Cartoons for the Classroom



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Can blowing up boats cut drug use?



- 1. How do these cartoons portray a new U.S. practice of blowing up boats and killing scores of people suspected of smuggling illegal drugs out of South America?
- 2. If a boat is destroyed in an explosion, is their any way of proving it was carrying drugs?
- 3. Do you think blowing up boats could reduce amount of illegal drugs in the United States?
- 4. Will smugglers stop risking their lives or freedom as long as Americans are willing to spend billions of dollars for illegal drugs?
- 5. Should any government ever kill or indefinitely imprison someone suspected of a crime without proving their guilt in open court? Why or why not?

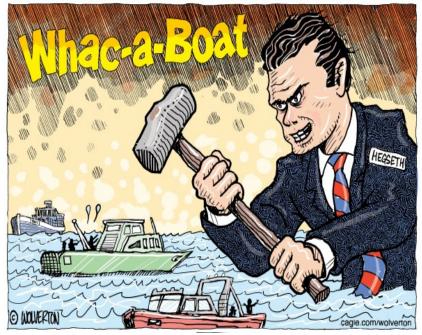
Between the lines

"We know from Coast Guard statistics that about 25% of the time the Coast Guard boards a ship, there are no drugs. So if our policy now is to blow up every ship we suspect or accuse of drug running ... 25% of the people might be innocent." – Senator Rand Paul. https://www.politico.com/news/2025/10/19/rand-paul-venezuela-strikes-00614882

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