**Applied Government Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Political Cartoon Assignment
Mr. Faulhaber**

**DIRECTIONS:** Cartoonists want to make us laugh-but they also want to make a point. How do they do it? In many cases, they portray people and events in the news in an exaggerated way. They also use symbols. Find a political cartoon that you would like to evaluate and present to your peers. Print a copy of the political image and staple it to this worksheet that will be turned in. On the bottom of the cartoon include the Website URL/Newspaper and Date published. Study the cartoon you have selected and answer the following questions.
 **1. What is going on in the image? Discuss the action taking place in the cartoon.
2. What symbols are depicted in the image? What do these symbols represent?
3. What is the setting of the image, what historic events or governmental programs portrayed in the image?**

**4. Are there words in the cartoon? Do they help clarify the cartoon’s symbols?
5. What is exaggerated? Why do you think the artist chose to exaggerate these features?
6. What message is the artist trying to communicate in this cartoon?**

**7. How effective is the artist in communicating this message? Explain your answer.**

**\*\*\*SPECIAL NOTE: any profanity or blatant racism, sexism, or affront to sexual orientation will automatically result in a 0 on this assignment and may result in disciplinary action\*\*\***