

1. ELEMENTS OF POLITICAL CARTOON ANALYSIS CHART

WORDS (Labeling)	IMAGES (Symbolism, Exaggeration, Irony, Analogy)
Captions	Objects The China Unicom and Telecom are represented by Great White sharks, the single most feared predators in the entire ocean. They definitely don't look intimidating but you can still sense the potential danger with two sharks. However, there is a hand, which is the Anti-Trust Law, that is much larger than both of the sharks, and it's only a hand so imagine the size of the larger thing it is a part of.
Titles (None)	
Spoken Words "Can we leave?" I take this as this being a thing that has been going on for a while, the Anti-Trust Law won't let them scott free, and have no intentions until al their teeth are gone, which is crazy considering how many teeth a Great White shark has a minimum of 3,000 teeth.	People (None)
	Actions

Labels “China Unicom” “China Telecom” “Anti-Trust Law”	
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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 that the China Telecom and Unicom are potentially dangerous but they are being forced to take away their own teeth, which does mean they are less dangerous and less of a threat, but it also means they are helpless against other predators and completely defenseless. I’m not too familiar with either of the three phrases labeled in the cartoon but I can definitely do some research. Seems like something to talk about in Globalization :D

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

I definitely think they could have made the Anti-Trust law something other than a hand because honestly a hand can’t really overpower a shark and it seems that the law is way more harmless than what it is made out to be because it takes a lot to bully a great white. Maybe the hand could have been like a huge battleship decked with harpoons and nets.

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

I think they really wanted to put out the fact that the larger part of society does not trust the Chinese Telecom and Unicom, but in actuality, it isn't that necessary and they are in fact bullying these productions of the Chinese country.

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

I think the Chinese labels tell us how people view these things, but honestly the hand can go unlabeled because people could still draw the conclusion that something larger is able to take advantage of the sharks.

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

"Can we leave?" This truly sticks with me because it really creates sympathy for these sharks like what is being done to them is truly unjust and should stop, but they actually aren't stopping anytime soon. I think it gives you a new perspective of how to view these two things although they, at first, appear to be dangerous. Although, most sharks aren't aggressive but very very primitive.

-Describe the action taking place in the cartoon.

The sharks are pulling out their own teeth, nobody else is actually harming them they are more or less being submitted into doing this unto themselves. So, what I take from this is that something is forcing them withdraw some of the things that make them powerful or even some of the things that make them untrustworthy. Pretty much, there are aspects of the plans from China that are being terminated based on this cartoon.

-What facial expressions are portrayed in the cartoon?

Pain and suffering. Also, anguish and tire. The China Telecom appears to be losing his will and emotion maybe because they have been forcing that particular thing into submission longer than the Chinese Unicom which seems to be getting his first taste of submission.

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

They are referring to the China Telecom and Unicom which are very large telecommunication corporations in China that were found to be abusing marketing dominance on the internet and were investigated by the NDRC (National Development and Reform Commission).

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

They are actually appearing neutral to me because they acknowledge that the China

Unicom and Telecom are dangerous things that can cause problems but are actually being bullied instead of corrected by their expressions and concerns that they are being overly punished.

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

I'm especially referring the fact that the China Telecom shark actually looks depressed and tired and really withdrawn.

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

I would immediately think that the government of China would agree that the China Telecom and Unicom are dangerous sharks, but they would probably disagree that they are being as harsh as they appear in the cartoon, and vice versa for the sharks.

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

I think the public's opinion should be included in the cartoon maybe by either putting them in an aquarium indicating that people enjoy the sharks even though they know they can be dangerous. Or they could have them in like a really dangerous looking lair underwater with an angry mob above the pool or whatever.

-How is the cartoon effective in your opinion?

I think that by them giving more than one side in this cartoon they are being honest, and I can absolutely appreciate honesty in a cartoon where politics truly bring out the worst in people.

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?

The artist makes a shadow on the left side of the sharks face while still keeping the overall color of the background light enough for the view to interpret that they are in open space.

-How does the artist use foreground and background?

They indicate that they are outside with the shadow but in a place where they are very much exposed with the light beige color background.

-How does the artist use sizes and shapes?

The hand is crazy large and Great Whites are naturally huge, so with that math, this law must be insanely powerful.

4. THE IMPACT OF THE MEDIUM

What is your personal reaction to this cartoon?

-What do you look at first?

I look at the sharks, and then look at what the sharks are representing. If I were to take a first glance and make opinions based off of that, I'd have a negative opinion on the China Telecom and Unicom.

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

I think the despair and weariness in the China Telecom shark's eyes is what really makes me believe that something corrupt and completely overpowering is happening.

-What are your emotional and intellectual responses?

I say that you can't let the fact that the shark looks extremely unhappy take away the fact that they are sharks and if you were in the hand's position, you'd feel a lot safer if they didn't have as many, or any, teeth.

-What do you walk away thinking?

I walk away thinking do these sharks (corps.) deserve what is happening to them. They are dangerous but does that make absolutely subject to physical self-punishment?

-CLASS #2-

CLASS PERIOD 2: (B Band- Wed 10/10, D Band- Thurs, 10/11)

DEBATING THE ISSUES:

Watch: [“Rumble in the Air Conditioned Auditorium”](#) (Bill O'Reilly vs Jon Stewart)

-Participate in live-chat on Moodle while viewing debate

-Many feel there was more substance in this satirical debate between Bill O'Reilly and Jon Stewart. Comment on the "Facts" and issues that these two "Comedians" discuss.

What do you think is true?

I think that if people did actually put politics aside for a little and actually looked at the bigger picture instead of through the toilet paper roll, that they would see that together candidates can actually improve an area together. John Stewart said that if O'Reilly stepped off of BS Mountain that he could actually do some good. I totally agree with that, but for all politicians not just Bill.

What is false?

What excites you?

What angers you?

What leaves a lasting impact?

-FOR THE WEEK-

MEASURING THE MEDIA:

DAILY ENTRIES TO PERSONAL ELECTION BLOG

B Band: Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun (Total of 5 due by midnight on Sun, Oct 14th)

D Band: Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun (Total of 5 due by midnight on Sun, Oct 14th)

(FIRST MEASURE)

-Date, Medium: October 10, Online News Article

-Source: Washington Post-

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/decision2012/romney-shifts-to-more-moderate-stances-on-taxes-immigration-health-care-education/2012/10/10/ede836e8-12eb-11e2-a16b-2c110031514a_story.html

-Brief Synopsis: This source is pointing out that Romney stance on these different

issues, including immigration has been changing, from less aggressive to a little more moderate.

-Assessment: I'd say very legitimate considering it a pretty prestigious news company, and it also does a really good job on quoting Romney from an interview.

-Impact: I'm starting to wonder if Romney's ideas are actually changing, or are they just appearing different based on Romney's efforts to please the public.

ELECTION 2012 NEWS SOURCE ANALYSIS

Date of Entry:	October 10, 2012
Source: Where did you find this information?	The Huffington Post
Story: What is the title? What is it about?	"Romney shifts to more moderate stances on taxes, immigration, health care, education." Being that it has such a long title, it kind of says it all. Pretty much, Romney's ideas seem to be changing about the topics listed above from more aggressive to a little more neutral standpoint.
Report Reliability Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, rate this report's reliability. To be reliable, it should be accurate, fair and clear.	10- The only reason I gave it a 10 is because the entire article is about analyzing Romney's own quotes. Also, it's the Huffington Post, which I am not saying isn't biased but this particular source is not.
Detecting Bias: Is this report biased? If so, how and why?	No. i kind of just answered that sorry. There is one part though that uses Steve Deace, a conservative radio host in Iowa as a source in the article, and I'm sure they could have taken a different approach on who to confront to give a proper contrast to the things Romney had been saying.
Explanation: How did you decide on your reliability rating?	DAMN! I keep doing this. (Refer above)
Mitt Romney Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, rate your personal opinion of Mitt Romney (Republican candidate for president)	8

Barack Obama Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, rate your personal opinion of Barack Obama <i>(Democratic candidate for president)</i>	5
Election Knowledge Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, how knowledgeable do you consider yourself about the election?	8
Confusions: What Qs/Concerns do you have found about info you found in these sources?	I want to know why on Earth they interviewed that radio host

(SECOND MEASURE)

ELECTION 2012 NEWS SOURCE ANALYSIS

Date of Entry:	Sunday, October 14, 2012
Source: Where did you find this information?	Tampa Bay Times
Story: What is the title? What is it about?	“Few young illegal immigrants take advantage of Obama's deferred action plan” What is up with these super long titles? Pretty much the deferred action rule produced by Obama has affected a lot of illegals and the election of Romney puts the opportunity of illegals to stay to apply for resident status and work permission at risk. The tension is slowing up the application process
Report Reliability Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, rate this report's reliability. To be reliable, it should be accurate, fair and clear.	This is also another pretty reliable source and doesn't make any biased opinions, and there are stats to back stuff up so 10 from me. They are just saying what deferred action is doing for people now, and what would happen if Romney was elected.
Detecting Bias: Is this report biased? If so, how and why?	This definitely isn't biased. It's just stating what Romney wants to do with the illegals that are

	residing in America and how the election is going to affect the application status.
Explanation: How did you decide on your reliability rating?	I looked for stats and quotes. Because if the analysis is good but the quote is from some unreliable or anonymous source then it is potentially BS.
Mitt Romney Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, rate your personal opinion of Mitt Romney (<i>Republican candidate for president</i>)	10- "Keeping America American"
Barack Obama Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, rate your personal opinion of Barack Obama (<i>Democratic candidate for president</i>)	9- Why not give people the benefit of the doubt? Because they are here illegally to begin with. Kind of making lemonade out of really really annoying lemons that won't really go away.
Election Knowledge Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, how knowledgeable do you consider yourself about the election?	9- I feel I know the standpoints of each president on the topic of immigration. I'm getting there.
Confusions: What Qs/Concerns do you have found about info you found in these sources?	Is Obama going to continue deferred action?

(THIRD MEASURE)

ELECTION 2012 NEWS SOURCE ANALYSIS

Date of Entry:	September 19, 2012
Source: Where did you find this information?	ABC News
Story: What is the title? What is it about?	"On Immigration, Obama and Romney Agree On Virtually Nothing" So, this source presents

	6 topics on immigration where Obama and Romney have seemingly polar opposite standpoints on each and every aspect of immigration, including a 1900 mile long fence.
Report Reliability Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, rate this report's reliability. To be reliable, it should be accurate, fair and clear.	Maybe I'm lucky, but I keep finding compare and contrast sources where they analyze quotes by each candidate. And not all of them are actually total opposites, but they are all definitely different.
Detecting Bias: Is this report biased? If so, how and why?	I wouldn't call this source biased, but by them simply giving 6 aspects on the same exact thing and then calling that everything when referring to the fact that they don't agree on anything, that isn't true. I think the president and Romney do share common ground on some things.
Explanation: How did you decide on your reliability rating?	I looked for opinions that didn't sound like the opinions of the presidential candidates based on their quotes.
Mitt Romney Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, rate your personal opinion of Mitt Romney <i>(Republican candidate for president)</i>	9
Barack Obama Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, rate your personal opinion of Barack Obama <i>(Democratic candidate for president)</i>	9
Election Knowledge Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, how knowledgeable do you consider yourself about the election?	9.5
Confusions: What Qs/Concerns do you have found about info you found in these sources?	Is it possible not to have the "one but not the other" attitude?

(FOURTH MEASURE)

ELECTION 2012 NEWS SOURCE ANALYSIS

Date of Entry:	September 19, 2012
Source: Where did you find this information?	Fox News
Story: What is the title? What is it about?	"Romney would end Obama immigration policy" What you see is what you get. Obama says keep the illegals if they qualify, Romney says don't give them the chance.
Report Reliability Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, rate this report's reliability. To be reliable, it should be accurate, fair and clear.	6, I know that this source is correct only because of the previous articles I've been reading, but had this been the first one, I wouldn't have believed it because it has no quotes or stats to back any of it up.
Detecting Bias: Is this report biased? If so, how and why?	Considering the last line of the article, yes this indeed could be a little biased towards Romney, which is funny because typically Republicans read and watch Fox News "The Obama campaign has criticized Romney as "extreme.""
Explanation: How did you decide on your reliability rating?	I looked for opinions that didn't sound like the opinions of the presidential candidates based on their quotes.
Mitt Romney Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, rate your personal opinion of Mitt Romney (<i>Republican candidate for president</i>)	5
Barack Obama Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, rate your personal opinion of Barack Obama (<i>Democratic candidate for president</i>)	8
Election Knowledge Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, how knowledgeable do you consider yourself about the election?	9.8

Confusions: What Qs/Concerns do you have found about info you found in these sources?	AGAIN- Is it possible not to have the “one but not the other” attitude?
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(FIFTH MEASURE)

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Story: What is the title? What is it about?	“Romney would end Obama immigration policy” What you see is what you get. Obama says keep the illegals if they qualify, Romney says don’t give them the chance.
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Barack Obama Rating:	8

On a scale of 1 to 10, rate your personal opinion of Barack Obama <i>(Democratic candidate for president)</i>	
Election Knowledge Rating: On a scale of 1 to 10, how knowledgeable do you consider yourself about the election?	9.8
Confusions: What Qs/Concerns do you have found about info you found in these sources?	AGAIN- Is it possible not to have the “one but not the other” attitude?