

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Why was an emergency declared?



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Talking Points

1. How do these cartoons characterize President Trump declaring a national emergency at the Mexican-U.S. border?
2. Is there an emergency at the border? Please explain your answer.
3. Has President Trump been badly defeated in Congress over getting money to build a border wall?
4. Under the U.S. Constitution, which branch of government determines how to spend our tax money?
5. Presidents have conducted many wars since Congress last officially declared a war nearly 70 years ago. Does Congress have any power left if it can no longer control spending?

Between the lines

"I could do the wall over a longer period of time. I didn't need to do this. But I'd rather do it much faster." - President Donald Trump on his emergency declaration.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2019/02/16/border-emergency-donald-trump-quote-undercuts-move-critics-says/2881619002/>

Additional resources

- [More by Daryl Cagle](https://www.cagle.com/author/daryl-cagle/)
- [More by Jimmy Margulies](http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/MarguJ)
- [Association of American Editorial Cartoonists](http://editorialcartoonists.com/)



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