

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Did we betray our Kurdish allies?



Bruce Plante, Tulsa World / Courtesy of AAEC

Talking Points

1. What do these cartoons say about U.S. troop withdrawals that allowed a Turkish attack on our Kurdish allies in Syria?
2. Why is another U.S. ally, Turkey, fighting Kurds who led the fight against ISIS in Syria?
3. What did President Trump say about Kurds helping us in World War II? Were there any Turkish troops at Normandy?
4. Has the U.S. abandoned Kurdish fighters before?
5. Will this injure our alliances?
6. What else has strained our alliances? Do we need allies?

Between the lines

"Pray for our Kurdish allies who have been shamelessly abandoned by the Trump Administration," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

"They didn't help us with Normandy." - President Trump

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2019/10/09/donald-trump-turkey-invasion-kurd-held-syria-bad-idea/3920404002/>

Additional resources

■ More by Bruce Plante

<http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm?PlantB>

■ More by Rick McKee

<https://www.cagle.com/author/rick-mckee/>

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