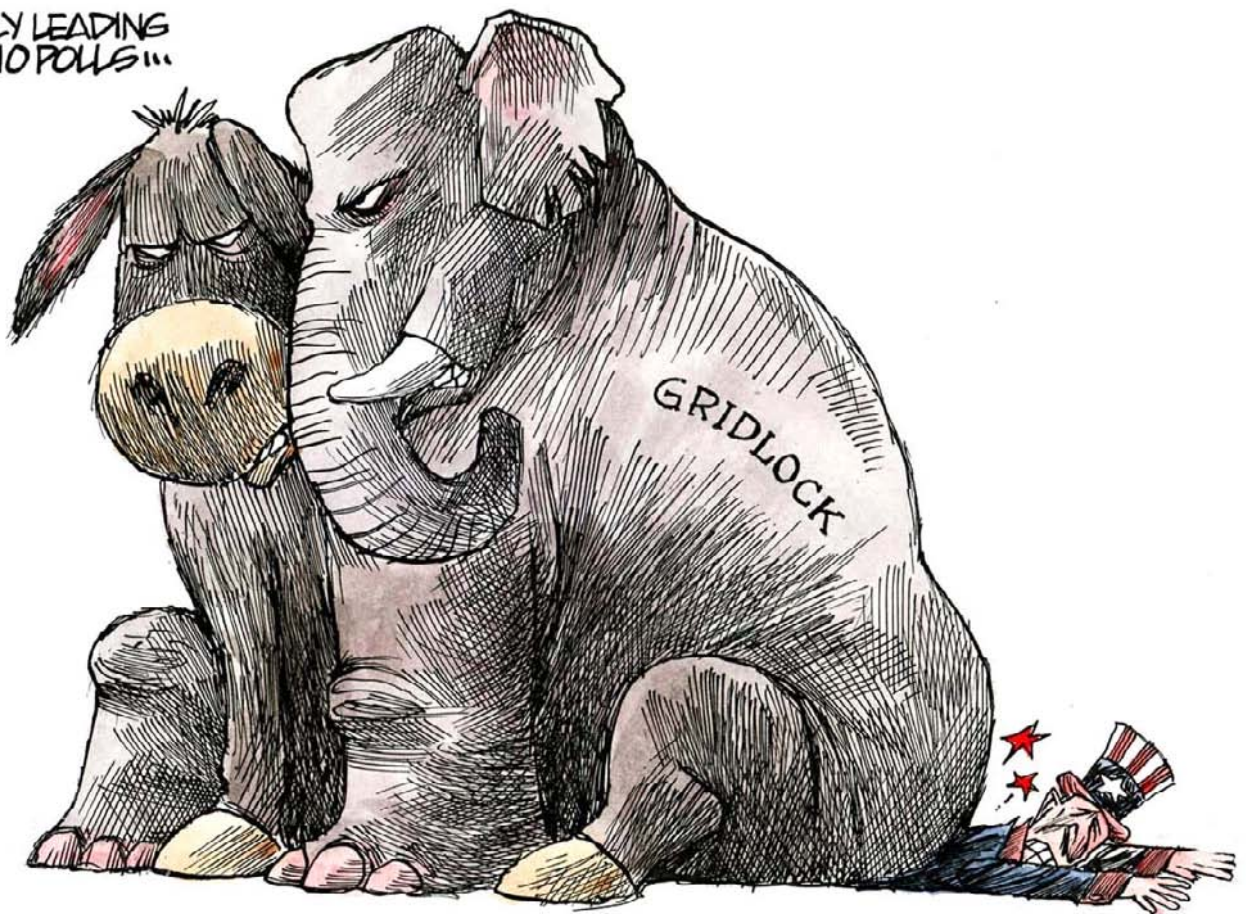


# Cartoons for the Classroom

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By Jim Morin / The Miami Herald, Courtesy CartoonArts International

## After the midterm election, then what?

### Talking points

1. Each of the three characters in Jim Morin's cartoon represents a group. Define each character and explain what each symbol stands for.
2. What does gridlock mean? Why does the cartoonist think this is what we have to look forward to? Is gridlock always bad? Can you think of a scenario where gridlock might be advantageous? Explain your answer.
3. Does this cartoon take a stand? Which side is the cartoonist on? Explain your answer.

### Between the lines

"Regardless of which side wins, both parties face narrow paths to legislative victories.

If Republicans capture one or both chambers in Congress next Tuesday, they face the challenge of getting their priorities past President Obama, who wields veto power.

If Democrats retain control, their majorities are all but certain to be reduced in both chambers, giving Republicans more power to block Obama's agenda and increasing the chances of gridlock on legislative proposals."

--Fox News (<http://goo.gl/t96x>)

### Additional resources

More by Jim Morin

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