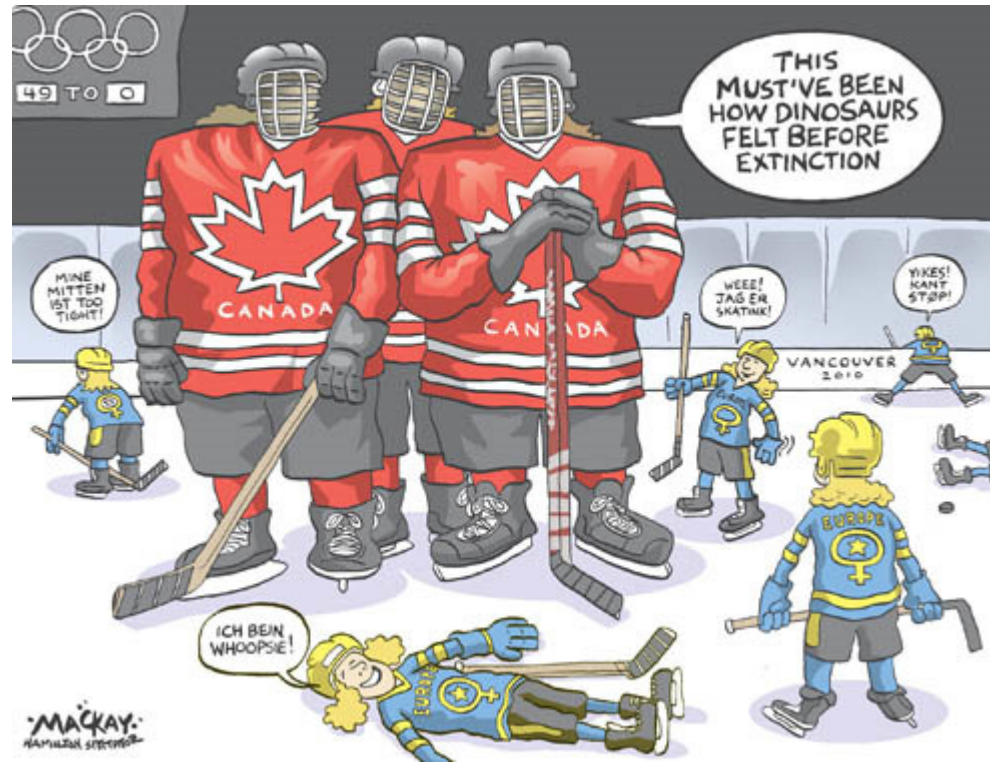
You don't have to be a good artist to
make a political comment



Canadian Content

Examples

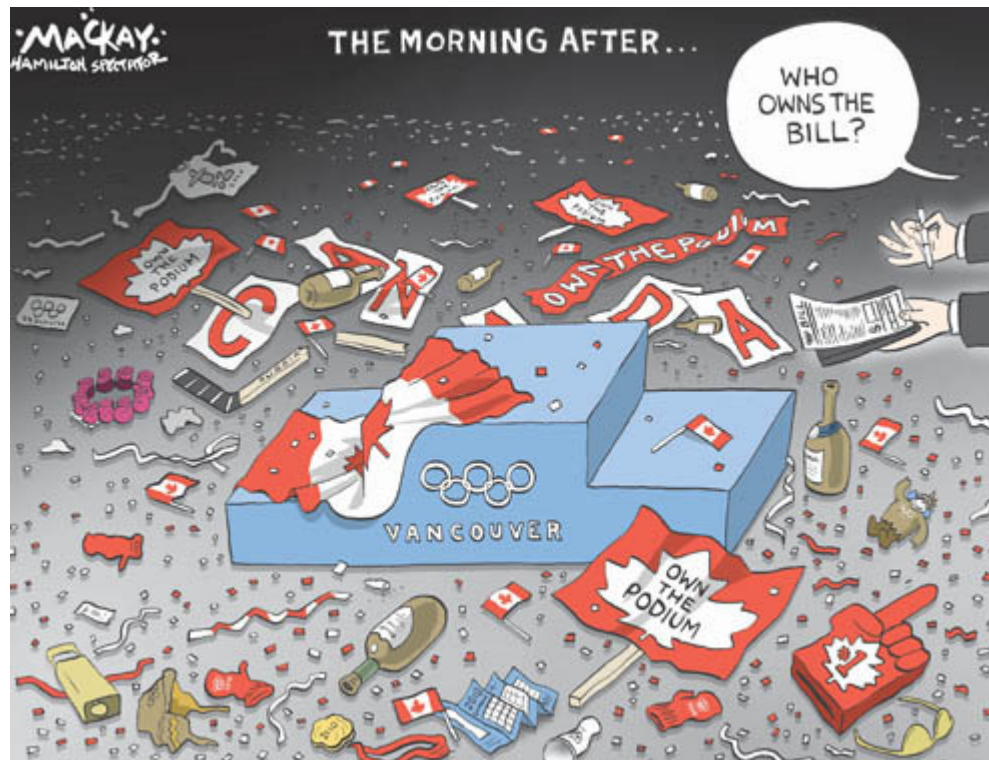
Women's Hockey and the Olympics



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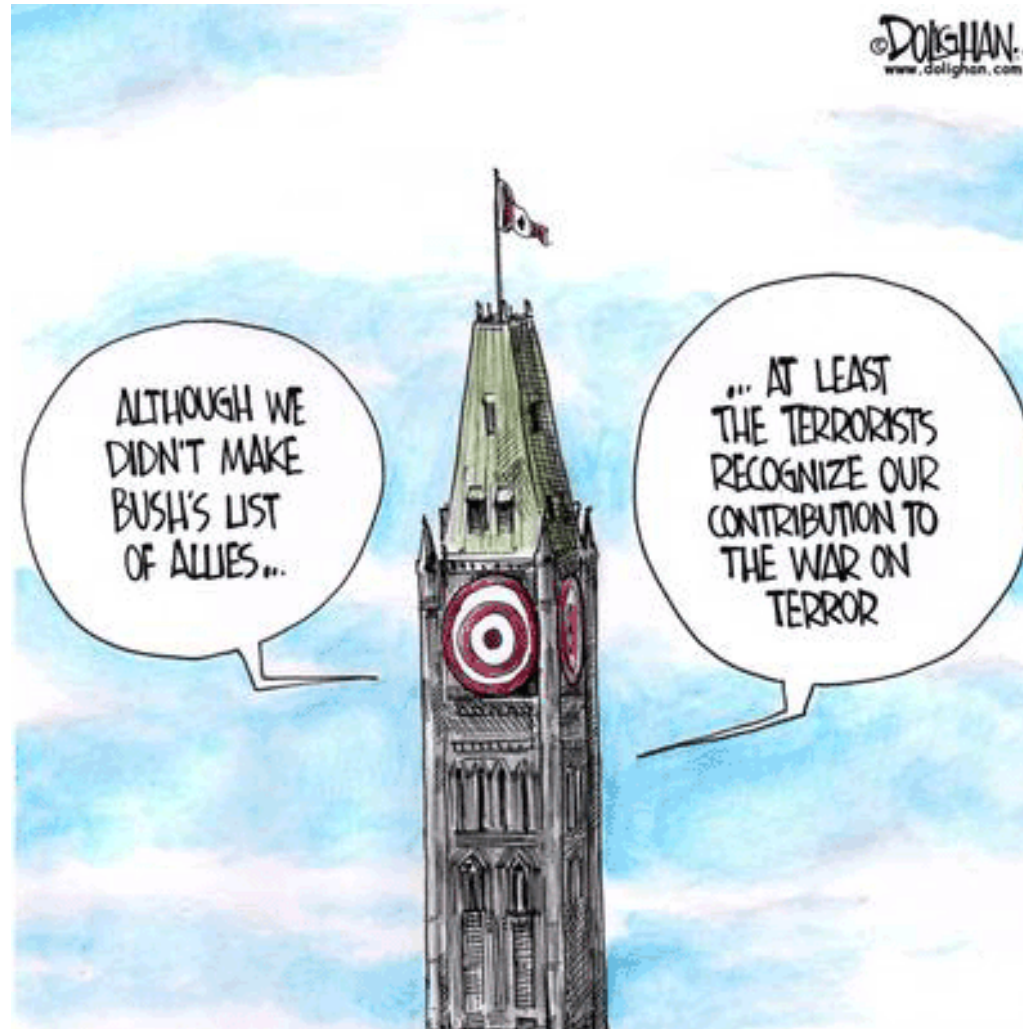
2010 Vancouver Olympics Are Over, Now Who Picks up the Bill?



Free Trade Between Canada and the EU



The War on Terrorism and Canada's Involvement



Youth Crime - Could the Root of the Problem be the Parents?

