



1. ELEMENTS OF POLITICAL CARTOON ANALYSIS CHART

WORDS (Labeling)	IMAGES (Symbolism, Exaggeration, Irony, Analogy)
<p>Captions</p> <p>"...And with the amazingly unbelievable obama diet...he will cut his weight in half!!"</p> <p>"THat is amazing and unbelievable"</p>	<p>Objects</p> <p>Lift for the money and a platter</p>
<p>Titles</p> <p>n/a</p>	<p>People</p> <p>Uncle Sam</p>

<p>Spoken Words</p> <p>n/a</p> <p>Labels</p> <p>Debt Spending</p>	<p>Obama senators</p> <p>Actions</p> <p>Obama is feeding uncle sam money as in spending tons of money increasing the debt which makes uncle sam fat.</p>
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2. THE POLITICS OF CARTOONING

Comment on how the cartoonist uses these elements to communicate their idea

-What do you think each symbol means in the cartoon?

I think its trying to say that Obama is spending too much and making America, like an obese person, unable to function as well as if there was a lower debt and you could do more.

-Were objects/people/groups exaggerated? If yes, describe how and why.

No because showing that uncle sam and America are fat with debt shows how hard it is to do anything in America since there is so much debt.

-What effect was the cartoonist trying to achieve by exaggerating these items?

That Obama and the government is spending too much and if they don't stop soon then

America won't be able to function as a country.

-How do the words in the cartoon clarify the symbols?

They are saying that Obama says he will cut spending with his diet when in reality he is just adding more to the debt.

-Which words or phrases appear to be the most significant? Why?

"...And with the amazingly unbelievable obama diet...he will cut his weight in half!!"

-Describe the action taking place in the cartoon.

Obama is feeding uncle sam more money increasing the spending when he keeps promising to lower spending.

-What facial expressions are portrayed in the cartoon?

Disbelief at what Obama is trying to tell you.

-What political event or idea is the cartoon referring to?

That there is too much spending.

-What conclusions can you draw about the cartoonist's opinion?

He believes that Obama is spending too much and not balancing the spending with how much the government gains in funds.

-What specific details in the cartoon led you to this conclusion?

The huge amount of money being fed while the people on the side are saying its supposed to be a diet.

-What special interest groups would agree/disagree with the message of cartoon?

Most likely the republicans against Obama

-Whose opinion or point of view is not represented in this cartoon?

The democrats.

-How is the cartoon effective in your opinion?

It tells you that Obama is telling you he is cutting spending when in reality he is just spending more and more.

3. THE ART OF CARTOONING

Comment on how the artist develops a style and communicates with it.

-How does the artist use light and shadow?

N/A

-How does the artist use foreground and background?

N/A

-How does the artist use sizes and shapes?

Yes he exaggerates how fat uncle sam is due to debt.

4. THE IMPACT OF THE MEDIUM

What is your personal reaction to this cartoon?

-What do you look at first?

The size of Uncle sam with the debt.

-Which part(s) of the cartoon affect you and how?

How Obama is just feeding and feeding uncle sam when he says he is going to cut spending.

-What are your emotional and intellectual responses?

I believe he is spending too much and needs to start lessening the debt of America.

-What do you walk away thinking?

When will we have a good president that will actually make good decisions that positively affect the citizens of the USA as a whole and not just think about one class.