

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Face masks about health or politics?



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Talking Points

1. What are these cartoons saying about wearing face masks during the deadly COVID-19 pandemic?
2. Are state rules requiring the use of face masks unfair or unlawful? Why or why not?
3. Do "free rights" include actions that endanger others?
4. Was President Donald Trump wrong to ignore face mask rules and requests during a visit to a Ford plant last week?
5. How has wearing or not wearing a mask become a political statement?
6. Do you ever wear a mask?

Between the lines

"I don't give a damn about your health." - Kroger customer reply to a worker's request that he wear a face mask. At least 100 U.S. grocery store workers have died from the virus since late March.

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2020/05/21/kroger-grocery-store-essential-workers-hazard-pay/5227345002/>

Additional resources

■ More by Elena Steier

<https://www.editorialcartoonists.com/cartoonists/steiee/cartoons/cartoons-2020/>

■ More by Bruce Plante

<https://www.cagle.com/author/bruce-plant/>

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