# Cartoons for the Classroom

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## Rating Congress and cockroaches



· According to a study by PUBLIC POLICY POLLING

By Gary Varvel, The Indianapolis Star / Courtesy of AAEC

#### Talking points

- 1. It's been a decade since a majority of Americans thought Congress was doing a good job. How do these cartoons portray Congress?
- 2. Congress started a 5-week recess with its approval at an all-time low. But, what do people think of their own representatives in Congress?
- 3. What is "gerrymandering" and its impact on Congress?
- 4. How much does it cost to win election to Congress?
- 5. Where does most of that money come from?

#### Between the lines

"The problem with Congress isn't what they do on recess, it's what they don't do when they're in session." - Ezra Klein, columnist.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/won kblog/wp/2013/07/29/in-defense-of-congre sss-summer-vacation/

#### Additional resources

More by Gary Varvel

http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/bro wse.cfm/VarveG

More by Dave Granlund

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