Symbols used in Political Cartoons

Countries

- Uncle Sam – USA
- Bald eagle – USA
- Bear – Russia
- Bulldog – Britain
- Harp – Ireland
- Marianne – France

Politics

- Swastika – in ancient times a symbol of good luck
- Swastika – in modern times a symbol of Nazism
- Hammer and sickle – Communism
- Fasces – in ancient Rome a symbol of political power
- Fasces – in modern times a symbol of fascism in Italy
- Phrygian cap or liberty cap – freedom
- Election box – democracy
- Scales – justice
- Wall – division/separation
- Puppet – being controlled
- Liberty bell – freedom
- Chains – slavery, entrapment

Colours

- White – peace
- Red – love, passion, danger
- Blue – calm
- Yellow – happiness
- Purple – wealth, royalty
- Green – new beginnings, nature
- Black – death, mystery
- Grey – uncertainty

Animals and nature

- Dove – peace
- Pigs – dirty
- Rats – disease, infection
- Olive branch – peace, forgiveness
- Laurel wreath – victory
- Phoenix – something new and powerful emerging from destruction
- Serpent – deceitful
- Vulture – death, preying on others
- Fog – confusion
- Sun – hope, beginning
- Tree – life, growth
- Storm – trouble brewing
- Island – isolation

Miscellaneous

- Skull and bones – death
- Grim reaper - death
- Heart – love
- Hourglass – time
- Crown – royalty
- Dollar sign – money
- Shields – protection
- Swords – strength