

# Cartoons for the Classroom

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## Do long campaigns tire out voters?



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### Talking points

1. After more than 20 debates, months of campaigning and millions of dollars in advertising, voters already appear weary of the race for president. Find news articles, columns or blogs about voter fatigue and apathy. Why is voter turnout down in many primaries? Is there a lack of important issues? Is there unhappiness with the candidates?
2. How does U.S. political spending and voter turnout compare with other nations?
3. Ask voters you know how they feel about long races.

### Between the lines

"Even in presidential debates, only the 'really' interested, strong partisans tune in . . . These debates, and the candidates who participate in them, have become caricatures of themselves." - Brian Vargus, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

<http://newsinfo.iu.edu/tips/page/normal/21231.html>

### Additional resources

More by Larry Wright

<http://www.cagle.com/author/larry-wright/>

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