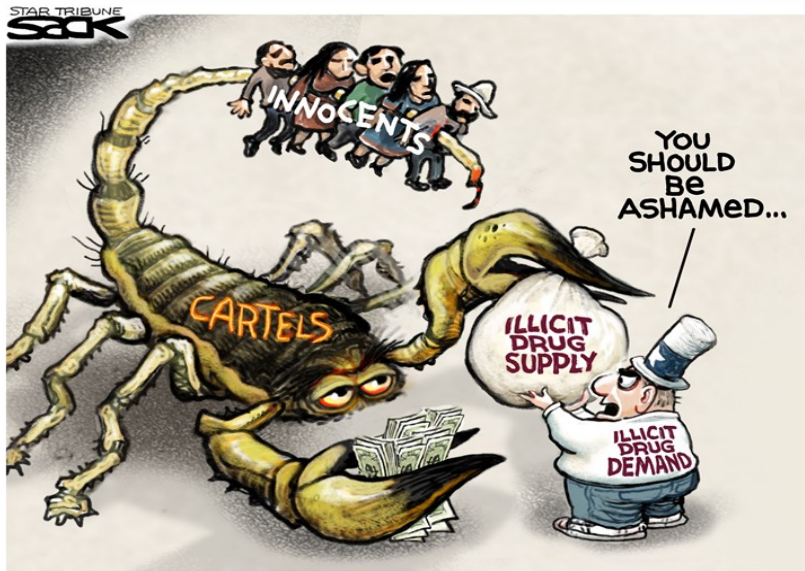


# Cartoons for the Classroom

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## What's behind drug cartel murders?



Steve Sack, Minneapolis Star Tribune / Courtesy of Cagle.com

### Talking Points

1. What are these cartoons saying about the slayings of 9 U.S. citizens – all women and children – by drug cartel gunmen in Mexico?
2. How have warring drug gangs taken over large areas of Mexico and Central America?
3. How many people have they killed in their own countries?
4. Where are people going to flee decades of drug violence?
5. Where do the cartels sell their drugs for huge profits?
6. Where do they buy guns?
7. What could be done to finally end the illegal drug trade?

### Between the lines

“Obviously, they’re fighting over turf and access to roads and getting their drugs to the border.”  
- Brent LeBaron, relative of drug cartel victim.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2019/11/09/mexico-massacre-strategy-battle-cartels-violence-under-scrutiny/2530367001/>

### Additional resources

- [More by Steve Sack](https://www.cagle.com/author/steve-sack/)
- [More by Joe Heller](https://www.cagle.com/author/joe-heller/)
- [Association of American Editorial Cartoonists](http://editorialcartoonists.com/)



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