

Common Symbolism Used in Political Cartoons

- Death – vulture, skeleton with shroud, skull and crossbones, grim reaper.
- Donkey- Democratic party, can also symbolize unintelligence, not as majestic as a horse.
- Elephant – Republicans.
- Jester- mockery
- Love – heart, Cupid
- Money – dollar bill or dollar sign.
- Peace – dove, olive branch, victory sign, scales of justice.
- Pigs- dirty, unintelligent.
- Rail- working man, common people.
- Rats – dirty, filth
- Snakes – Sneaky, constricting.
- Tree- life, growth.
- United States – Uncle Sam, Flag, Stars and Stripes, Shield, Columbia (woman).

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