Cartoons for the Classroom

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Mike Keefe / The Denver Post, Courtesy CagleCartoons.com

Pulitzer Citation

For a distinguished cartoon or portfolio of cartoons characterized by originality, editorial effectiveness, quality of drawing and pictorial effect, in print or online or both.

Awarded to Mike Keefe of The Denver Post for his widely ranging cartoons that employ a loose, expressive style to send strong, witty messages.

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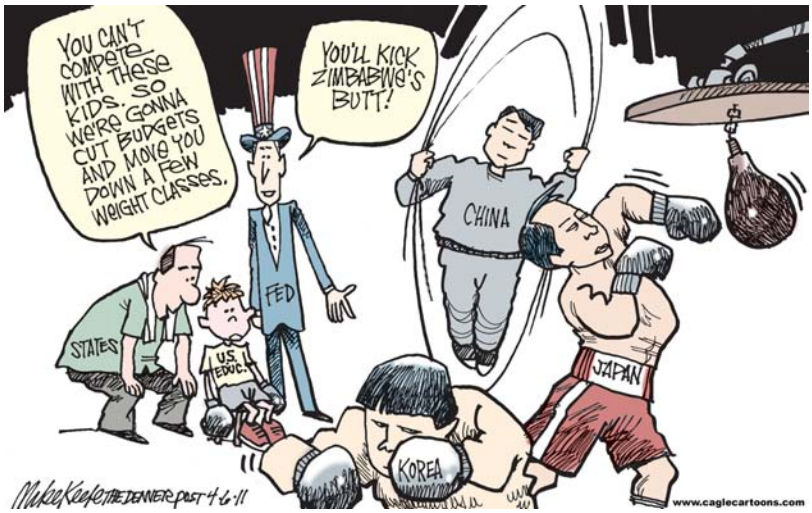
2011 Pulitzer Prize: Mike Keefe

Talking points

1. Mike Keefe visual definition of the battle over cutting the federal budget battle makes the concept easier to understand. Who does the Donkey represent? The Elephant is cutting a lot more. Who does he symbolize? And who's the guy in the three corner hat with the tea bags hanging from it firing up a chain saw for massive cuts?

2. Our education system is the target in the other cartoon? What's to blame for our inability to compete globally in education, according to Keefe?

3. You'll find Keefe's 2011 Pulitzer Prize-winning portfolio online at http://goo.gl/DoLdk. Go through all the cartoons and select a couple of your favorites to discuss in class, or to write a paragraph describing the issue covered.



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