

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Cartoon Courtesy Nick Anderson / Houston Chronicle

Between the lines

"Now, the United States has only one government and one president at a time, and until January 20th of next year, that government is the current administration. I have spoken to President Bush. I appreciate his commitment to ensuring that his economic policy team keeps us fully informed as developments unfold."

-- Excerpt from Barack Obama's first press conference as President-elect November 7, 2008

Stand by for regime change

Talking points

1. Nick Anderson sums up the frustration of many Americans desperate for change. Is this cartoon critical of President-elect Obama? Explain.
2. Pollingreport.com shows how low President Bush's approval ratings have fallen and how strong the support is for how Obama is handling the transition. How can Obama influence policy and decisions during the transition period? Should he?
3. If the President-elect has a workable solution to any of the nation's problems does he have a duty to offer those before taking office?

Get out your newspaper

Gather a collection of political cartoons from your newspaper. Using the Cartoon Evaluation Worksheet (available online at the NIE Website) analyze each cartoon and explain the issues addressed.

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