Political Cartoon Analysis Worksheet

The goal of a political cartoon is to send a clear message using pictures and symbols. Use this worksheet to help find the meaning behind this political cartoon.

1. Are there any images of famous people or places in your cartoon? If not, what things are in the cartoon?
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2. Are any of the images being used as a symbol to stand for a larger concept or idea? If so, what is the meaning of the symbol? (Ex. An eagle often represents the United States or the concept of freedom)
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3. Cartoonist often exaggerate details to make them stand out. What details are exaggerated in your cartoon?
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4. Does the cartoonist label anything in the cartoon? If so, what did they label?
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5. Why is the label helpful or important?
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6. Describe the action taking place in the cartoon.
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7. What do you think the cartoonist’s thoughts are about the issue in the cartoon?
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8. What groups of people might agree with the cartoon?
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9. What group of people might NOT agree with the cartoon?
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10. Why might a newspaper use a political cartoon instead of writing an article about an issue?
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