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Go to [Daryl Cagle's Professional Cartoonists Index!](#) and choose a cartoon about a topic related to the election. Download the cartoon and option-drag and drop it on this page.



Use the questions below to analyze the cartoon you have chosen. (These questions

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are adapted from the Cartoon Analysis Worksheet from the National Archives.)



<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/worksheets/cartoon.html>

Answer these questions about the cartoon:

List the objects or people you see in the cartoon.

President Obama

Ghost

White House Bedroom

President Seal

Which of the objects in your list are symbols?

The Ghost

The Seal

What do you think each symbol means?

The Ghost is symbolizing unemployment and how its still here.

The Seal symbolizes the president

Are there words in this cartoon? (Some cartoons do not have words.) If there are words, answer these questions.

Type the caption and/or title here:

"...Still here..."

"Unemployment"

"Seal of the President of the United States"

Write any words here that the cartoonist uses to identify objects or people in the cartoon.

He uses the "Seal of the President of the United States" to identify the seal and to show that the person in the bed is the president.

He uses the word unemployment to say that the ghost is symbolizing unemployment.

"...Still here..." means that unemployment is still here.

Record any important dates or numbers that appear in the cartoon.

Cartoon Analysis

Which words or phrases in the cartoon appear to be the most significant? Why do you think so?

"Unemployment" and "...Still here..."

Describe the action taking place in the cartoon.

The unemployment ghost is scaring the president by saying it's still here.

Explain how the words in the cartoon clarify the symbols.

You wouldn't understand what the ghost was symbolizing if unemployment wasn't written on it. You also might not get who the person in the bed is.

What special interest groups would agree/disagree with the cartoon's message? Why?

People who support Romney would probably like/agree with this cartoon. People who support Obama probably wouldn't like it.