

## 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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