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The Bush Administration

Condoleezza Rice was sworn in as the first black female secretary of state, and, over fierce opposition, John Bolton was confirmed as ambassador to the United Nations. After Justice Sandra Day O'Connor announced her retirement from the U.S. Supreme Court and Chief Justice William Rehnquist died following an extended illness, President Bush found himself with two Court nominations. To replace Rehnquist, he named John Roberts, a former White House lawyer, who was easily confirmed.

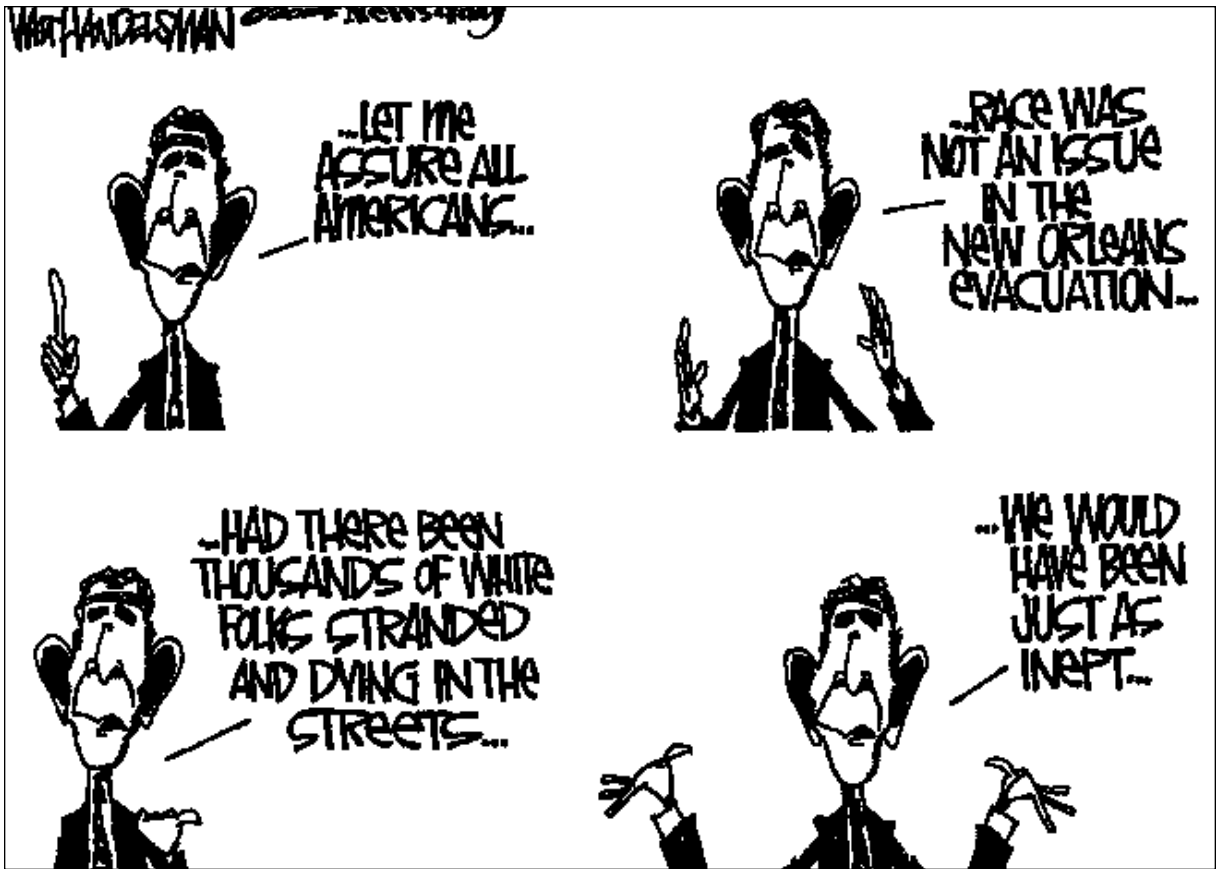
But Bush's nomination of longtime friend Harriet Miers for the other court seat provoked a revolt among his supporters. She withdrew, and Bush then nominated an experienced jurist, Sam Alito, who was immediately attacked as being too far to the right. Hearings on his nomination were scheduled to begin in January.

Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, was indicted on five counts of perjury, obstruction of justice, and making false statements in an investigation of the leak of a CIA operative's identity.

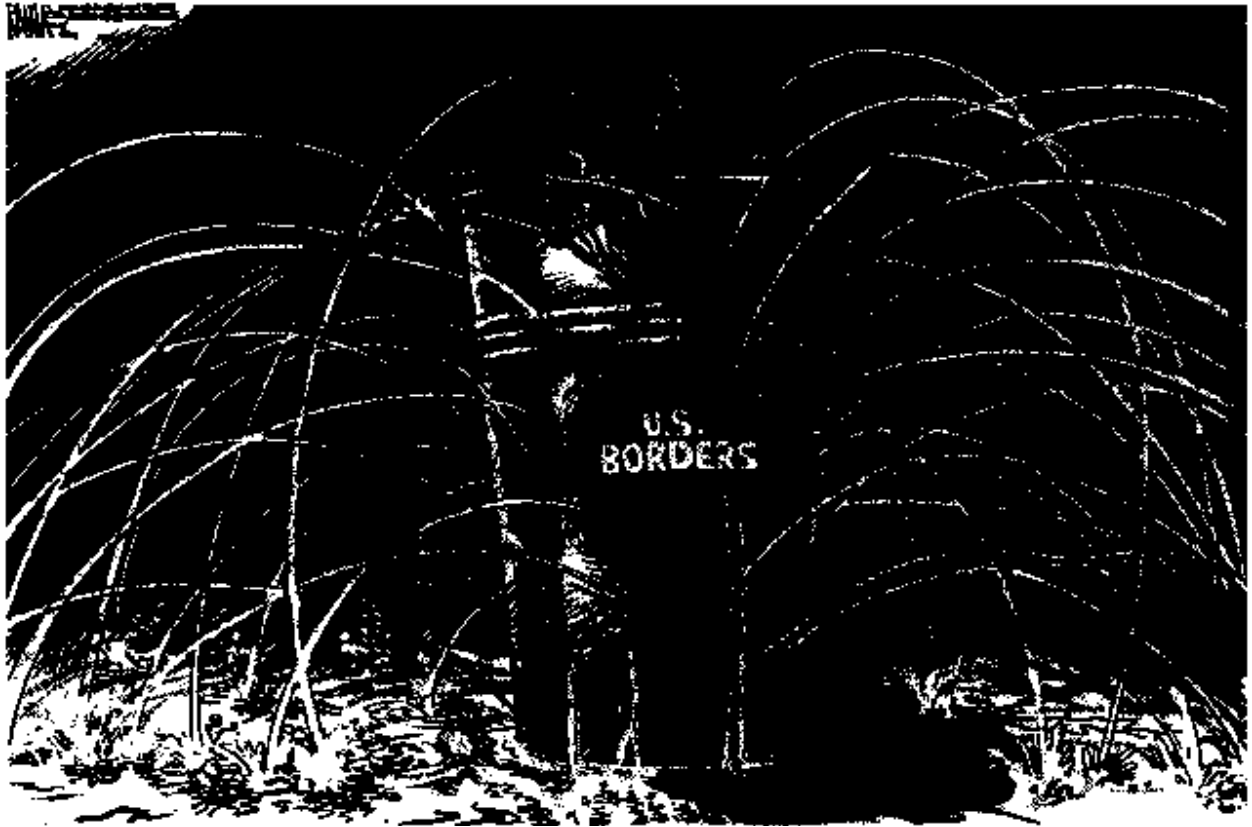
Several studies indicated that Americans believe they are safer today than five years ago but are critical of what they perceive as a failure to control the nation's borders. By late November, polls showed Bush's approval rating had dropped below 40 percent.

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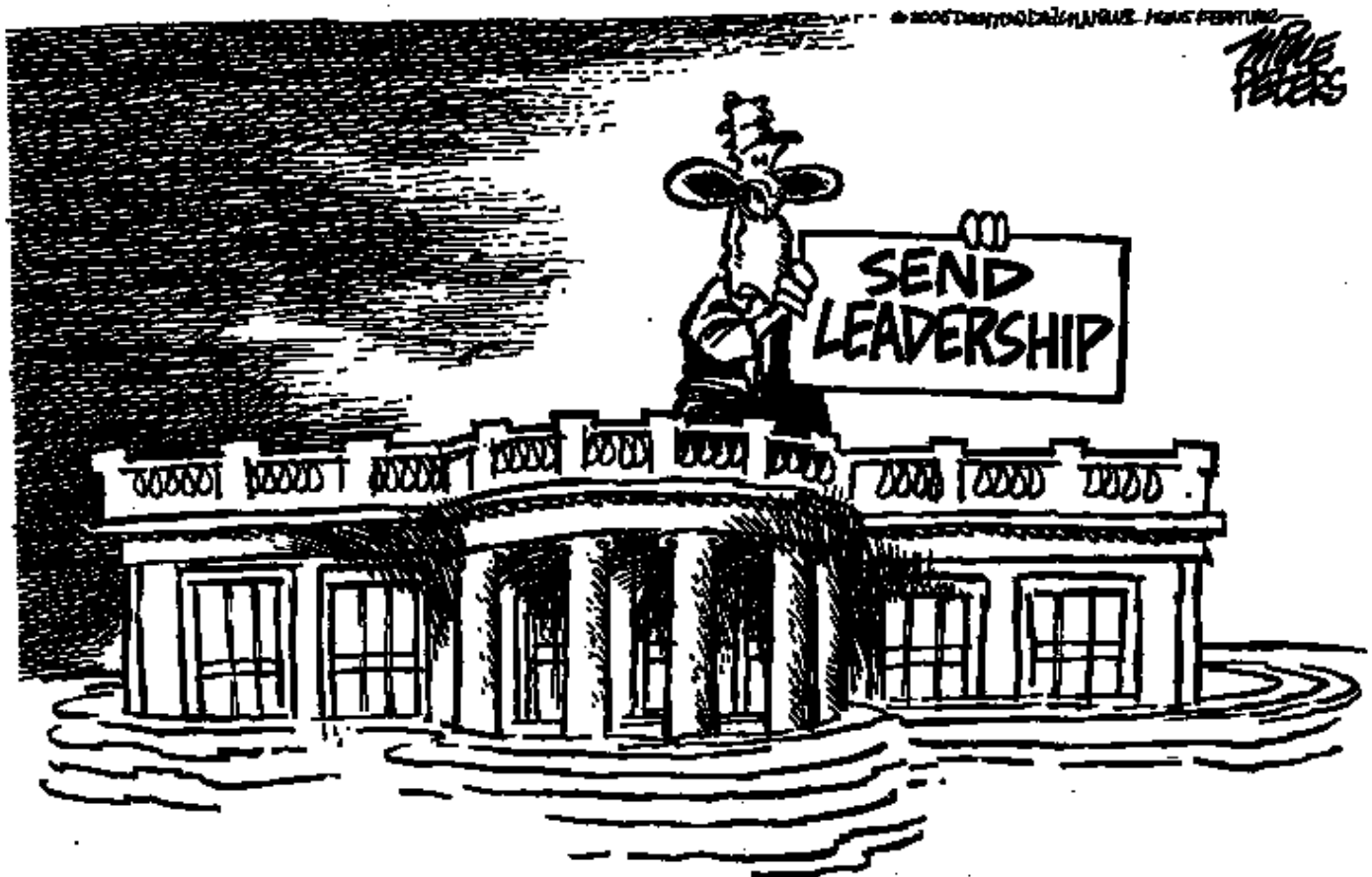


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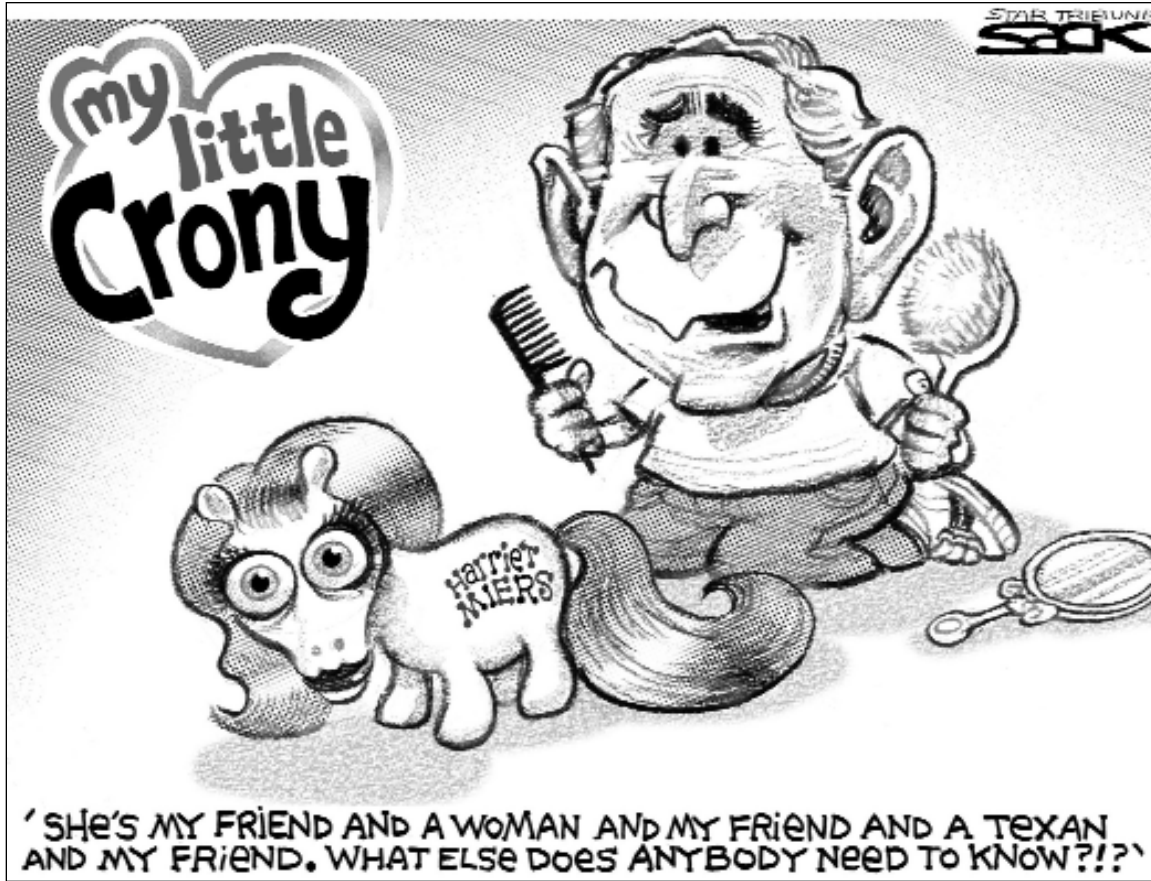
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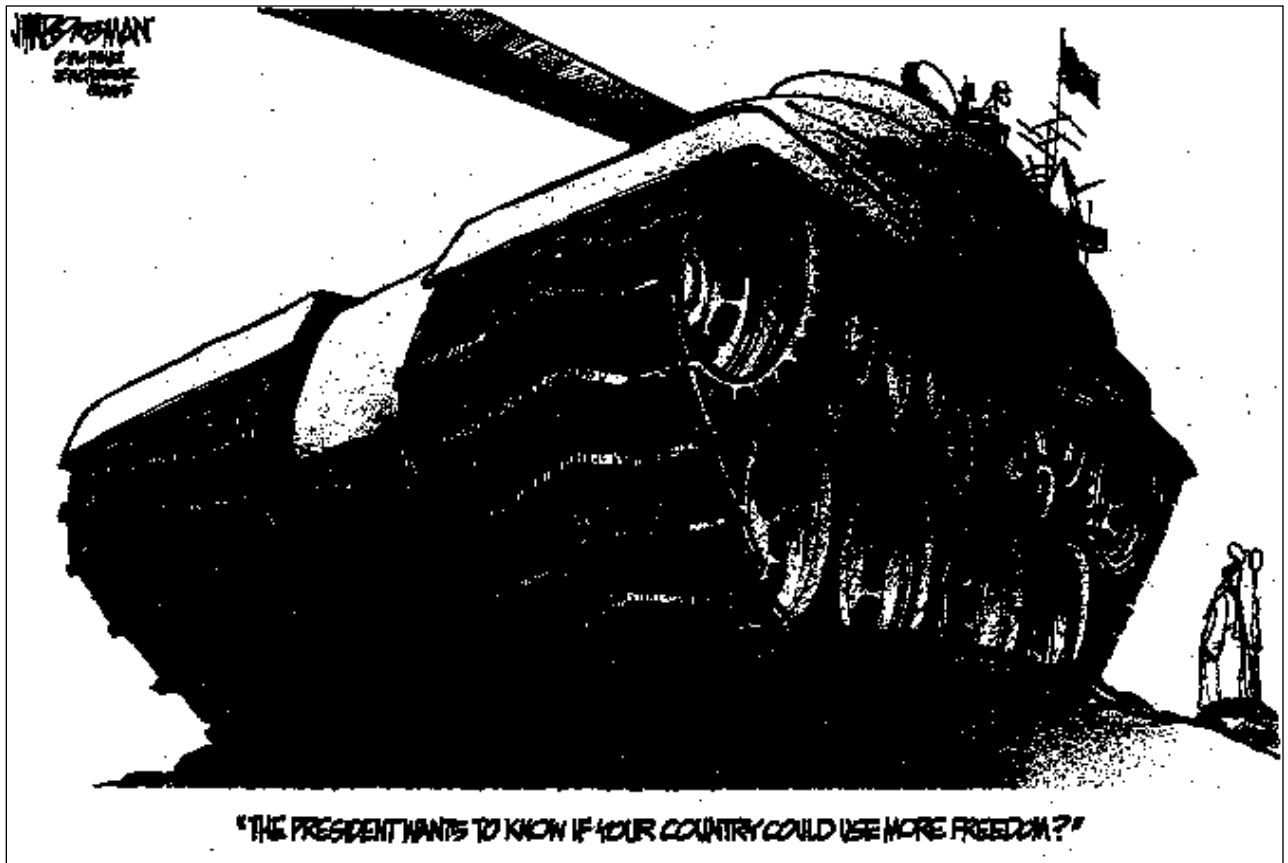
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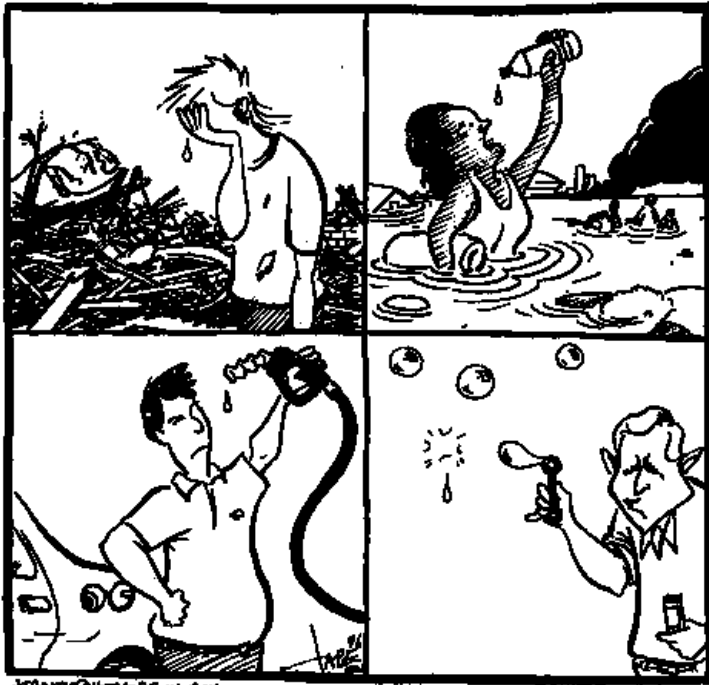




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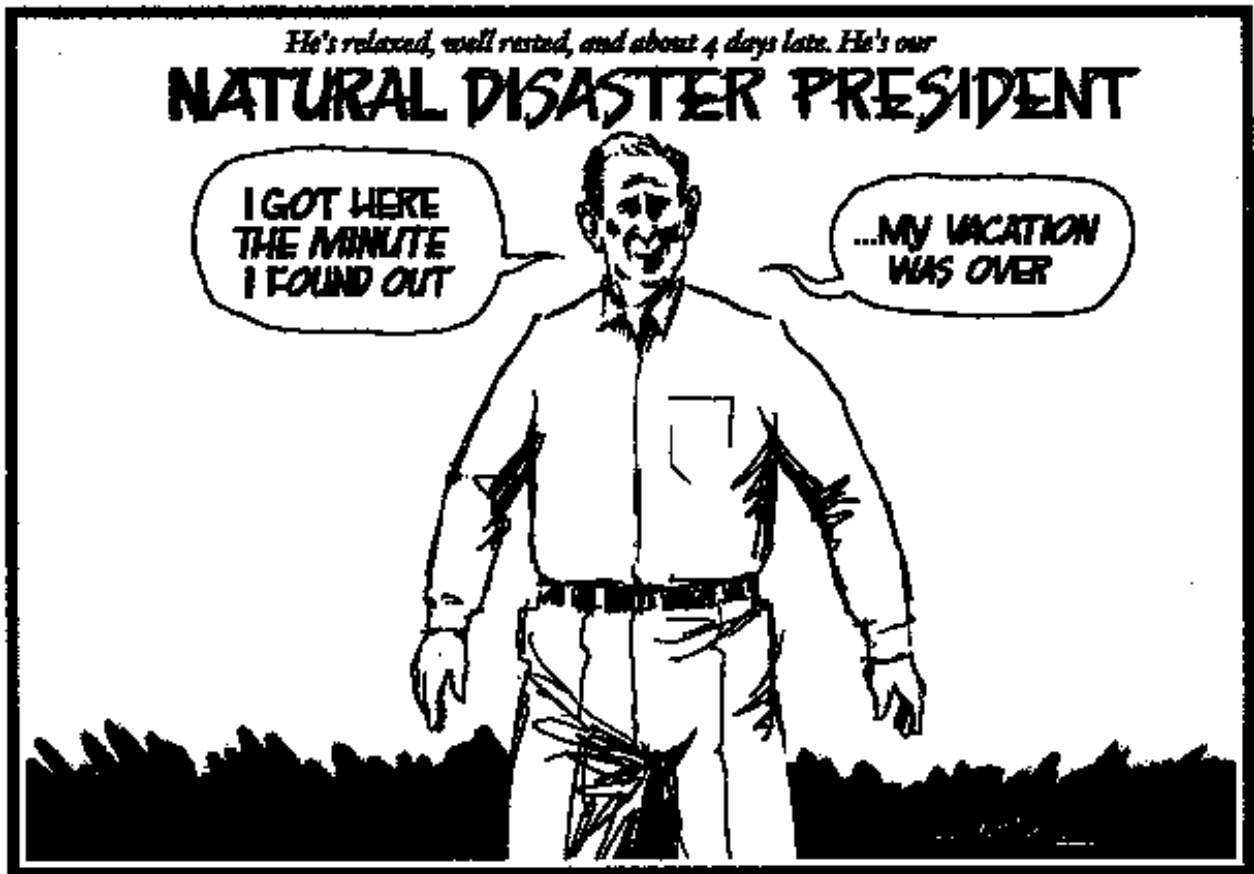


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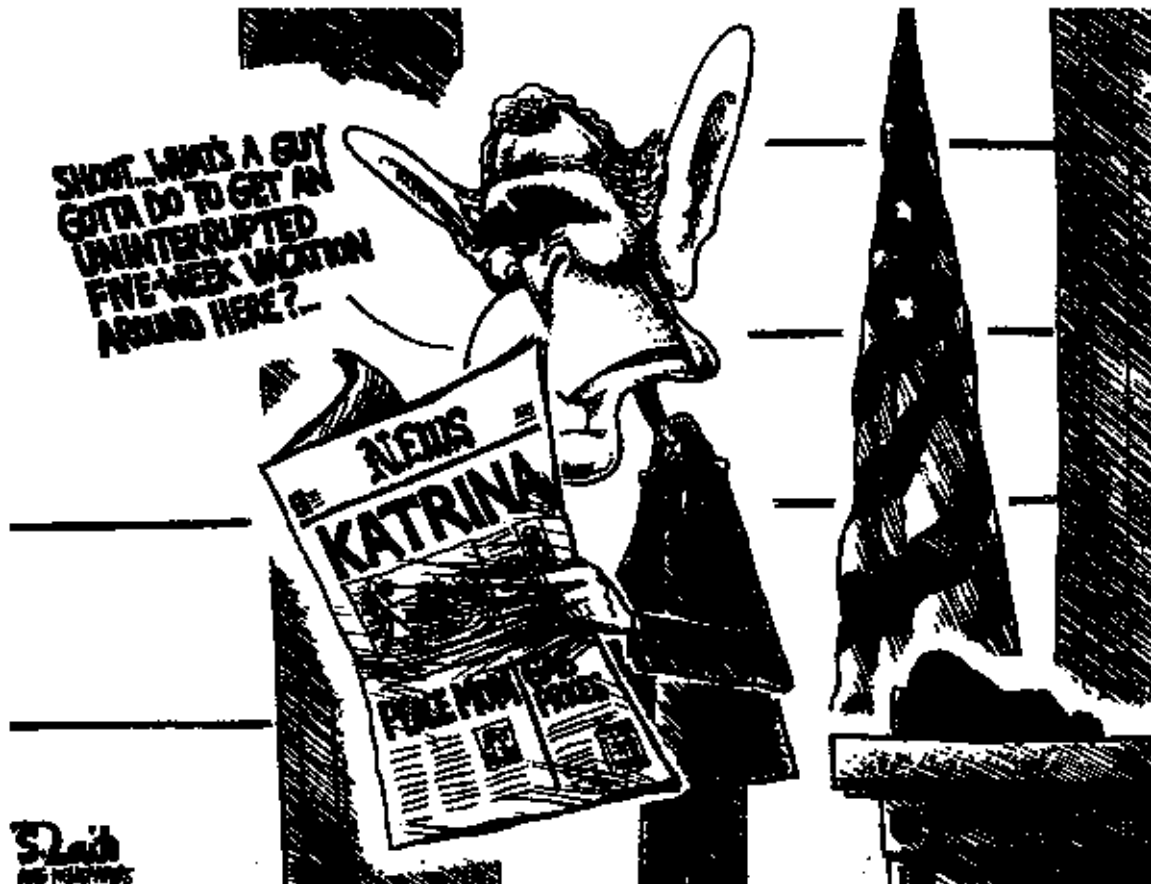
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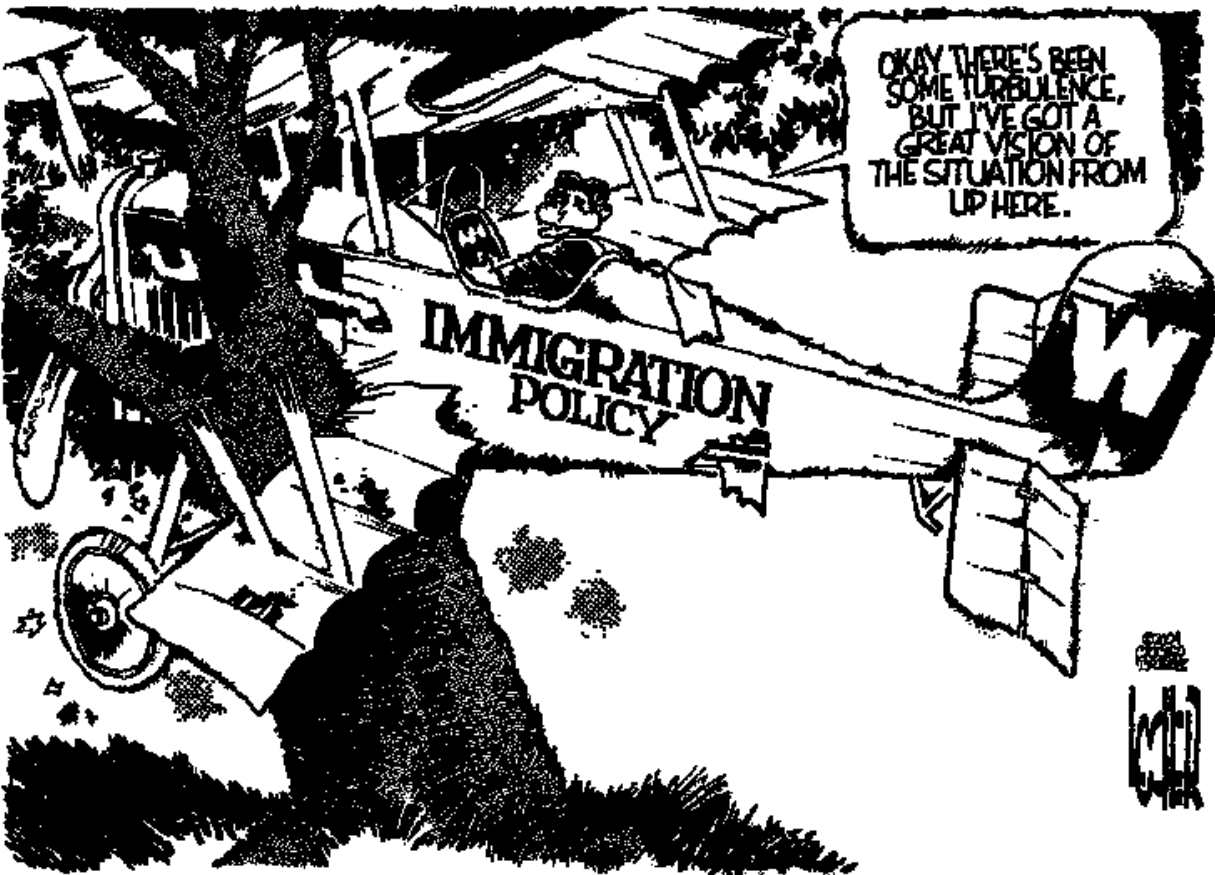
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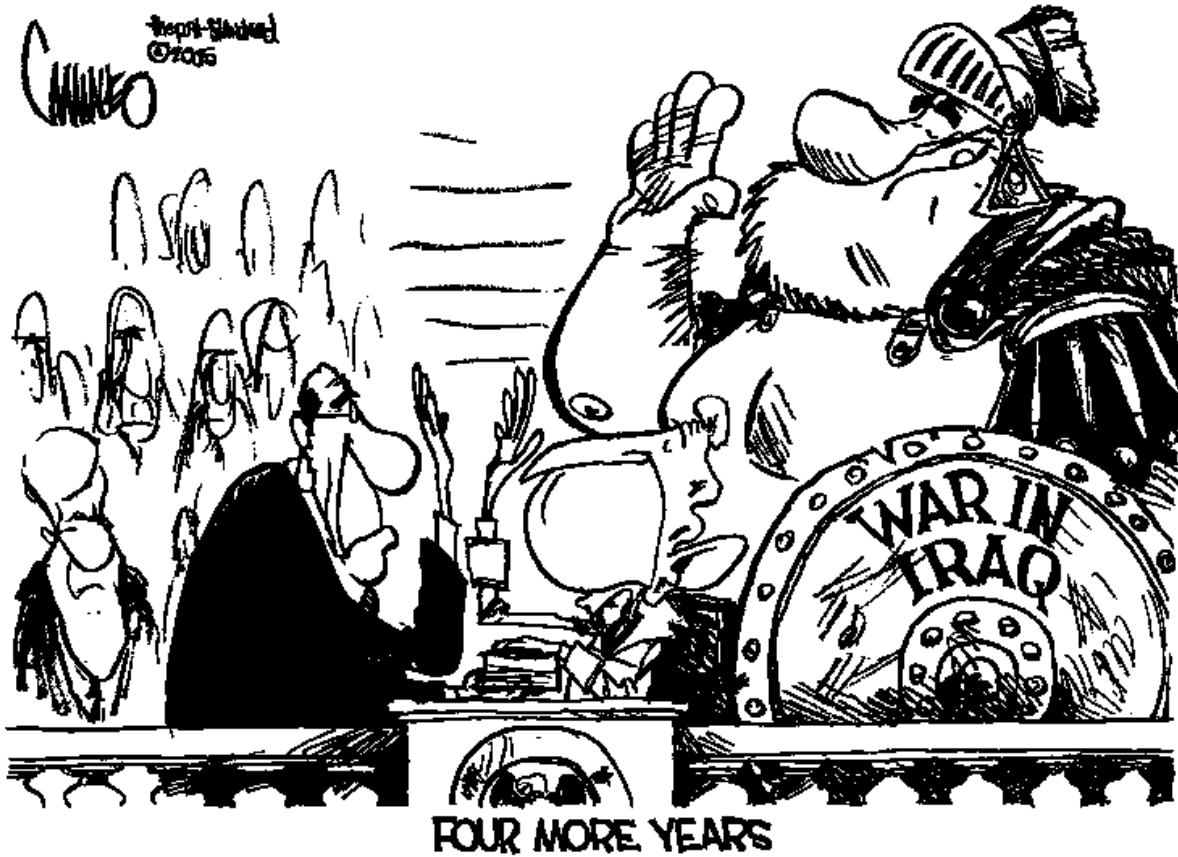
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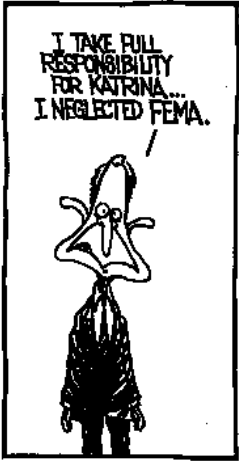


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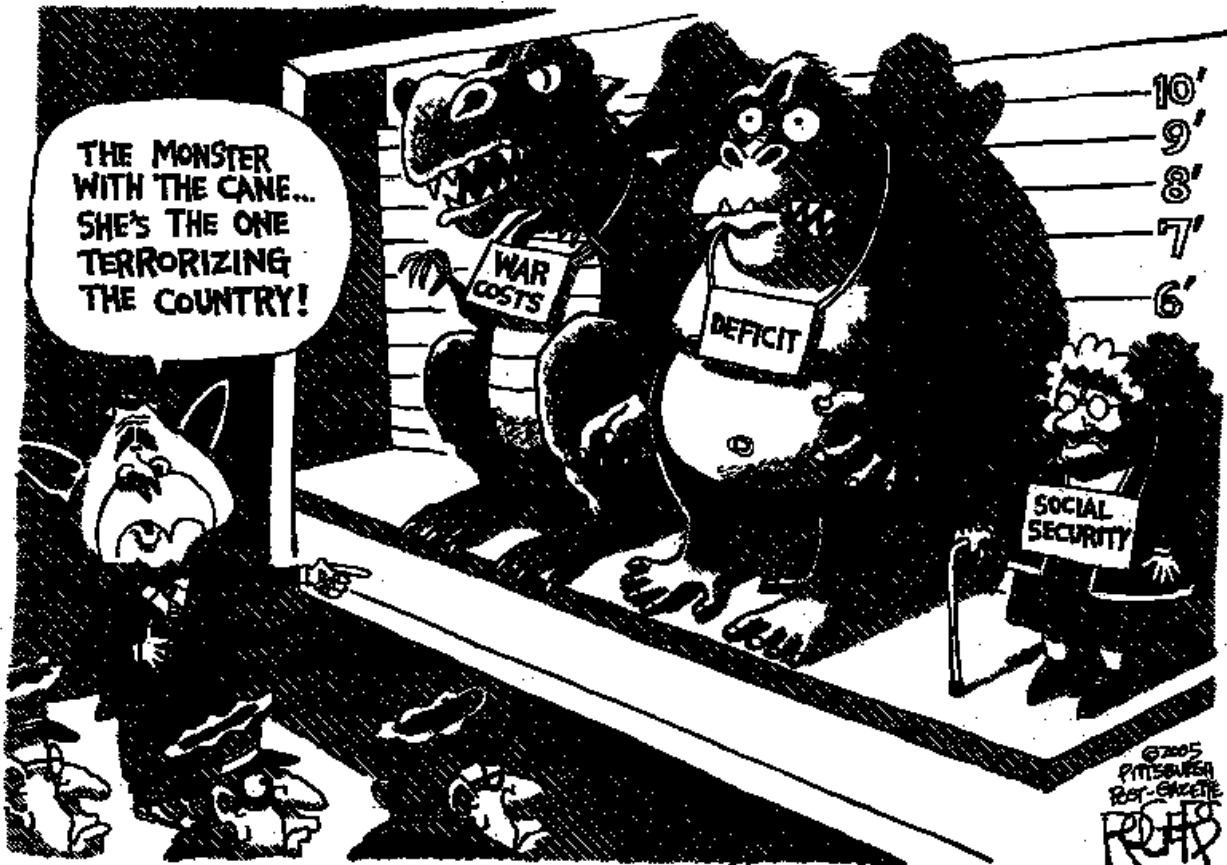
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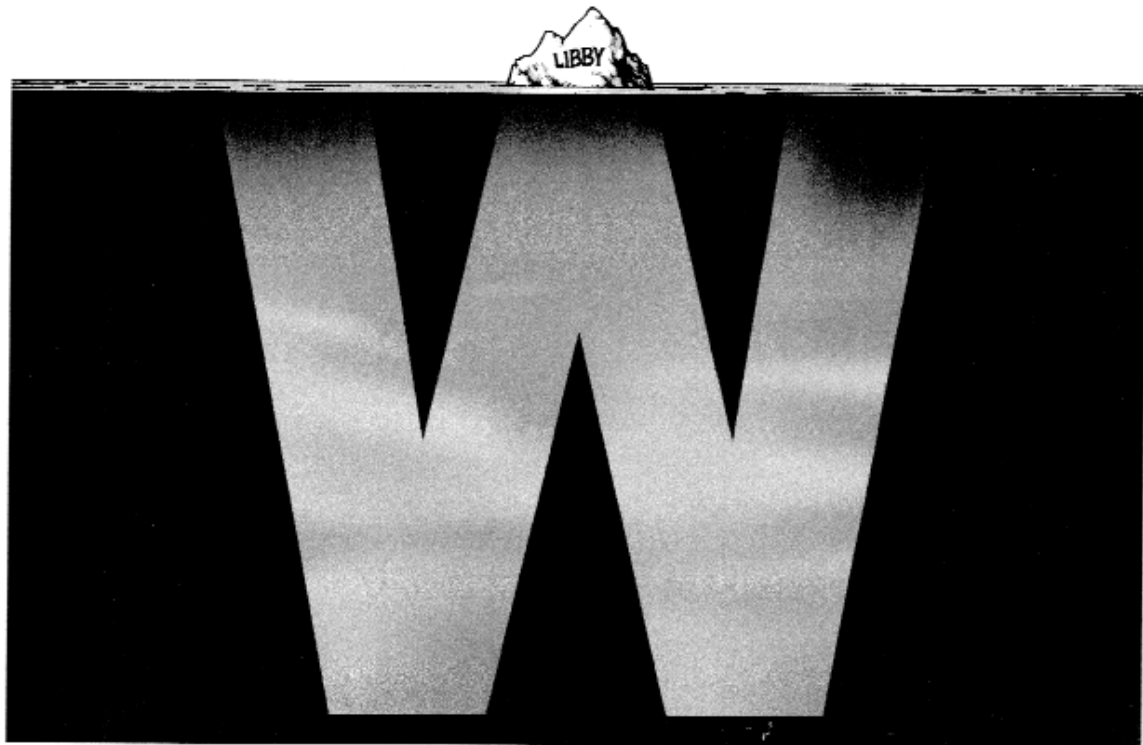


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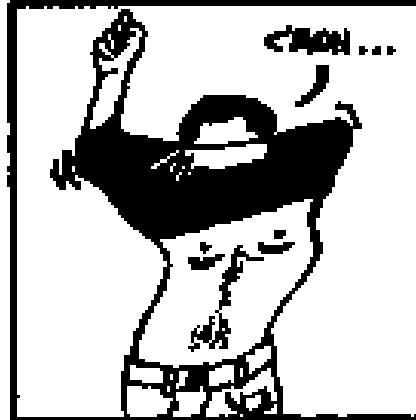
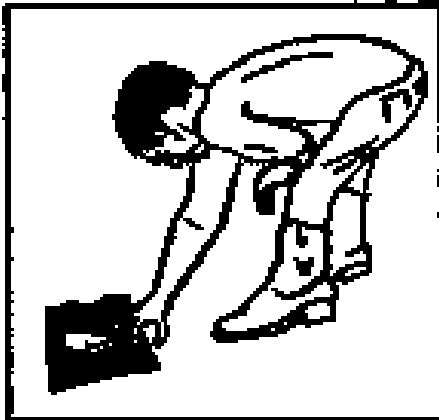


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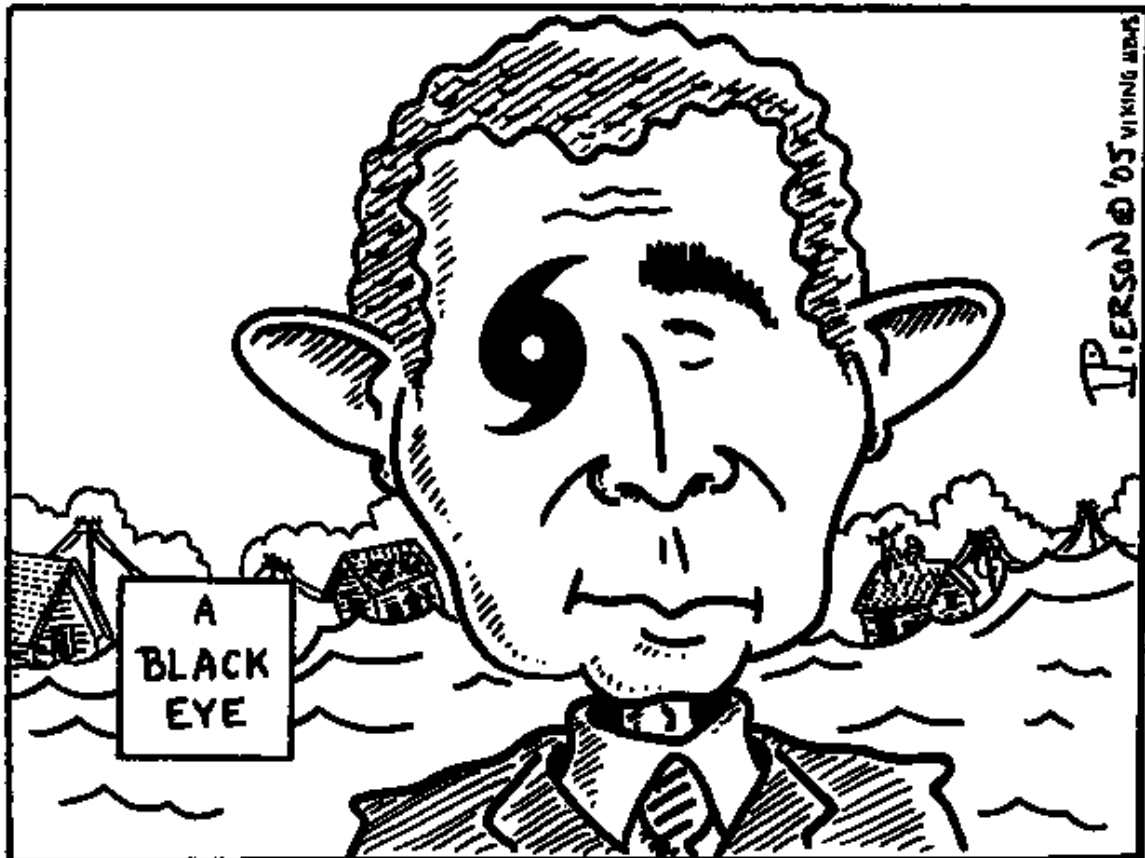


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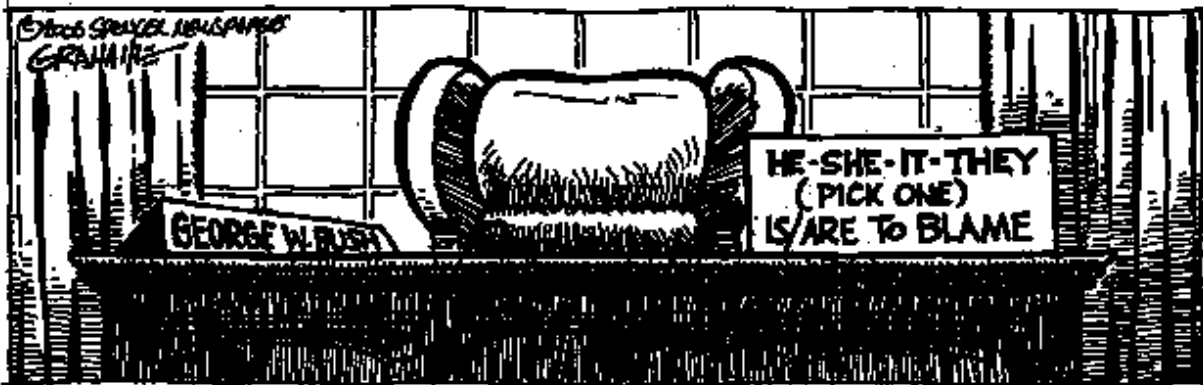
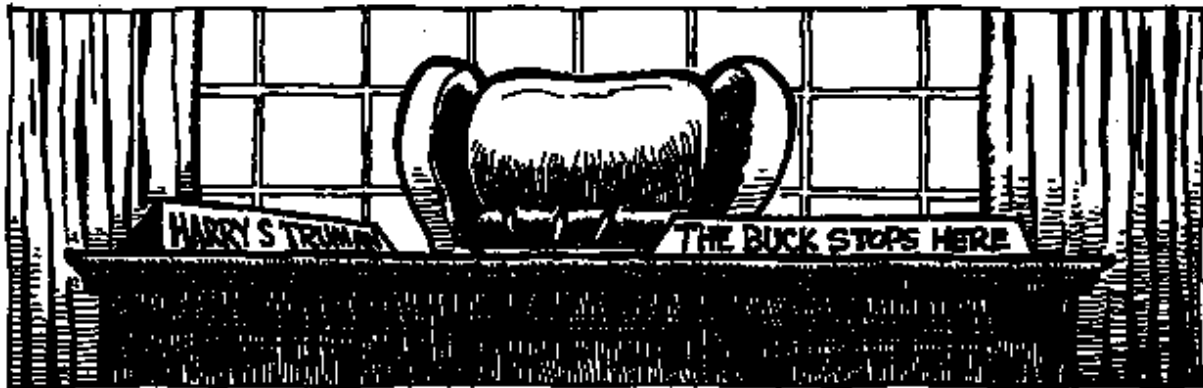
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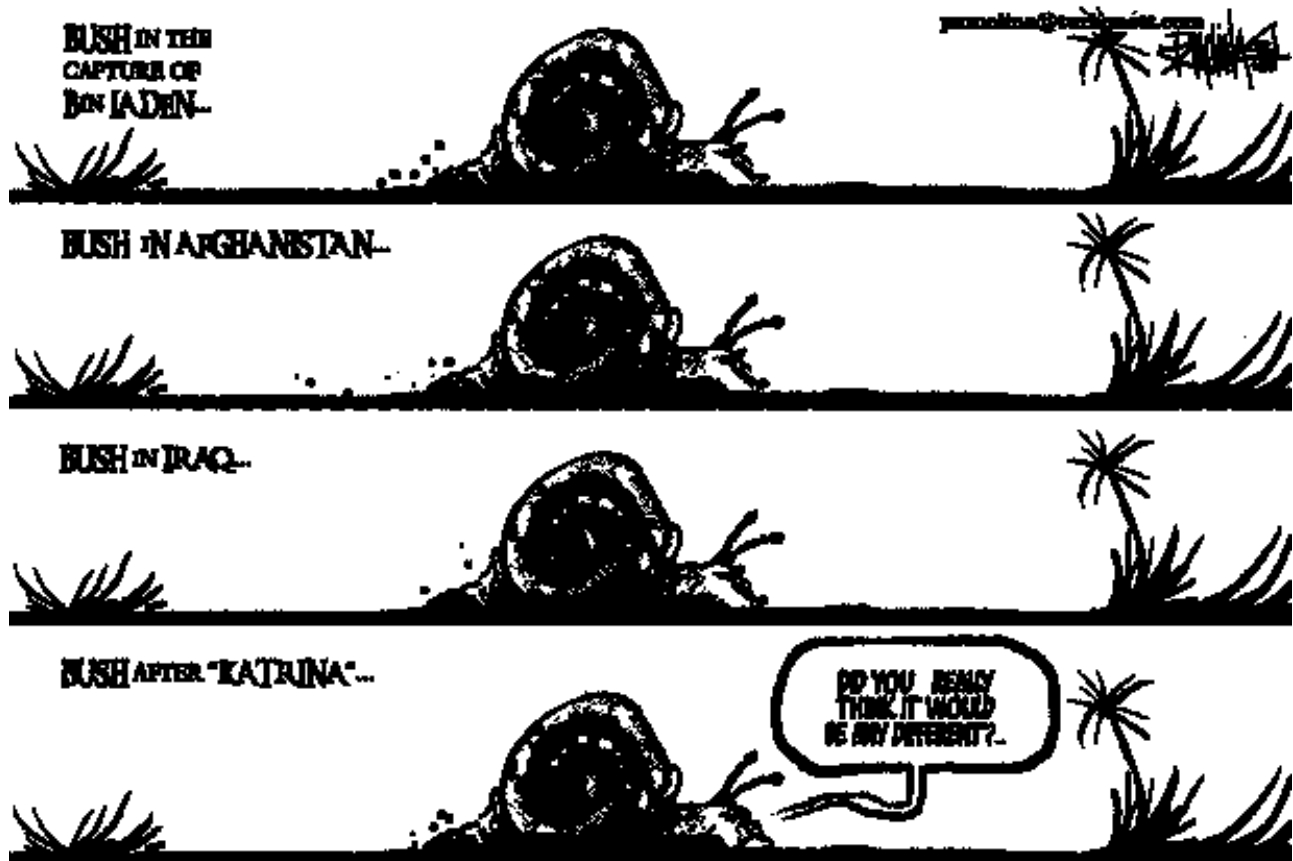


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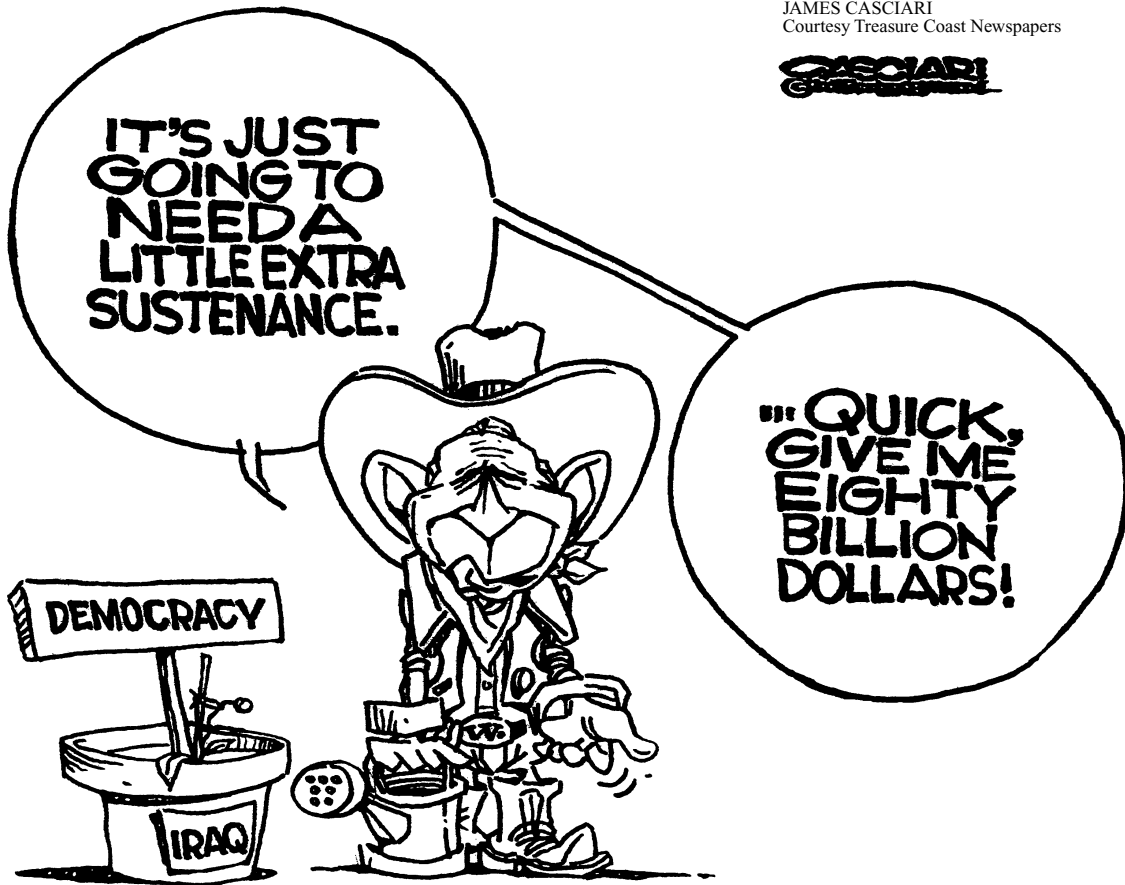


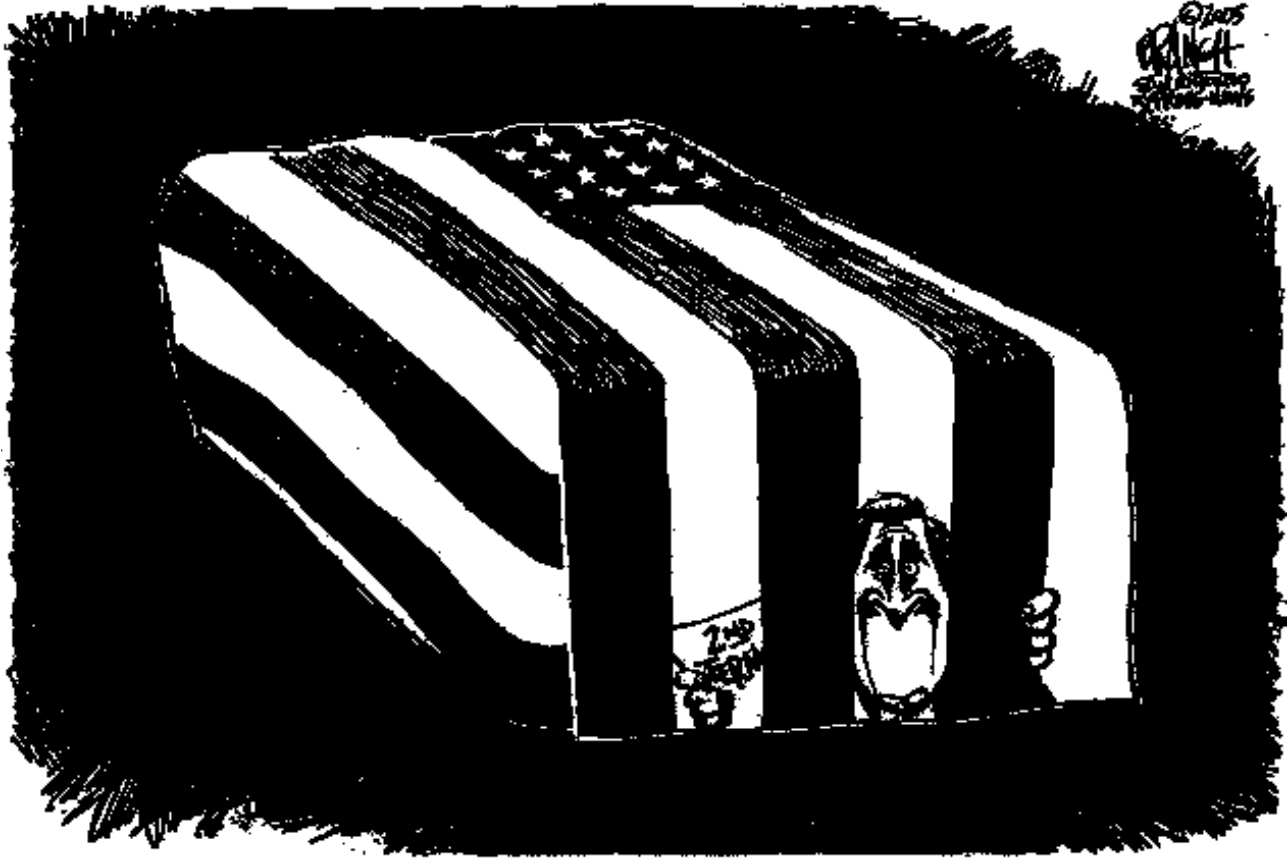
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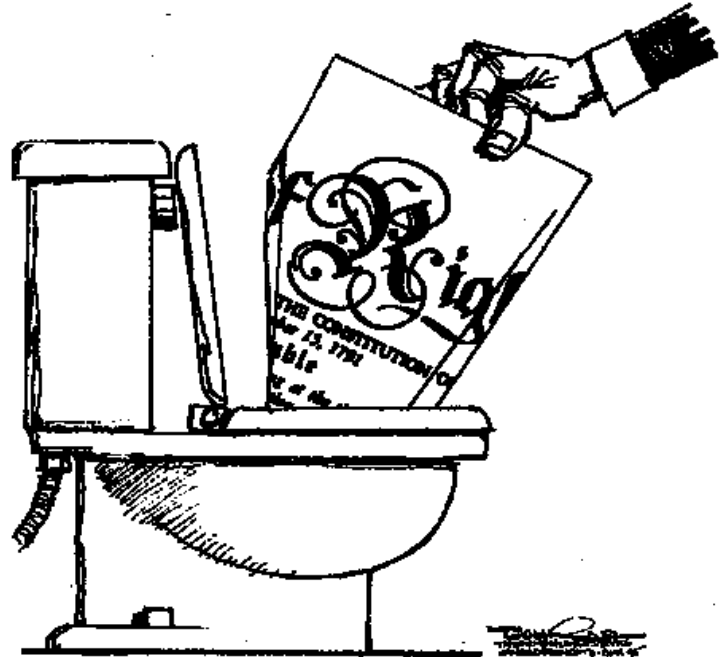
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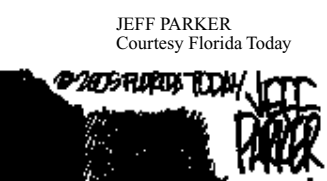
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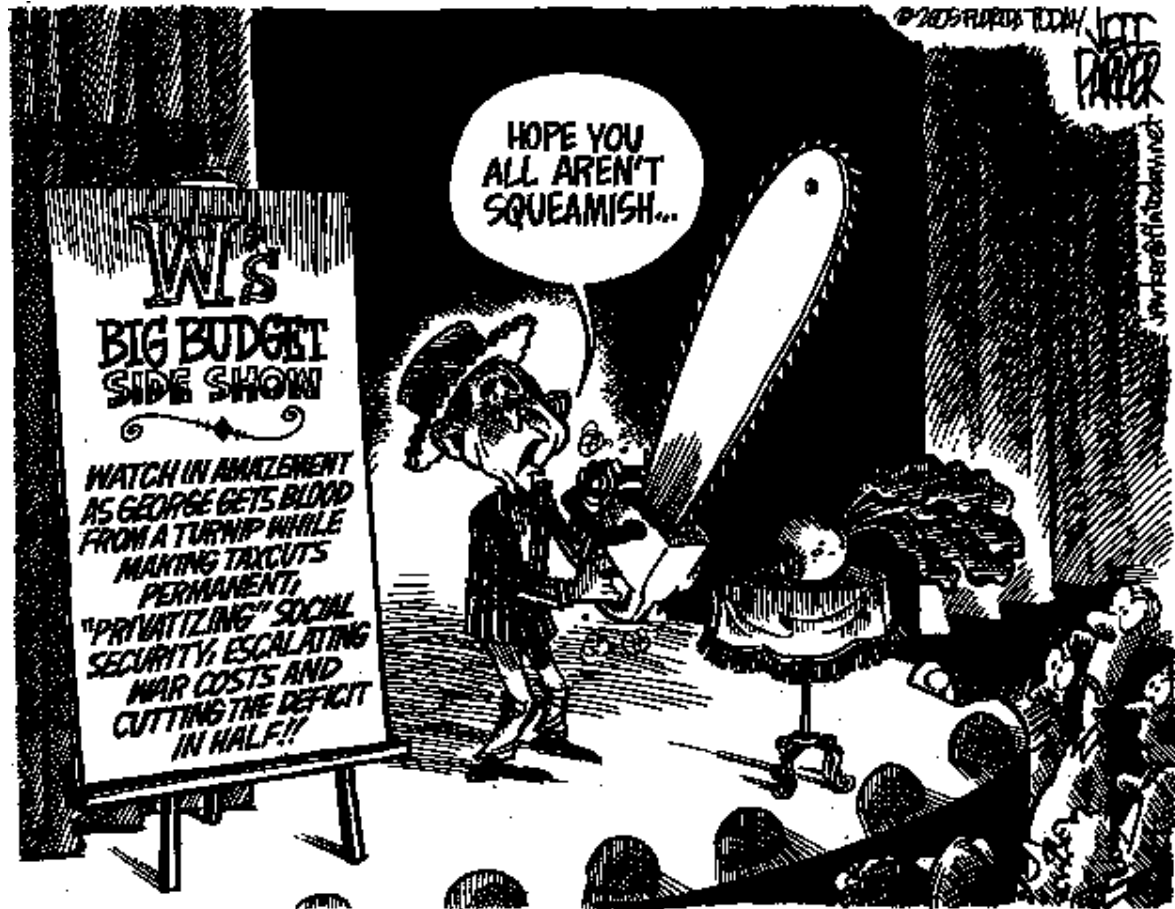




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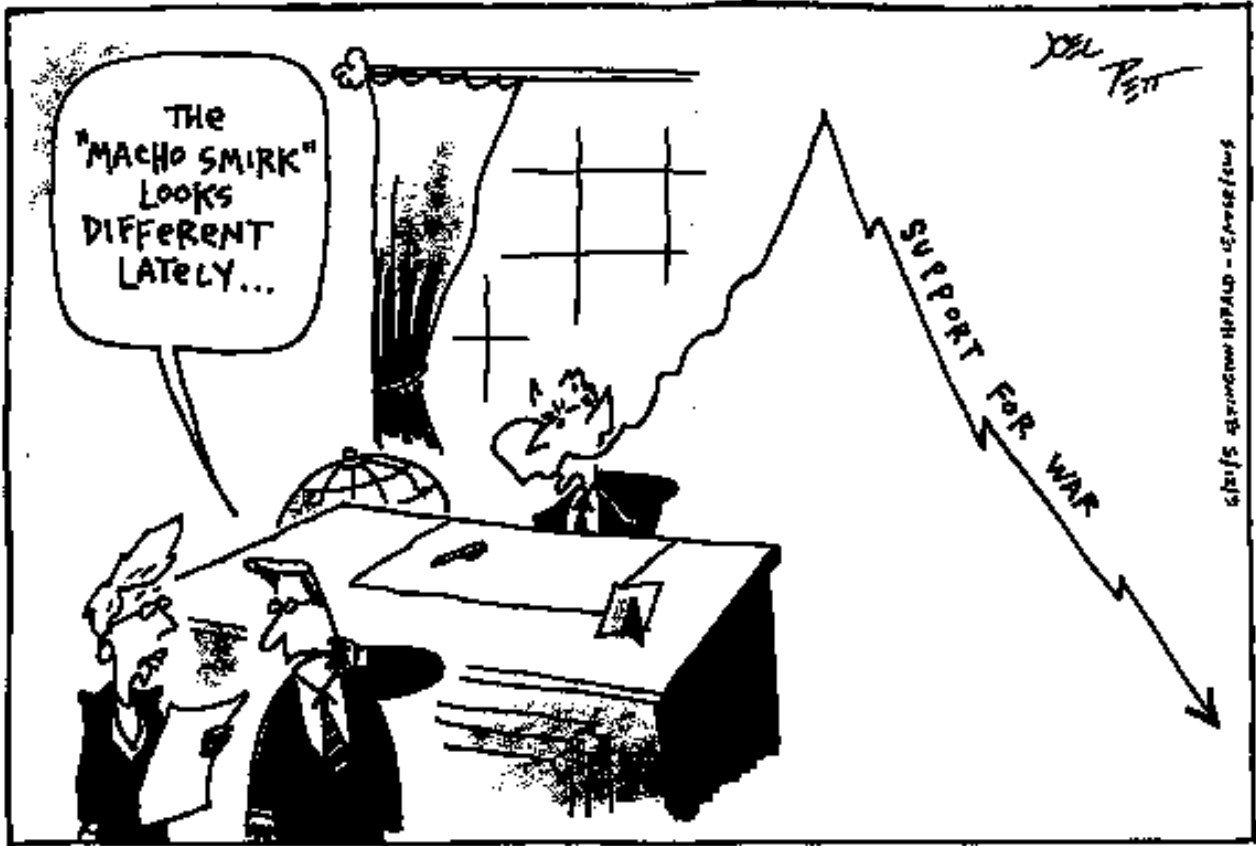
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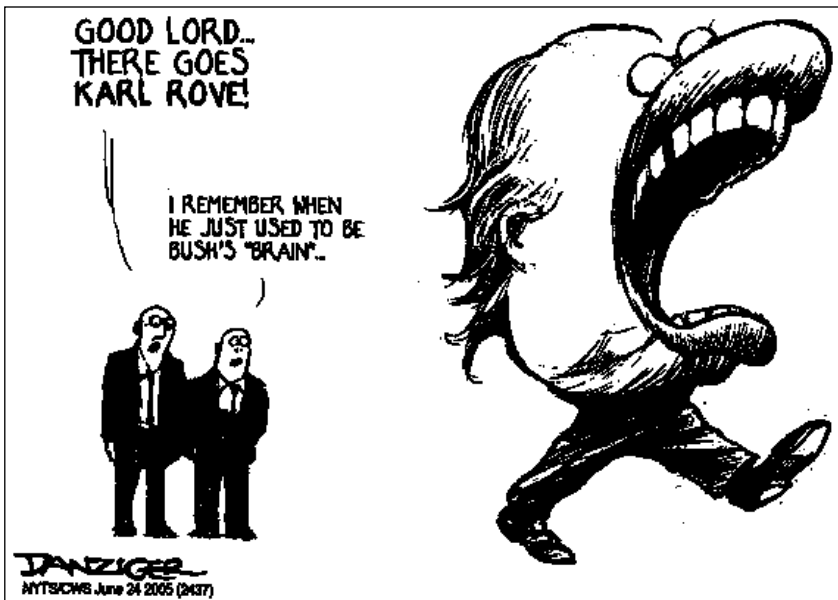


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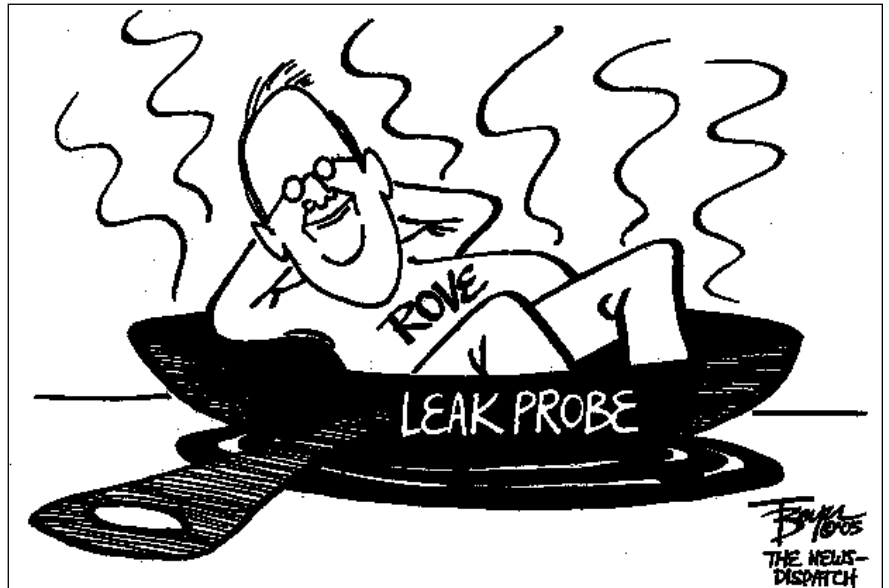
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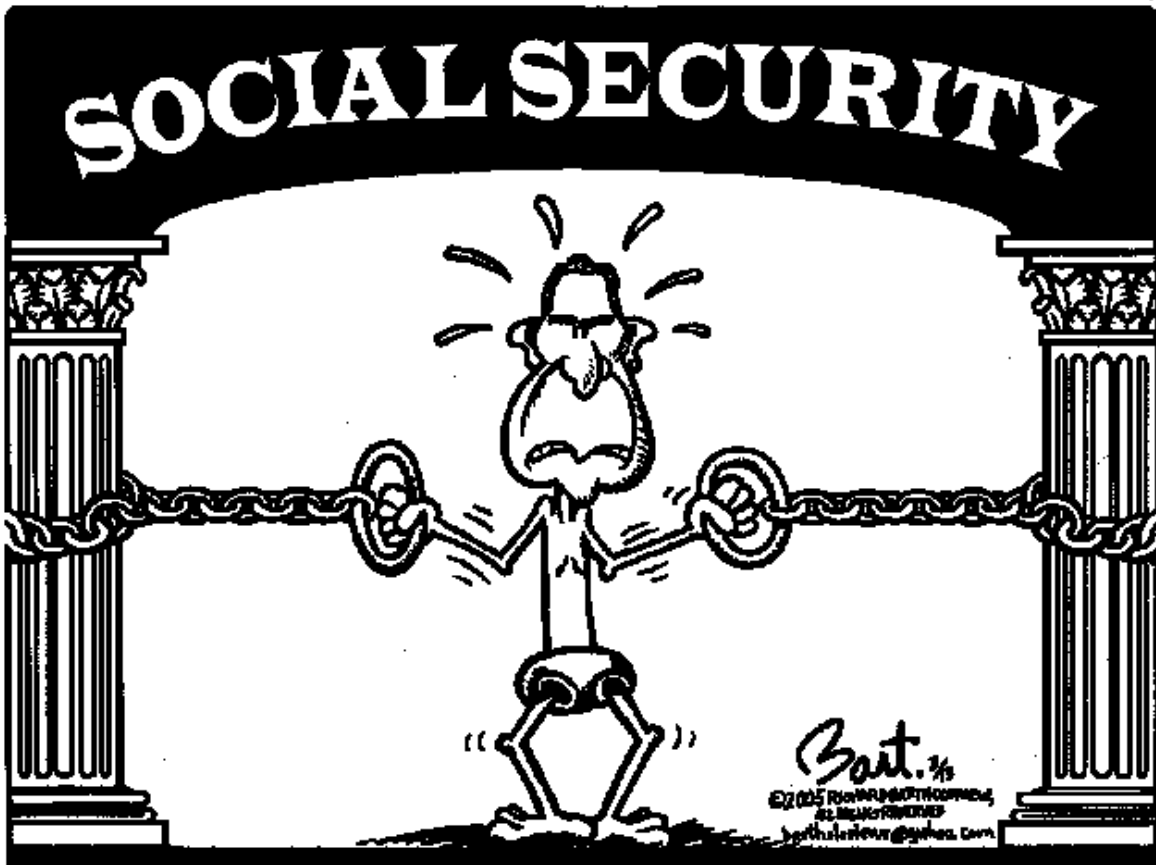
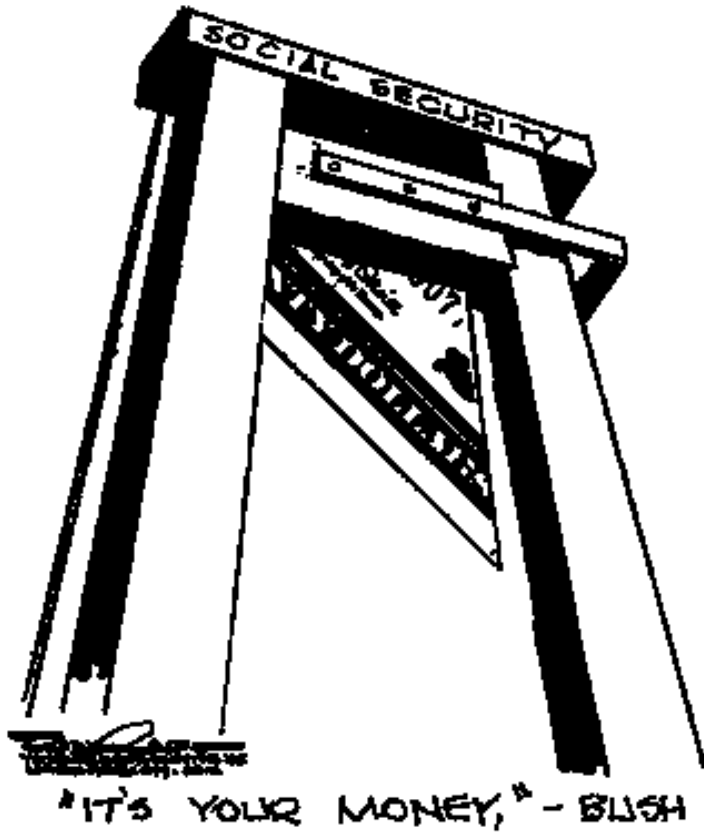


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