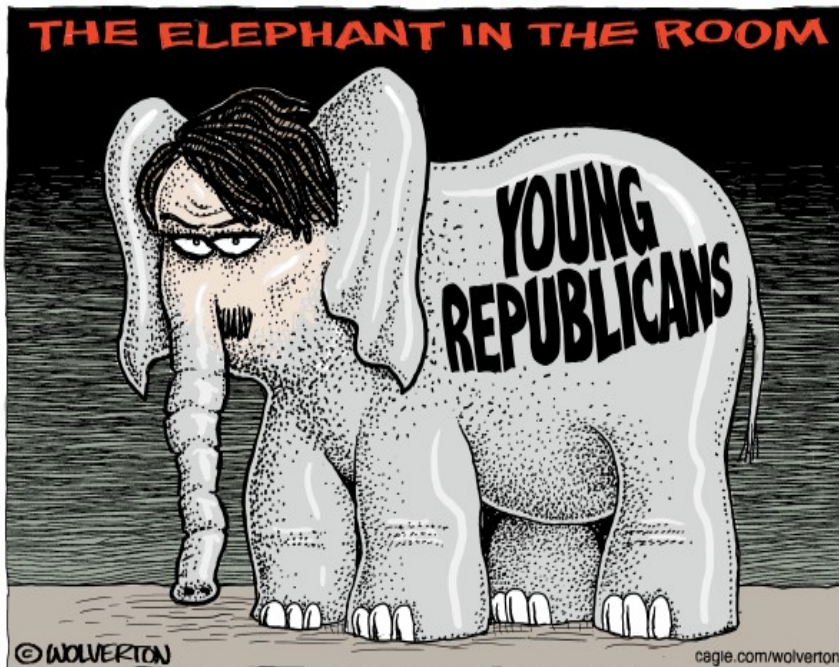


Cartoons for the Classroom

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Were political 'jokes' just too ugly?



Monte Wolverton, Battle Ground, WA / Courtesy of Cagle.com

1. What visual device do both of these cartoonists use to illustrate a recent report on Young Republican leaders joking about gas chambers, slavery, and rape in a Telegram group chat?
2. Some men lost their jobs after the Politico report revealed their posts, which Vice-President JD Vance dismissed as "that's what kids do." Are men in their late 20s and early 30s really "young boys?"
3. The GOP leaders thought their "humor" would remain private. Is any online content totally secure?
4. In the 1870s, political cartoonist Thomas Nast drew elephants and donkeys to ridicule Republicans and Democrats. Why did the parties adopt those symbols?

Between the lines

"The reality is that kids do stupid things, especially young boys.... Like, that's what kids do. And I really don't want us to grow up in a country where a kid telling a stupid joke, telling a very offensive stupid joke, is cause to ruin their lives." - Vice President JD Vance

<https://www.politico.com/news/2025/10/15/vance-group-chat-young-boys-stupid-things-00609645>

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