Political Cartoon Extra Credit

Find a political cartoon that has a connection to your essay’s topic. Once you find the cartoon, write a paragraph explaining its argument/message and how it connects to your thesis. Follow the steps below to write an effective paragraph:

1. For the first sentences, state the artist’s name and where this cartoon was published (do not say the Internet. Find the specific site).
2. In1-2 sentences, explain the cartoon’s argument/message. Be thorough but concise.
3. In 2-3 sentences, explain the connection this argument/message has to do with your topic and explain how it supports your thesis statement.

Want more of a challenge? Find a cartoon that opposes your thesis statement and write a paragraph similar to an antithesis and negate the cartoon’s message.

Example:

Thesis Statement: Despite the many advantages nuclear power brings to citizens of the United States, all domestic nuclear power plants should be closed immediately because they are extremely dangerous, and unforeseen circumstances, as seen recently in Japan, could lead to devastating and catastrophic effects within the states.



Political cartoonist Clay Bennett had his recent cartoon on nuclear power published in The Chattanooga Times Free Press. Bennett makes a satirical joke, saying the only realistic strategy to use when an emergency happens at a nuclear power plant is to run. Within my essay, I explained the horrific effects of what could possibly happen if a nuclear melt down occurs within the U.S., specifically any of the three nuclear power plants in northern Illinois. As seen in Japan, chaos ensued after the earthquake destroyed a nuclear power plant, and the public was exposed to its dangerous radiation. Any unforeseen disaster could have the same effect on residents in the U.S. who live near a nuclear power plant. We should see what happened in Japan, as well as this cartoon, as a warning to take action and close our domestic power plants immediately.