

Since the beginning of human history, people have addressed the problems that have plagued them whether they were economic, social injustices, or anything in between, using creative means which have reached the public in a way that could not be matched by a dull, dry, formal document written by a politician. These outlets are vital to the progress of human societies and civilization as we know it, for a world that is not everchanging, is ever depleting. People of the world would help bring focus on the problems that we face from social issues to political ones, through creative mediums including, but not limited to visual arts, music, writing, etc...two of which being political cartoons and anti-war songs.

Political cartoons have always held a place in American history as one of the oldest ways to use one's freedom of expression and speech in order to address issues and topics relevant to the time period. There have been many cartoons that addressed trade, the conquering of lands that were already occupied, economic troubles and so on. An example of this would be a political cartoon that depicted a group of native people of a land, that was originally theirs, being taken over by white men from America when they had run out of room in the U.S. The natives were in the middle of the picture where on one side there was a white woman presented as a teacher while on the other side, a white man stood with a shotgun aimed at the natives. That cartoon had expressed the serious situation that many people were facing with having their land taken away and being forced to either comply and not only give up their land, but their culture with being taught English along with christianity against their will, or be killed if they show any resistance. If cartoons like these didn't exist, not nearly as many people would be aware of the tragic situation that many outside of the U.S. faced.

A more recent example of focus being brought to a serious and important matter would be the song "Can One Man Save the World?" by John McCutcheon, released in February of 2022. This song was dedicated to the currently ongoing war in Ukraine from Russia caused by Vladimir Putin and the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy. This was to bring awareness to how dire the situation in Ukraine is and how we should be doing everything in our power to support Ukraine in these trying times as their President is trying his best to save his people from anymore war and ruin.

In conclusion, people of the world would help bring focus on the problems that we face from social issues to political ones, through creative mediums including, but not limited to visual arts, music, writing, etc...two of which being political cartoons and anti-war songs. All of this is very important.

