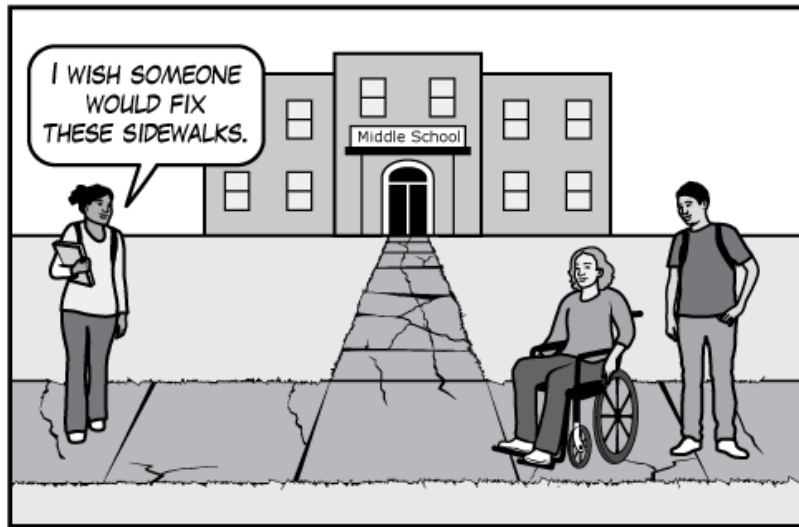


Handout 1: Interpreting a Political Cartoon

How does a free press support a democratic government?

Directions: The following political cartoon was published in a local newspaper and provides a point of view on a public policy issue in a town. Examine the cartoon and then complete the questions below. Each student should complete their own handout.



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1. Describe the point of view of the cartoonist on this public policy issue. Use evidence from the cartoon to explain your reasoning.

2. The Massachusetts Constitution and the U.S. Constitution both protect freedom of the press, including the political cartoon shown.

Describe what could happen to political cartoons if freedom of the press was not protected under the law.