CHAPTER



Throughout American history, the complex relationship between the President and Congress has provided cartoonists with one of their most enduring and interesting topics. Below are two cartoons that explore this relationship. The first cartoon dates from 1915, when Woodrow Wilson was President; the second cartoon dates from 1993, when Bill Clinton was President. Study the cartoons below and answer the questions that follow.





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Interpreting Political Cartoons

- **1.** What symbols are used in the two cartoons to describe the interaction between the President and Congress?
- **2.** How do both cartoons express the idea that the President and Congress must trust one another?
- 3. How does the cartoon at the right reflect the principle of checks and balances?
- **4. Recognizing Ideologies** An old saying goes, "It takes two to tango." Explain that saying in the context of the first cartoon and the United States Constitution.