

Common Symbols in Editorial Cartoons

Symbol	Meaning(s)	Symbol	Meaning(s)	Symbol	Meaning(s)
Anchor	safety, security	Bear	Russia	Bulldog	Great Britain
Chains	imprisonment, slavery	Crowd of People	unstoppable force	Cupid	love
Dollar Sign	money	Door/gate	access, entry	Dove	peace
Eagle	America	Grave Stone	death	Grim Reaper	Death
Hammer & Sickle	communism	Hare	carelessness, arrogance	Hourglass	limited time
Imperial Dragon	China	Kangaroo	Australia	Lamb	innocence
Octopus	greed	Ostrich	refusal to hear bad news	Owl	wisdom
Puppet	being controlled	Rainbow	hope, future	Rat	infection, disease
Red Star	communism	Rose	love	Samurai	Japan
Sheep	blind trust	Skull	death	Snake	evil, temptation
Spider/web	control, entrapment	Spiked Helmet	German	Star of David	Jews or Israel
Stars and Stripes	America	Swastika	Nazis, Nazism	Throne	power
Turtle	slow, vulnerable	Uncle Sam	America	Wall	division, separation
Woman with flag	a specific country	Woman with scales	justice	Young Child	naivety, innocence, victim

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