

# Political Cartoons & Social Justice

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# Do Now, Draw Now

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- ★ Take 3 minutes to write a response to these questions:
    - **How can images and words work together to deliver a message?**
    - **How does art reflect and influence the views of society?**
  - ★ Then find an example of a Political cartoon you like OR draw a quick sketch of an example of a political cartoon.
  - ★ PASTE YOUR ANSWERS: CLICK-----> [HERE](#)



# WHERE ARE WE NOW: UNIT RECAP

- ★ REMEMBER WE ARE IN WEEK 5 OF OUR UNIT: TAKE ACTION! COMIC STRIP
- ★ WE HAVE SO FAR:
  - Learned about political art in art history and contemporary art such as Frida Kahlo, The Guerilla Girls, Shepard Fairey, and Kara Walker
  - Learned & practiced some elements of the “Principles of Design”
  - Basic concepts of storytelling through 3 panel comics,
  - Class exercises in social justice and equity

# AGENDA: Political Cartoons & Social Justice

Materials needed: white paper, pencil



**01** DAILY DO NOW, DRAW NOW

**02** TOPIC: Editorial Cartoons/Political Cartoons

**03** TOPIC: Social Justice  
Finding your Topic for your Comic Strip Panel #1

**04** DRAWING TIME: Thumbnail sketches  
Drawing out ideas for your Social Justice Topic  
= Comic Strip Panel #1

## 1. I CAN

ANALYZE a political cartoon

# Goals for Today

## 2. I CAN

CREATE a composition using a pencil to illustrate a social justice topic (one panel of the 3 panels)

## 3. I CAN

WRITE and EXPLAIN my own position on a social justice topic of my choice

**1.**  
**POLITICAL  
CARTOON**  
*Caricatura  
Politica*

**New  
Words  
of  
The Day**

**2. SOCIAL  
JUSTICE**  
*Justicia  
social*

**3.**  
**ACTIVISM**  
*Activismo*

Keywords Template

# VIDEO 1:



## VIDEO 2:



# What are Editorial or Political Cartoons?

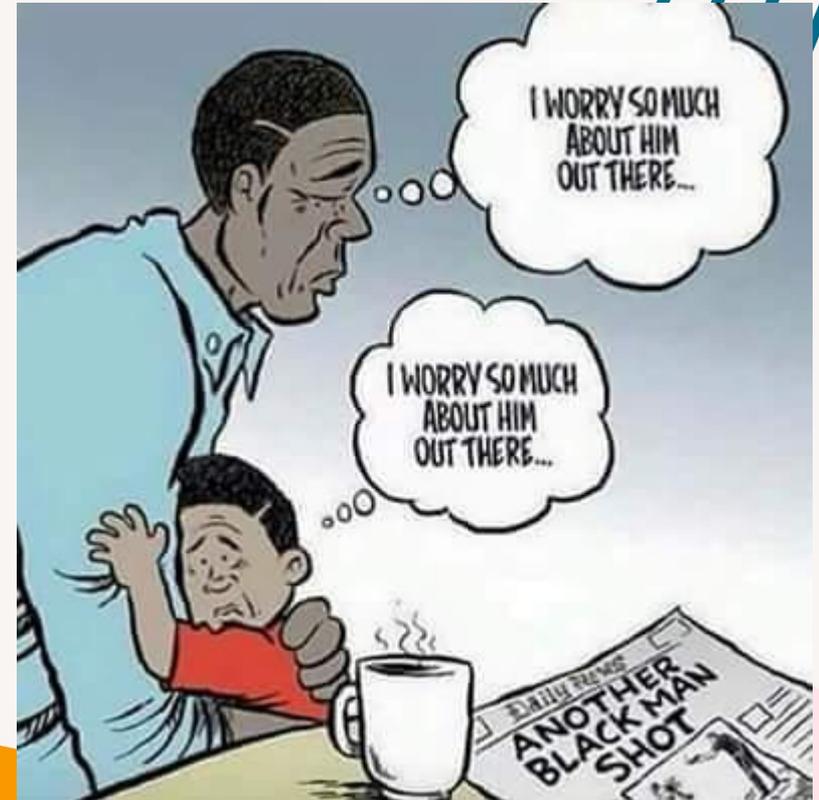
Editorial Cartoonist comment on current events, just as some artists we've reviewed (both historical and contemporary) have made political art commenting on political events or current events at their time reflecting society through their artwork.

**POLITICAL CARTOON** is a drawing (often including caricature) made for the purpose of conveying editorial commentary on politics, politicians, and current events."

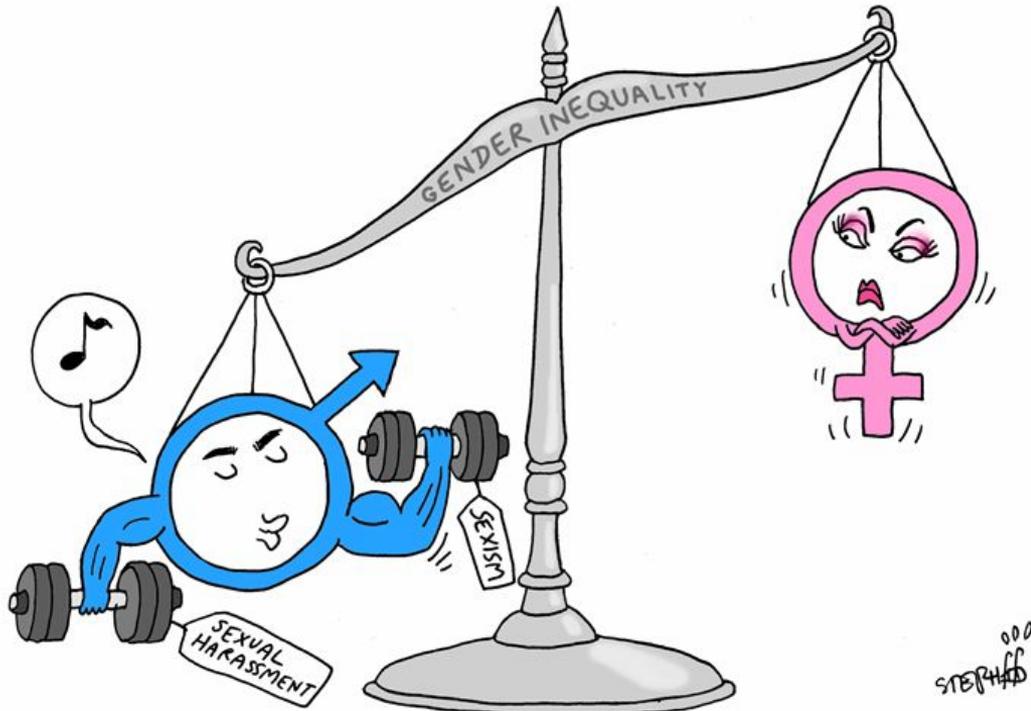
**CARICATURA POLITICA** - un dibujo (que a menudo incluye una caricatura) hecho con el propósito de transmitir un comentario editorial sobre política, políticos y eventos actuales.



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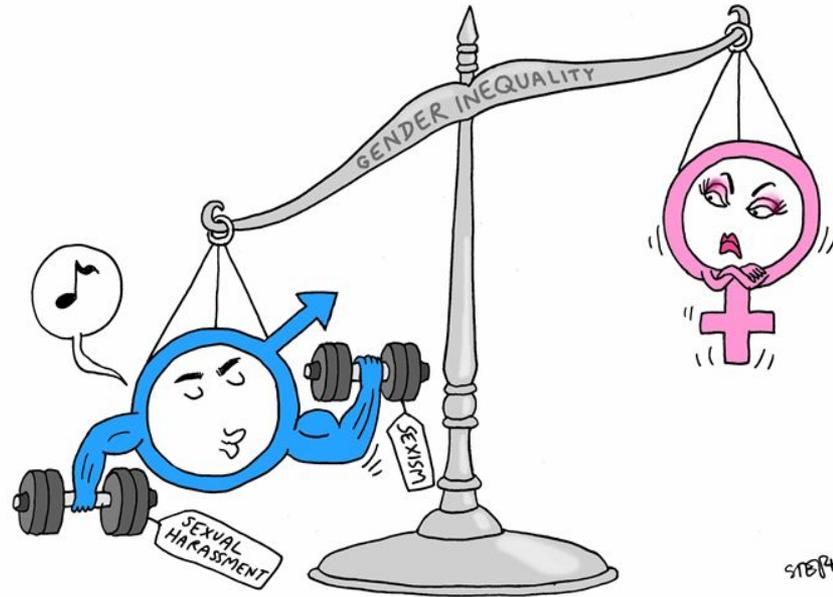
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TITLE: Gender Inequality  
ARTIST: Stephane Peray

1. TOPIC:
2. How do I know?(describe visual cues)
3. What is it trying to say?
4. How do I know?(describe visual cues)
5. How does the artist use Line, Composition, Weight to get point across?



# Choosing your Social Justice Topic

## Let's Recap: What is Social Justice?

**SOCIAL JUSTICE** - fair treatment of all people in a society, including respect for the rights of minorities and equitable distribution of resources among members of a community.

**JUSTICIA SOCIAL** - trato justo a todas las personas de una sociedad, incluido el respeto de los derechos de las minorías y la distribución equitativa de los recursos entre los miembros de una comunidad.

## What is Activism?

**ACTIVISM** - vigorous action or involvement as a way to achieve political or other goals, sometimes by demonstrations or protests.

**ACTIVISMO** - Acción o participación enérgica como una forma de lograr objetivos políticos o de otro tipo, a veces mediante manifestaciones o protestas.



# What is your Social Justice Topic?



# WORD Wall: Social Justice Topics

1. Go to [PollEv.com/jessicaanton259](https://PollEv.com/jessicaanton259)
2. Type some Social Justice Topics for our Brainstorm.
3. TIP: keep it one word  
ex: HumanRights



# CULMINATING PERFORMANCE TASK:

## 3 Thumbnail Sketches + Paragraph

**Draw in pencil 3 Brainstormed concepts and compositions that clearly illustrates the social justice issue chosen in one panel composition. In your sketchbook or on a separate piece of white paper.**

**Step 1:** choosing your social justice topic you would support or protest

**Step 2:** write and explanation of why the social justice issue is important to you in 3-5 sentences.

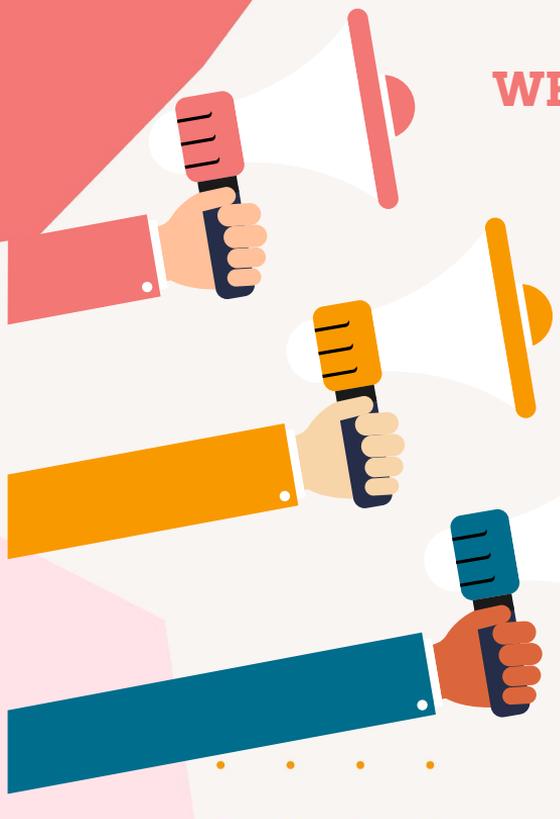
**Step 3:** In your sketchbook or blank paper using your ruler and pencil, draw 3 -2" x 2" squares

**Step 4:** Depict your social justice issue in one panel, in 3 different brainstorms using pencil. Think about how line, value, weight can create emphasis. You can use minimal words as talking bubbles to set the context. You can also use symbols. Think about what emotions you feel or want your audience to feel. Think about what is your main message. Look up examples for inspiration.

**Step 5: Submit your finished assignment by downloading this document and uploading it to Canvas or simply copy your paragraph into the Canvas discussion & Add your image!**

# 3-2-1 Closing Activity

## In your sketchbooks



### WRITE 3 THINGS YOU LEARNED TODAY

I learned about...[3 things]

### WRITE 2 THINGS YOU FOUND INTERESTING AND WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT

I found...[2 things] interesting and want to learn more about...

### WRITE 1 QUESTION YOU STILL HAVE

I still have a question about...

**HOMEWORK:** Under the Key words of the day add your own sentence using the key words (per each key word)  
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