

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Why would Trump boast of genius?



Russell Hodin, New Times San Luis Obispo / Courtesy of AAEC

Talking Points

1. What do these cartoons say about President Donald Trump's recent tweets about his intelligence?
2. What was the president responding to in his tweets?
3. Has criticism of Trump's abilities been unfair? Why or why not?
4. Do you think most politicians believe they are smarter than other people?
5. Is self-confidence or a strong ego necessary to succeed? Can you be too self-confident?

Between the lines

"I went from VERY successful businessman, to top T.V. Star, to President.... I think that would qualify as not smart, but genius....and a very stable genius at that!" - President Trump

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2018/01/06/trump-boasts-that-hes-like-really-smart-and-a-very-stable-genius-amid-questions-over-his-mental-fitness/?utm_term=.42ac32893634

Additional resources

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<http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/HodinR>

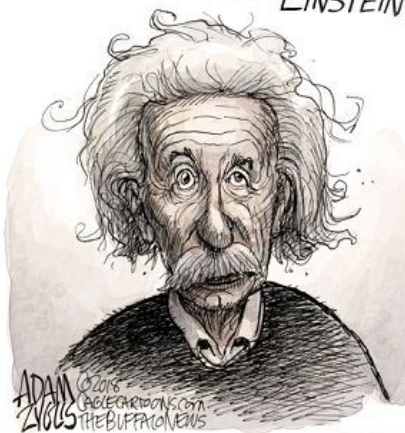
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The more I learn,
the more I realize
how much I don't know.
—EINSTEIN



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