

Over the course of the summer of 2011 the U.S. and the global economy took a turn for the worst raising fears that the US economy might “double-dip” back into a recession. As you review the following economic political cartoons think about the factors that impact the overall economy.



1. What do you believe that this cartoon depicts?
2. What message do you believe the cartoonist is trying to make?
3. Explain the symbolism being depicted in this cartoon and what it means.



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7. What do you believe that this cartoon depicts?
8. What message do you believe the cartoonist is trying to make?
9. Explain the symbolism being depicted in this cartoon and what it means.

After reviewing all of the above political cartoons answer the following questions:

1. How does employment or lack of employment impact the nation's economy?
2. Based on what you have learned about economics predict what would happen to the economy if the unemployment rate fell from its current 9.1% to under 5%?
3. If you were a policy maker what would you do to improve the economy? Identify specific policies that you would create, why you would create them and predict what impact they would have on the economy.