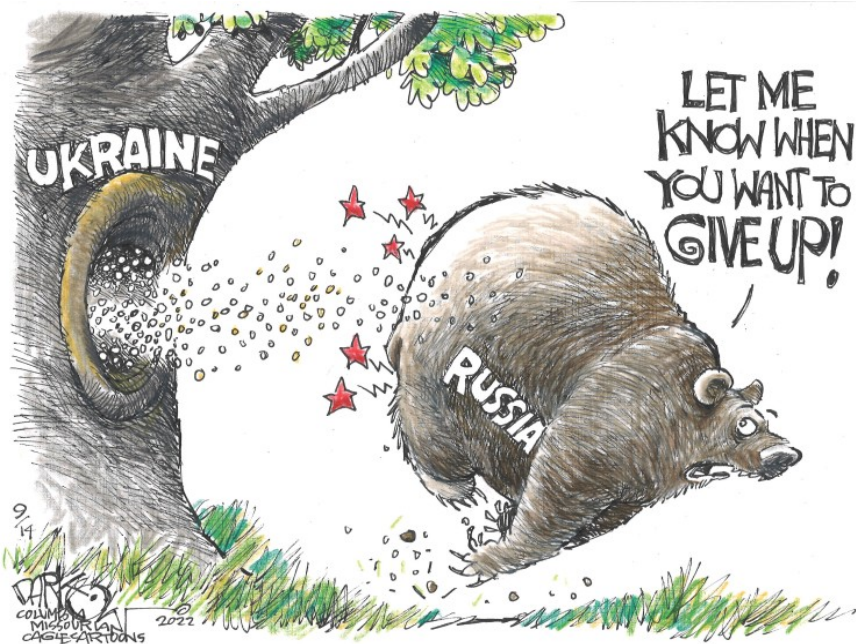


Cartoons for the Classroom

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Why did Russians run in Ukraine?



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1. How do these cartoons portray the hasty Russian retreat of from more than 2,000 square miles of territory in northeast Ukraine?
2. Will Ukrainians be able to keep control of all the land they took in their surprisingly swift victory?
3. With Russians still occupying large areas of Ukraine, is this recent retreat likely to shorten or lengthen the war? Why?
4. Russians expected a quick victory when they invaded Ukraine in February. Why have they had so much trouble?
5. Do you think Russian President Vladimir Putin will react dangerously to this defeat?

Between the lines

“Russian society, just as the Russian army, is decaying and falling apart because of corruption. So the Russian army often is not acting carefully, they are acting unprofessionally, and a lot of mistakes are being made.” - Pavel Filatyev, former Russian soldier.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/russian-retreat-ukraine-leaves-putin-pressure-home-rcna46616>

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