

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Dangers of unintended consequences

The hazard of offering arms...



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Talking points

1. How do each of these cartoons warn about the potential pitfalls of the U.S. arming Syrian rebels?
2. Who did the U.S. help in the 1980s who later became our foes?
3. Can you find other examples of former allies turning into enemies?
4. Why should the U.S. get involved in a conflict? To stop a genocide? To save an ally? To protect our economic interests? To topple a dictator?

Between the lines

"What exactly is our objective? It's not clear to me that every nondemocratic government in the world has to be removed by force." - Zbigniew Brzezinski, former national security adviser.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/obama-pressured-into-decision-on-arming-syrian-rebels/article12586938/>

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