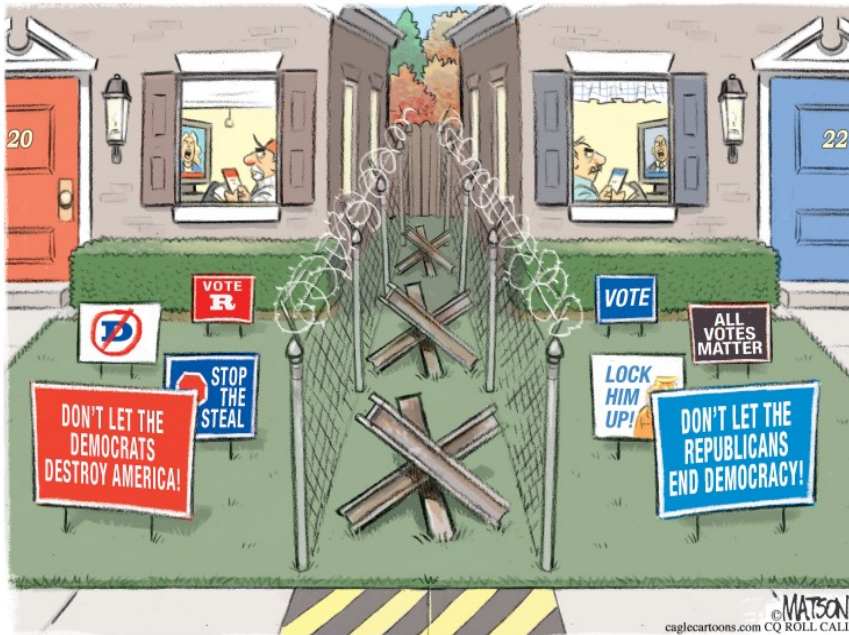




## Can political division end democracy?



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1. What are these cartoons saying about divisive politics in the United States?
2. A recent poll found that 71 percent of American voters believe that democracy is at risk. Do you think our political divide is a serious threat?
3. How can we heal the divide when opposing sides cannot agree on what is fact or fiction?
4. Have you seen politicians or political ads portraying opponents as demons, criminals or crazy?
5. How have extreme political divisions destroyed democracies in the past?

### Between the lines

"The last decade has been one of the most politically and emotionally divisive in American history."

"Civility requires seeing the other person as human and trying to understand where they are coming from." - Stephen Henderson and Nolan Finley of the Great Lakes Civility Project.

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