

2020

CURRENT EVENTS



First... The Basics



The **Head of State** in Canada is...



I'm ready, mum!

**THE QUEEN OF CANADA,
QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

If the Queen is not around, the **Head of State** in Canada is...



- Engineer
- Astronaut – two space missions
- NASA Mission Controller
- Head of the National Bank of Canada
- Flies fighter jets
- Speaks six languages
- Plays piano with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra
- Sings in the Tafelmusik Chamber Choir

**THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA,
JULIE PAYETTE**

The **Head of Government** in Canada is...



**THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA,
JUSTIN TRUDEAU**

Leader of the Conservative Party
(and Leader of the Opposition)



ANDREW SCHEER

PETER MACKAY

**(MOST LIKELY TO
REPLACE HIM)**



Leader of
The NDP



JAGMEET SINGH

Leader of
The Green Party



ELIZABETH MAY

Premier of Alberta



JASON KENNEY

Mayor of Lethbridge



CHRIS SPEARMAN

MLAs of Lethbridge



SHANNON PHILIPS (W)
NATHAN NEUDORF(E)

MP of Lethbridge



**RACHEL
HARDER**



World Leaders

Secretary General of the UN

President of the US



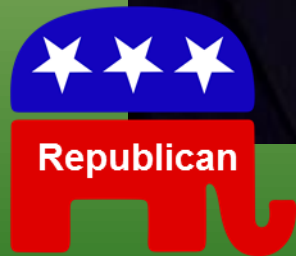
**ANTONIO
GUTERRES**

BARACK OBAMA



**DONALD
TRUMP**

Vice President



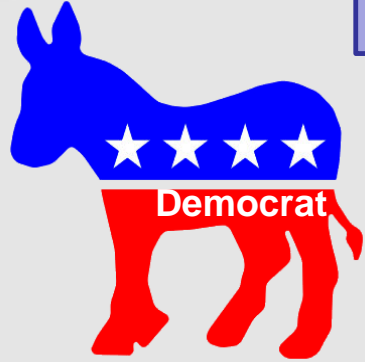
MIKE PENCE

Secretary of State

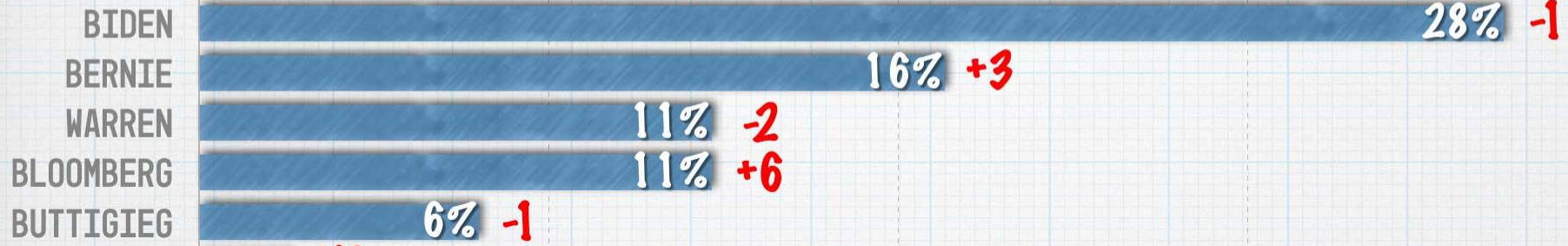


MIKE POMPEO

Who Will Run Against Trump in 2020?



WHO IS YOUR PREFERENCE TO BECOME THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE
IN THE 2020 ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT?



2020 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES POLLING DATA

RCP AVERAGE, TOP 5

FMR. VP JOE
BIDEN



31.9%

SEN. BERNIE
SANDERS



15%

SEN. ELIZABETH
WARREN



11.9%

MAYOR PETE
BUTTIGIEG



7.1%

mike
BLOOMBERG



Democrats: Indecision, 2020...

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HORSEY



BIDEN'S TOO OLD.

BUTTIGIEG IS TOO YOUNG.

WARREN'S
TOO FAR
LEFT.

SANDERS
IS TOO
OLD AND
TOO FAR
LEFT.

BLOOMBERG
IS TOO RICH.

SERIOUSLY,
DON'T WE ALL
JUST WANT
OBAMA AGAIN?

PM of the United Kingdom



THERESA MAY



BORIS JOHNSON



President of France



EMMANUEL MACRON

Chancellor of Germany



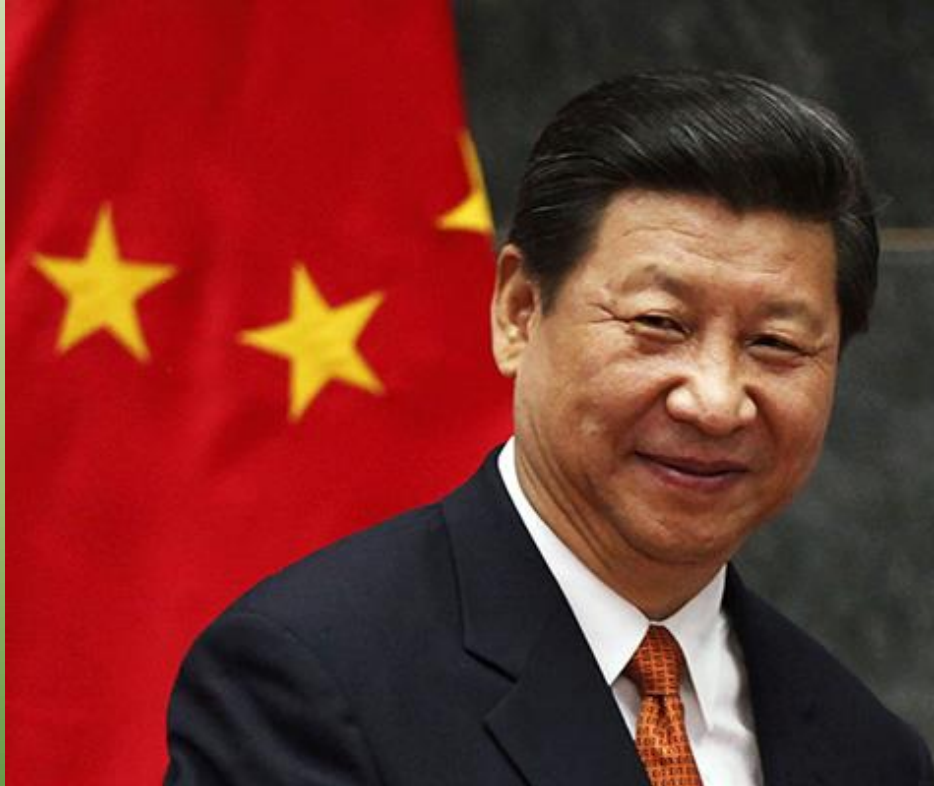
ANGELA MERKEL

President of Russia



VLADIMIR PUTIN

President of China



XI JINPING

Prime Minister of Japan



SHINZO ABE

Supreme Leader of
North Korea



KIM JONG-UN

Dictator of Syria



**BASHAR AL-
ASSAD**

Now...



What are the biggest news stories of the last year?

Leading up to 2020:

2011: The War in Afghanistan Ends / Iraqi War Ends / Arab Spring begins

2012: Civil War in Syria

2013: Collapse of a clothing factory in Bangladesh 1130 dead / Chemical warfare in Syria / Sandy Hook Shooting / Gun Control Debate in the US

Arab Spring



ANALOGY: of the “domino effect” to describe how one dictator’s collapse will cause others around him to collapse



2014 - 2015 Current Events:

2014: Ebola Outbreak / ISIS Spreads Across Iraq and Syria/

2015: Oil and Gas Prices Drop / Alberta's Economy Slows / Trudeau becomes PM / COP21 – Paris Climate Change Agreement Passes / Paris Terrorism Attacks

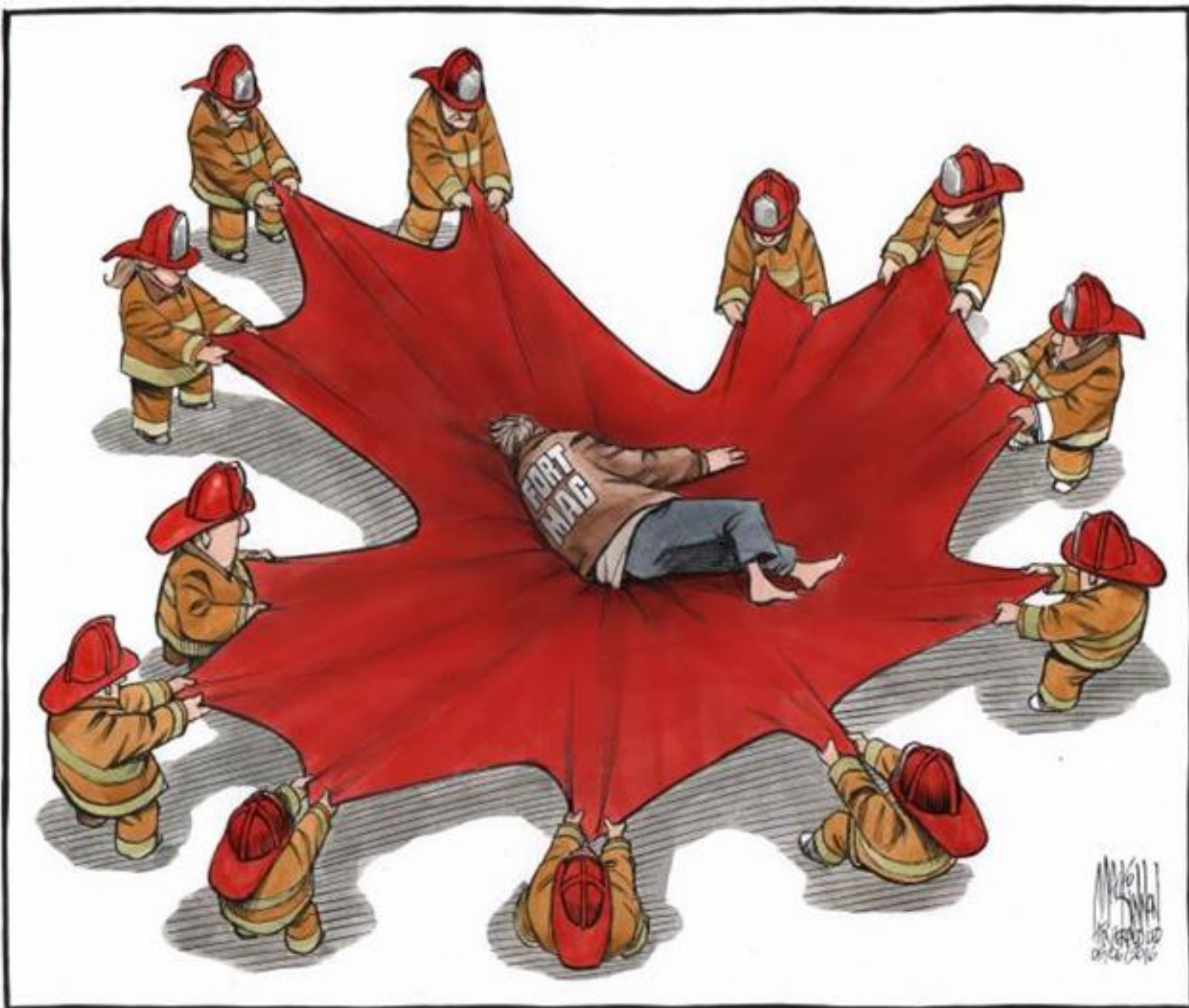
ISIS





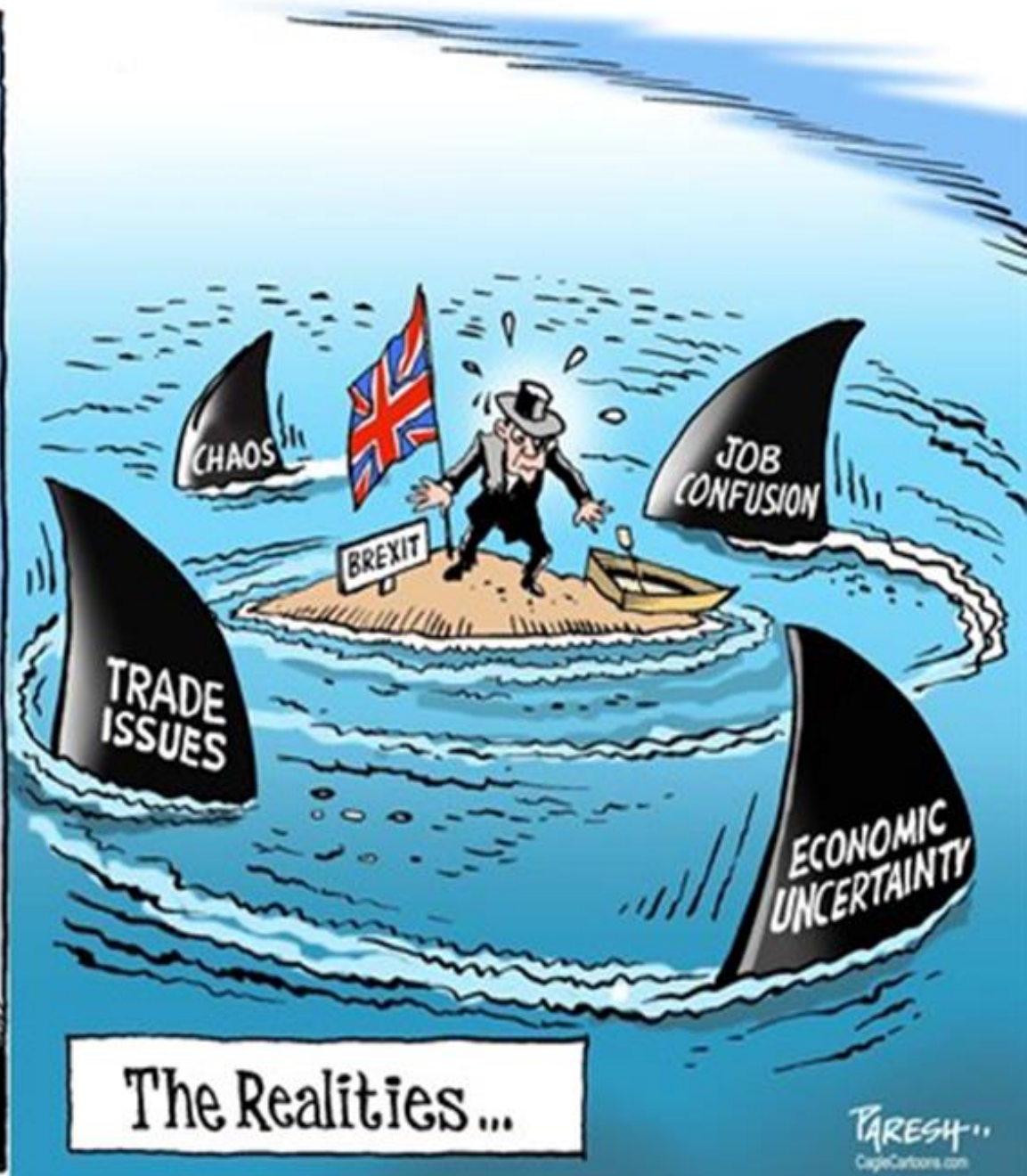
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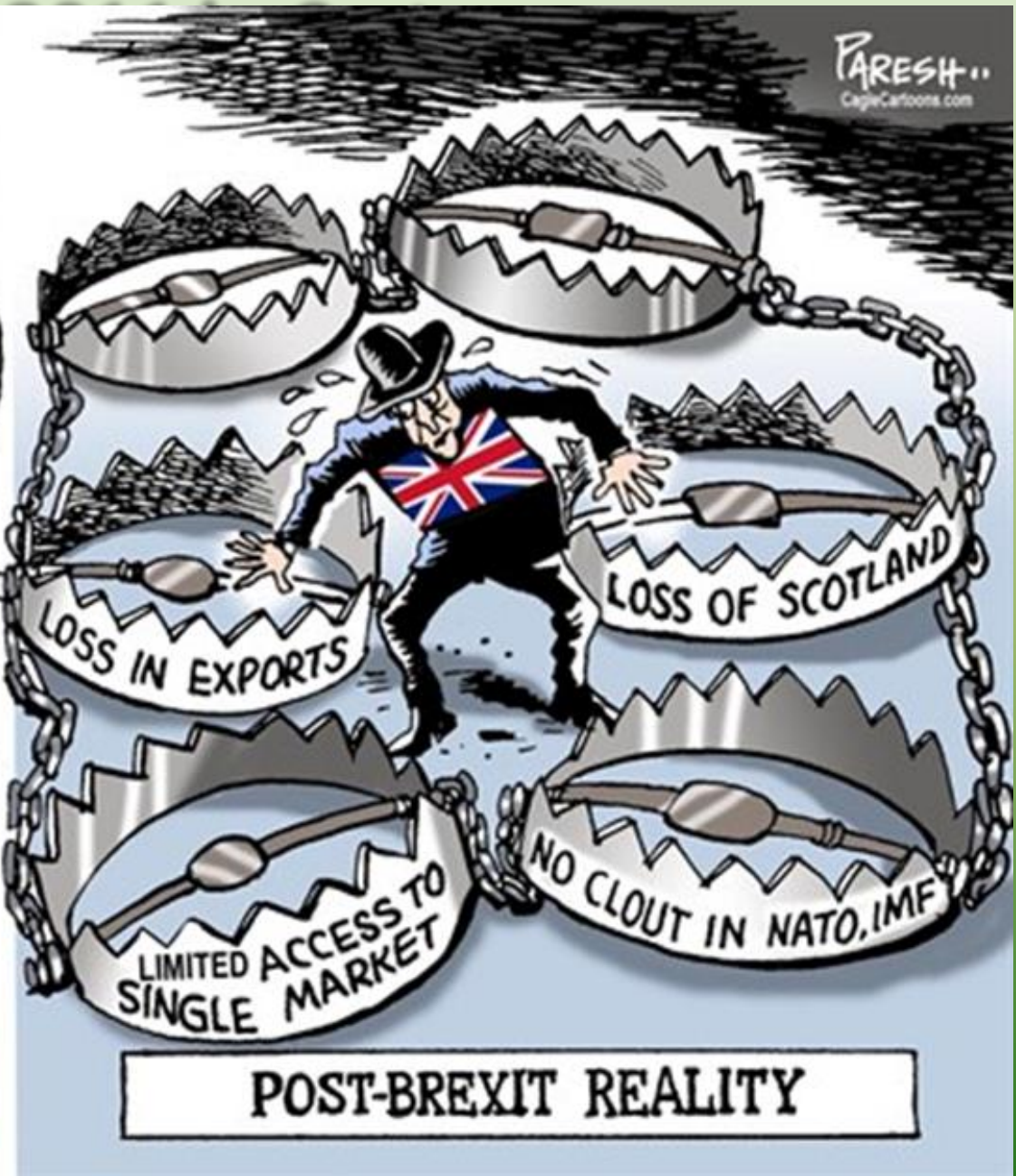
- **Canada accepts 25 000 Syrian refugees**
- **Syrian civil war continues. Russia helps Assad**
- **UK votes to separate from the EU (Brexit vote)**
- **Trumps wins the US election**
- **ISIS attacks around the world**
- **Fort McMurray Fire**





Playing off of the **idiom**:
“stuck between a rock and a hard place”

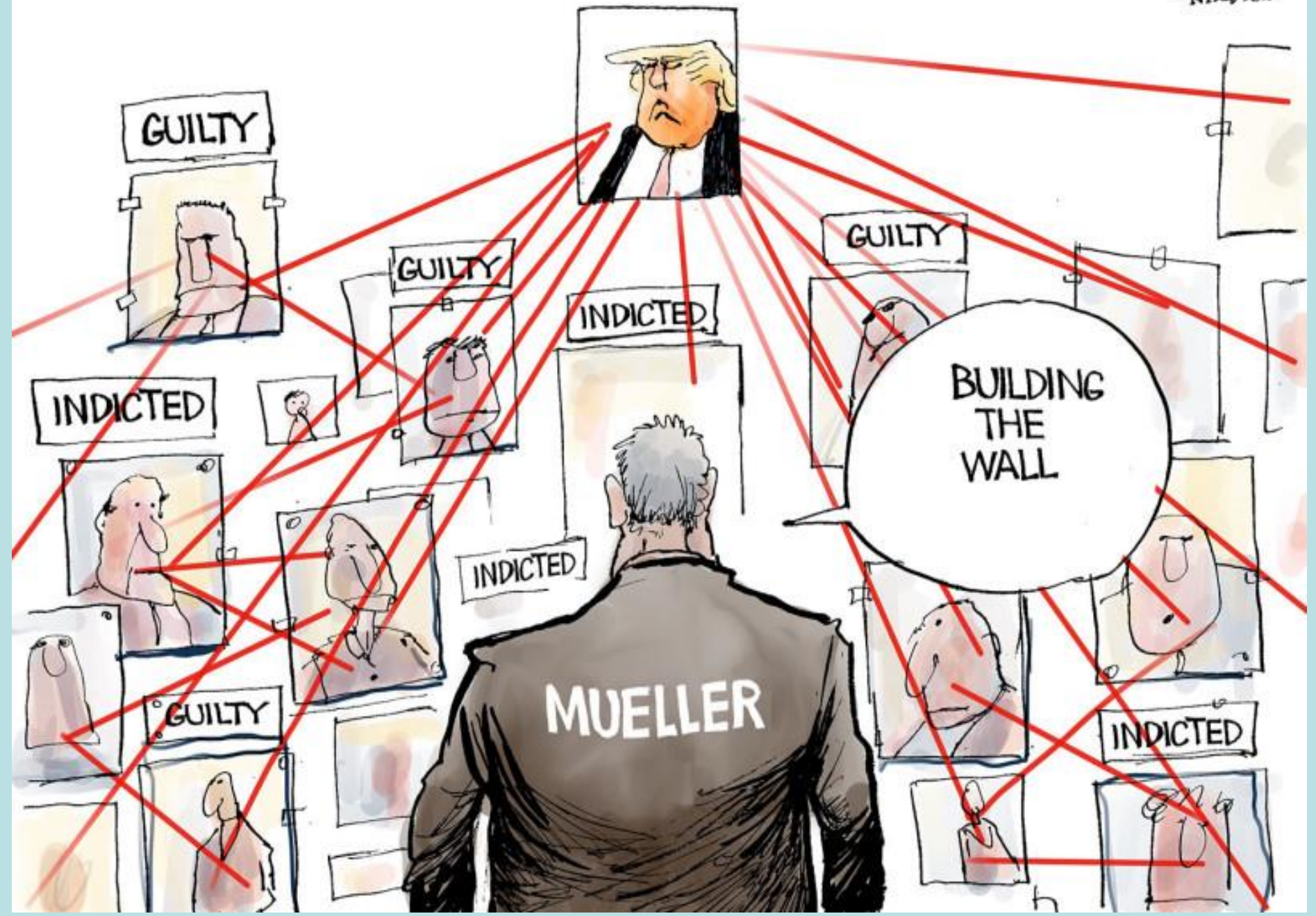




2017 Current Events:

- Increased tensions between the US and North Korea
- Racial tension erupts in the US over Confederate statues and flags. In Charlottesville, Virginia, violence breaks out between white supremacists and counter protesters/Antifa.
- The FBI begins investigation of the Trump/Russia scandal
- #metoo
- Canada 150





GUILTY



GUILTY

GUILTY

INDICTED

INDICTED

BUILDING THE WALL

INDICTED

GUILTY

INDICTED

MUELLER

ROGER

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McMEEL SYND.

THIS IS TRAGIC...
IT SHOULD BE HILLARY
IN THERE!



2018 Current Events:

- **Tension continues to increase over the FBI's (Mueller)**
- **N. and S. Korea peace talks, Trump meets Kim Jong Un**
- **The Humboldt Bronco's bus crash**
- **March For our Lives – demands for new US gun laws**
- **Canada legalizes marijuana**
- **Trump's Trade Wars with the EU, Canada, & China**
- **Canada arrests the CFO of Huawei and upsets China**

MACKAY
HAWKING SYDNEY



RESPECT FOR THE LAW IS ESSENTIAL TO ANY SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSH-

... OK THEN ..



DOLIGHAN
@dolighan



...SO, HOW'S
THAT TRADE
DIVERSIFICATION
THINGY WORKIN'
FOR YA?

DOLIGHAN
@dolighan



The Biggest Headlines in 2019

- **Theresa May steps down: Boris Johnson's in**
- **Hong Kong: on-going protests against China**
- **Ongoing Trade Wars**
- **The Amazon wildfires**
- **Notre Dame Cathedral burns**
- **The Raptors win the NBA championship**
- **Leader of ISIS, al-Baghdadi, is killed**
- **Trump's Impeachment**
- **Trudeau: SNC Lavalin and black-face scandals**
- **Canadian Election: Trudeau wins a minority gov't, Conservatives get more votes**

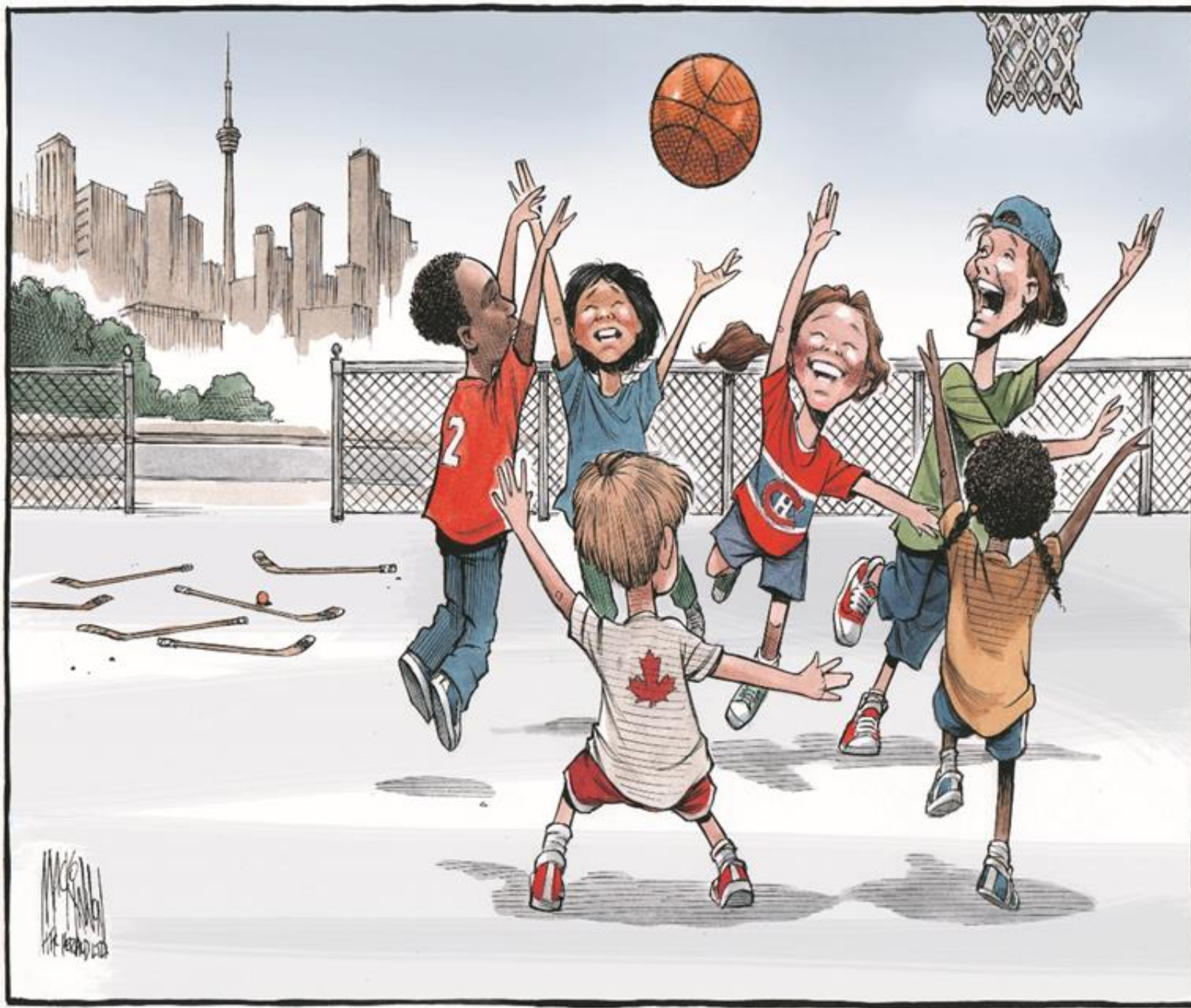
WILL MY MISHANDLING
OF SNC-LAVALIN BE MY
POLITICAL UNDOING?!



PERSPECTIVE
IS EVERYTHING,
KID. FORE!

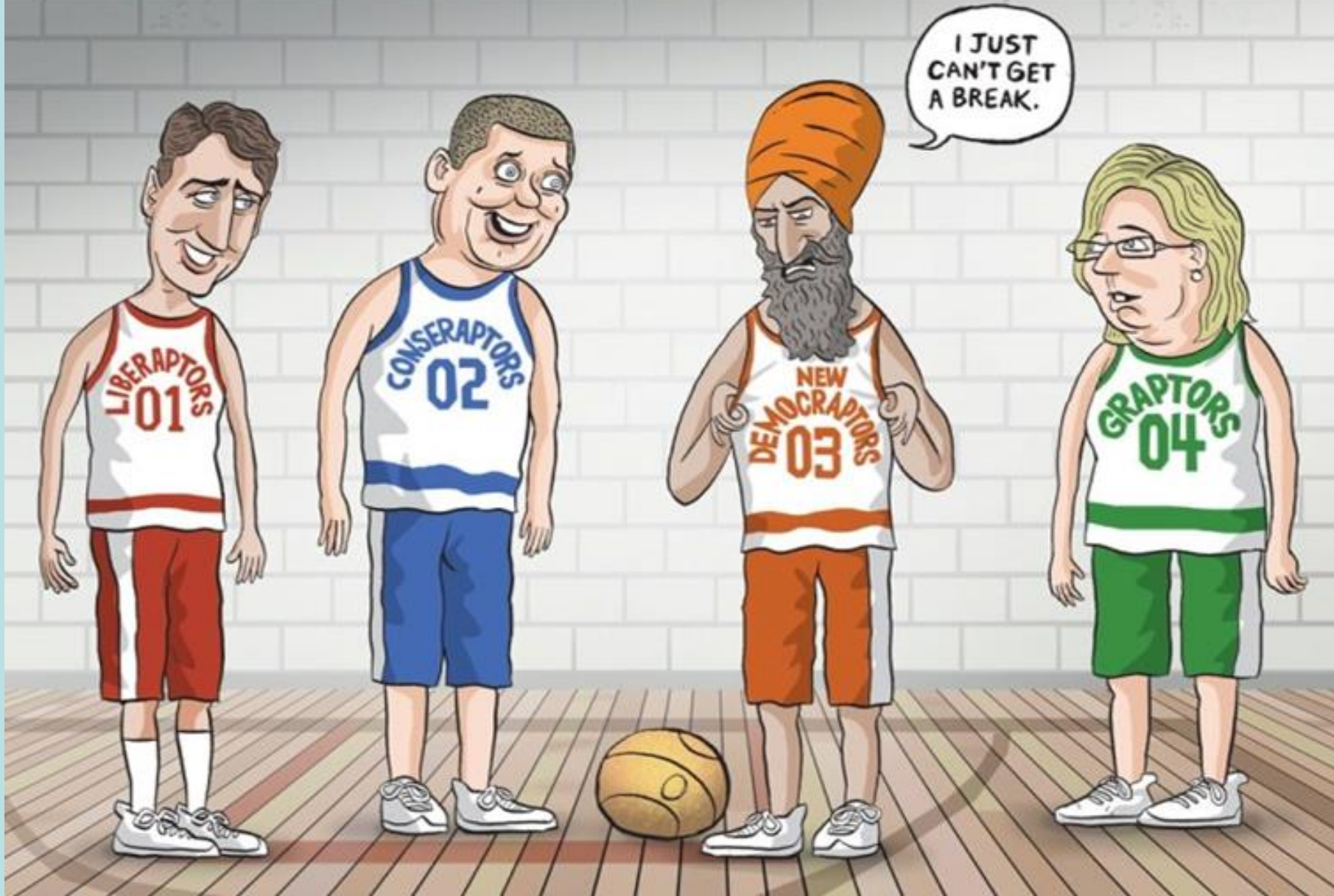


CRABBS
2019

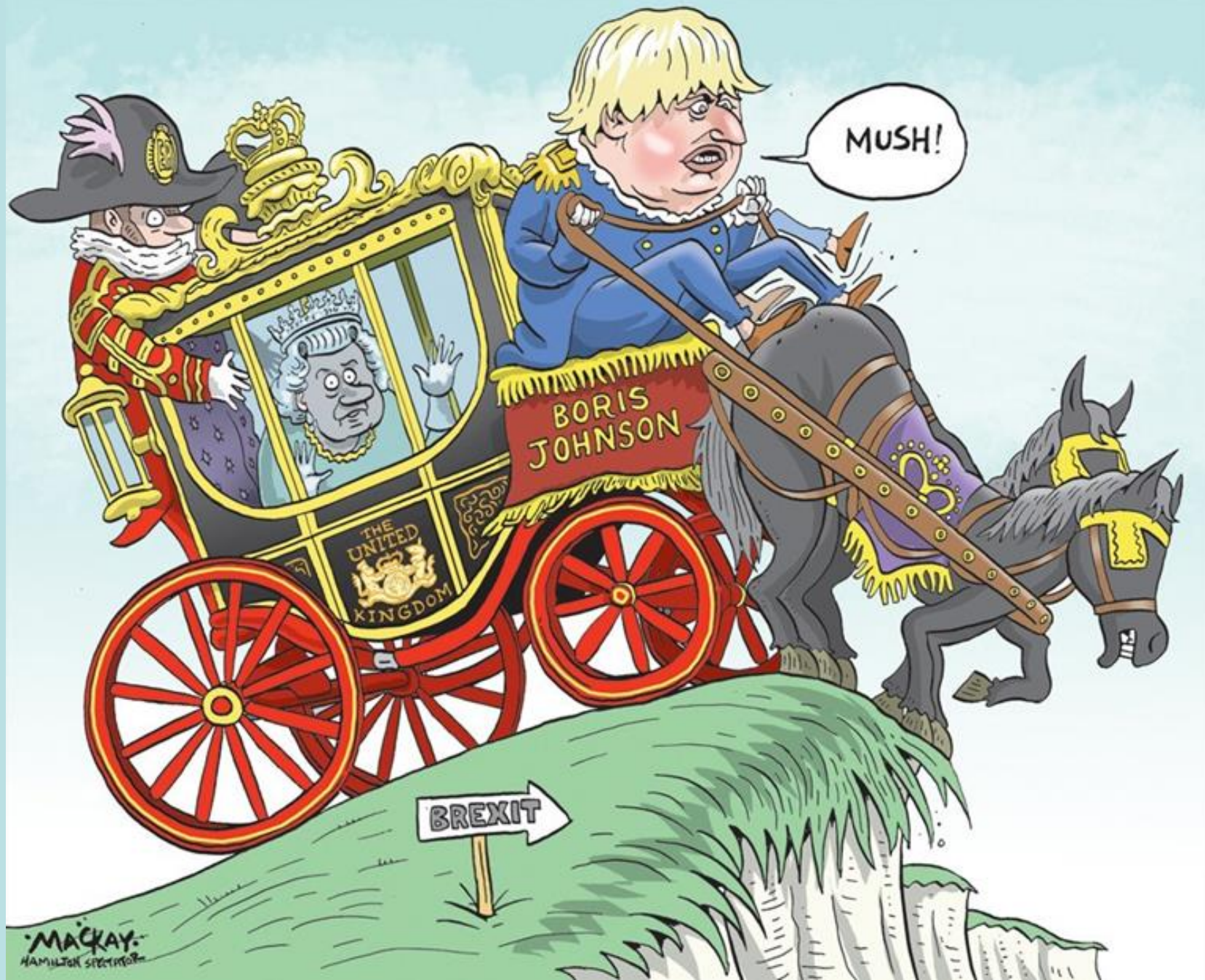


PANDERING FAILS

MACKEY
HAMILTON STREET







Mr. POLICY
POTATO HEAD

OVERLY
SIMPLISTIC
SOLUTION
TO COMPLEX
PROBLEM



U.S.
VERSION



BRITISH
EDITION



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NEWSDAY
JAMES KILPATRICK
SHOOTING

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AREA
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OH,
THAT KIND
OF
ALIEN.

STORM
AREA
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The Biggest Headlines in 2020

- **Andrew Scheer steps down**
- **Coronavirus Outbreak**
- **Trump has Iranian military leader killer**
- **Ukrainian airliner is shot down in Iran**
- **Australian wildfires**
- **Greta Thunberg named Person of the Year**
- **Prince Harry abdicates and moves to Canada**
- **The UK officially leaves the EU**
- **Kobe Bryant dies**



Assessing Cartoons



First - Assess the **CONTENT**
(Using the “**STICS Method**”):

- **S – Symbolism:** Look for people, objects, or symbols you should recognize. Has the cartoonist used any **analogies**? An analogy is a comparison between two unlike things that share some characteristics. Have any **idioms** been used (common saying that have meaning beyond face value), examples: “chip on your shoulder”, or “jump the gun”.
- **T – Text:** Read everything! Labelled items become metaphors.
- **I – Irony:** Popular tool of the political cartoon. Does this cartoon express an opposite message to the literal message presented?
- **C – Colour:** Is colour used? Are the colours representative of anything?
- **S – Size:** Is anything over/under sized? If so, why?
- **Assess the MEANING:**
 - **What is the point / message of this cartoon?**