



Is politics too scary for Halloween?



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1. How do these cartoons use Halloween to illustrate attitudes about 2024 political campaigns?
2. Do our wide political divisions frighten you? Why or why not?
3. Have heated political arguments caused division among family members, neighbors or classmates?
4. Have you stopped talking about politics to avoid arguments?
5. Why has politics triggered violent attacks and death threats? Are politicians, lies or conspiracy theories to blame?
6. Can we return to disagreeing about political policy without portraying our opponents as evil monsters?

Between the lines

"In general, we know that chronic stress harms psychological well-being and physical well-being. It takes a toll on our bodies. There's a strong case to be made that for many people, politics is a form of chronic stress." - Brett Ford, psychologist.

<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2024/10/managing-political-stress>

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