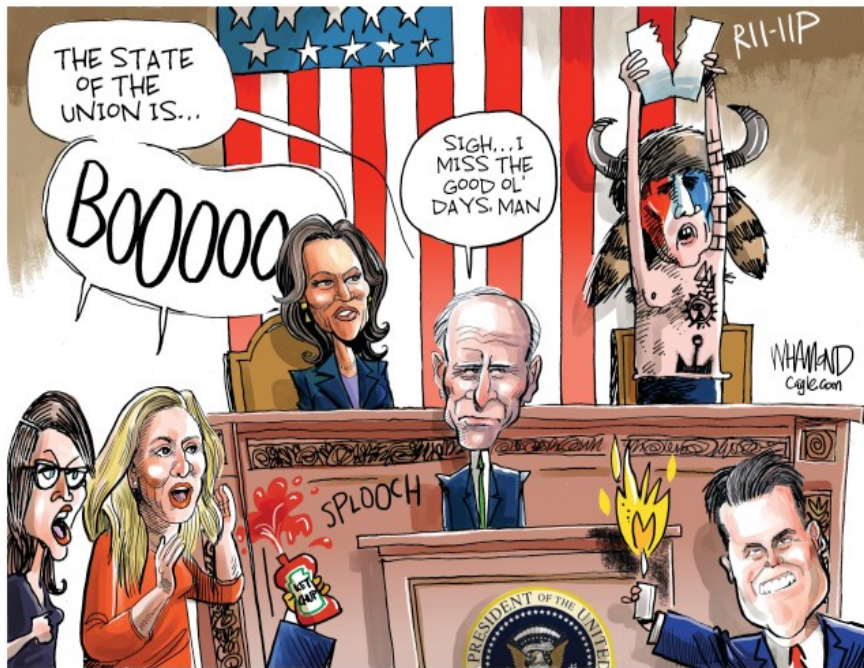




What is the state of political civility?



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1. How do these cartoons portray Congress and President Joe Biden's State of the Union address last week?
2. Does heckling and yelling coarse insults in Congress make it very difficult to govern the nation?
3. Are the Congress members doing the shouting interested in passing legislation or are they showing off to gain more followers and money from political donors?
4. Is the discord in Washington a sign of seriously divided nation?
5. How does today's situation compare with the congressional brawls, beatings and a fatal duel that led up to the Civil War?

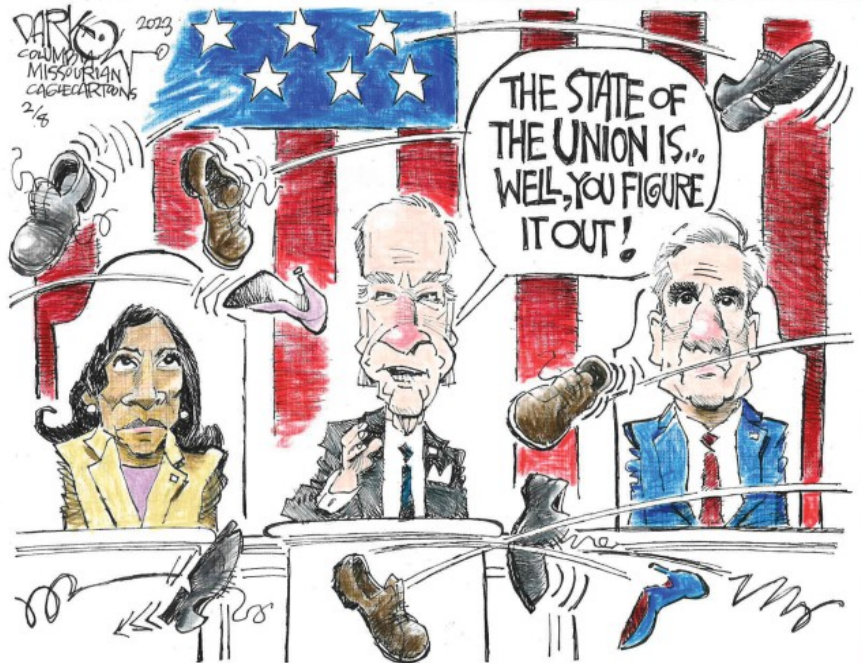
Between the lines

"It isn't just a few random people yelling something at the president. It's part of an ongoing attack against national institutions of government and the national political process." - Professor Joanne Freeman.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/08/us/politics/biden-heckling-house-republicans.html>

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