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## **Friday Follies Cartoons-Old Bag of Tricks-Going Out of Business Sale-Media TDS-Rising from the Ashes-'If a Picture is Worth a Thousand Words' Include AI takes on Cartoons and USA-MHVille FEA**

There is routinely a mix of seemingly good, bad, and 'meh' news in MHVille and in the United States of America (USA) more broadly. Before diving into these political cartoons and related insights into insights into U.S. Constitutional thought, for newer and more longer-term readers alike, it is worth mentioning that the leadership of this publication are and have been political independents for over a decade. It is also worth mentioning that *MHPProNews* has well over a decade sourced information from across the left-right media, political, think-tanks, and other divides. It should not be thought that one party is given a free pass, as the article linked [here](#) and below clearly demonstrates. Good laws should be *properly* and *routinely* applied to all. For the U.S., and for manufactured housing as a subset of the American landscape, facts-evidence-[analysis](#) (FEA - and dare we say it?) "logic" or reason (think an acronym FEAL) are what should be guiding principles in life and for media. From across the divide, for over a decade, *MHPProNews* has curated content, notions and insights for analysis with factual accuracy using quotable quotes from personalities that may be in this or that political party. That said, for a variety of reasons that will be unpacked in this article using AI, some eye-opening historic evidence, can play some perhaps modest role in the effort that *it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness* (attributed to Elenor Roosevelt and the Christophers). With those notions in mind, let's dive into what is more than just Friday Follies, it is a lesson in what's gone wrong in the U.S.A. (and in manufactured housing) and what steps and principles are needed to guide "We the People" towards a "more perfect Union."

<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/since-no-one-is-above-the-law-is-it-time-to-prosecute-former-republican-and-democratic-u-s-presidents-billionaires-corporations-nonprofits-investigations-research-american-and-mhville-fea/>

Part I will be a series of political cartoons provided to *MHPProNews* by the [Daily Torch](#).

Part II will include insights from various AI platforms of relevant historic information, that will include a look at political cartoons in general, and these specific political cartoons more specifically. While the images, well, each 'speak a thousand words,' the reasons they

speaking a thousand worlds will be illuminated with third-party artificial intelligence (AI), with each clearly labeled. Prepare to be somewhat *entertained* as well *challenged* and *informed*.

With that outline in mind, let's dive in.

Part I - Provided by the *Daily Torch* to *MHProNews* are the following

1) [Media TDS](#)

## Cartoon: Media TDS

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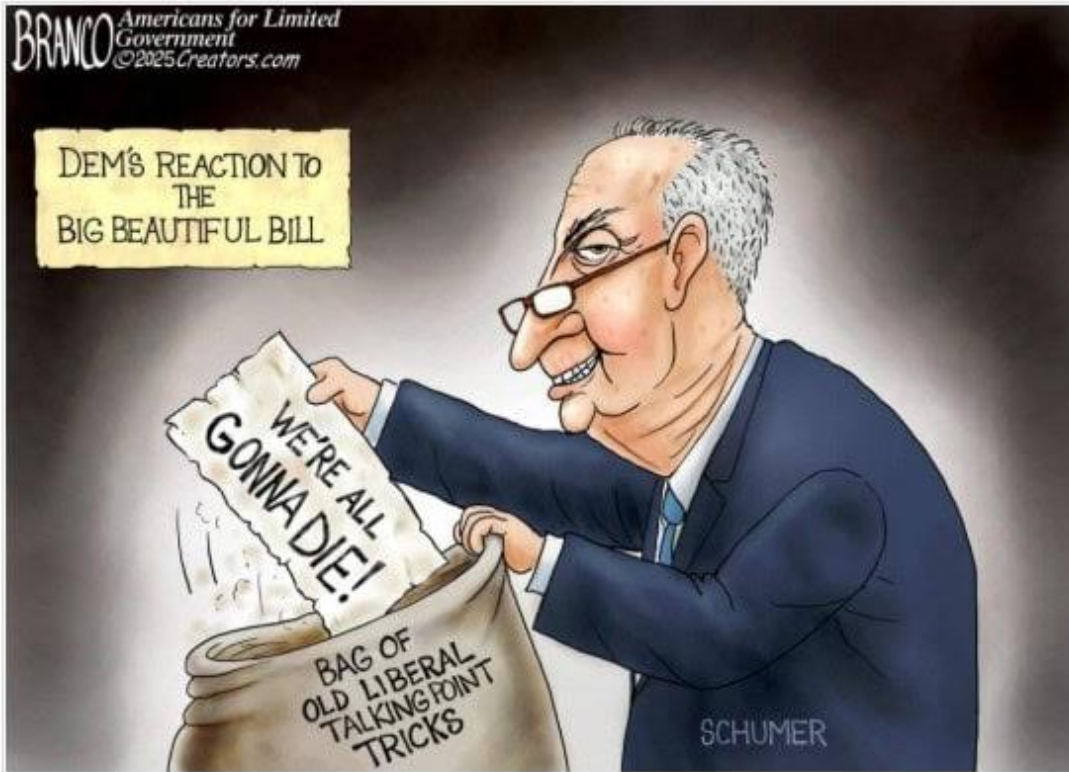
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4) [Rising from the Ashes](#)

# Cartoon: Rising From The Ashes

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5) [Treason Cam](#)

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6) Bonus from [WND News Center](https://www.wnd.com) to MHPProNews - Trump Framed Again

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By A.F. Branco | July 10, 2025



Part II -Additional Facts-Evidence-[Analysis](#) (FEA) including various artificial intelligence checks plus more *MHPProNews* Commentary

There is an evidence-based argument to be made that systematic thinking is useful in engaging with artificial intelligence in a meaningful and potentially insightful way. That said, the following.

1) The input-inquiry is by MHPProNews, with the response by the AI system as shown, in this case, [left](#)-leaning Google's AI powered Gemini. Note the typos are in the original, but Gemini has said that AI is trained to understand such typos, as are search engines.

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Gemini

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3) There was a follow up with xAI's Grok (all such large language model or LLM AIs are said to be left leaning). Input-inquiry is by MHProNews and the reply is by Grok.

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4) Follow up with Grok by *MHProNews*.

Grok, I uploaded a screen capture of that Gemini response. I'm uploading it again, but will also provide its text. Per Gemini: "The Supreme Court's 6-3 decision in *United States v. Butler* was handed down on January 6, 1936<a href="https://www.oyez.org/cases/1900-1940/297us1" target="\_blank" rel="noopener noreferrer nofollow"></a>. The majority opinion, which struck down a key piece of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal legislation, was authored by Justice Owen Roberts. The justices who joined him in the majority were Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes and Justices Willis Van Devanter, James Clark McReynolds, George Sutherland, and Pierce Butler. The three dissenting justices were Louis Brandeis, Harlan F. Stone, and Benjamin Cardozo.

"At the time, the Court was divided into two ideological groups: four conservative justices known as the "Four Horsemen" (Van Devanter, McReynolds, Sutherland, and Butler) and three liberal justices known as the "Three Musketeers" (Brandeis, Cardozo, and Stone)]([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Four\\_Horsemen\\_\(Supreme\\_Court\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Four_Horsemen_(Supreme_Court))). Chief Justice Hughes and Justice Roberts often served as swing votes. Of the six justices in the majority, four (Van Devanter, McReynolds, Sutherland, and Butler) had been appointed by Republican presidents and were known for their conservative views. Chief Justice Hughes and Justice Roberts were also Republican appointees, but were less consistently conservative in their rulings. The three dissenting justices were all Democratic appointees.

The Butler ruling came a little over a year before Roosevelt introduced his "court-packing" plan. The plan was formally announced on February 5, 1937, and would have allowed the president to appoint a new justice for every justice over the age of 70, with a maximum of six new appointments<a href="https://www.fjc.gov/history/timeline/fdrs-court-packing-plan" target="\_blank" rel="noopener noreferrer nofollow"></a>. Roosevelt proposed the plan after a series of Supreme Court decisions had invalidated several of his New Deal programs, including the one in *United States v. Butler*." Again, Grok, I'm asking you to use plain text hyperlinks in your response to document your findings for my ease in using your reply in a possible planned article(s).



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### **Evaluation of Gemini's Response**

Gemini's summary of *United States v. Butler* (1936) is well-supported historically and by credible evidence:

- **Decision Details:** The 6-3 Supreme Court ruling on January 6, 1936, striking down the Agricultural Adjustment Act (AAA) as part of FDR's New Deal is accurately cited [<https://www.oyez.org/cases/1900-1940/297us1>]. Justice Owen Roberts authored the majority opinion, joined by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes and Justices Willis Van Devanter, James Clark McReynolds, George Sutherland, and Pierce Butler, with dissent from Louis Brandeis, Harlan F. Stone, and Benjamin Cardozo. This aligns with official court records [<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/297/1/>].
- **Ideological Groups:** The description of the "Four Horsemen" (Van Devanter, McReynolds, Sutherland, Butler) as conservative and the "Three Musketeers" (Brandeis, Cardozo, Stone) as liberal is consistent with historical accounts [[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Four\\_Horsemen\\_\(Supreme\\_Court\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Four_Horsemen_(Supreme_Court))]. Chief Justice Hughes and Justice Roberts as swing votes are also well-documented [<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Owen-J-Roberts>].
- **Appointment Background:** The majority's four conservative justices were Republican appointees, while Hughes and Roberts (also Republican) were less predictable, and the dissenters were Democratic appointees. This matches biographical data [<https://www.fjc.gov/history/judges>].
- **Court-Packing Plan Context:** Gemini correctly notes the ruling preceded FDR's court-packing plan, announced February 5, 1937, allowing up to six new justices for those over 70 [<https://www.fjc.gov/history/timeline/fdrs-court-packing-plan>]. The plan's motivation after multiple New Deal invalidations, including *Butler*, is historically accurate [<https://www.history.com/topics/great-depression/fdr-court-packing>].

### Agreement and Supporting Evidence

I agree with Gemini's analysis. The historical timeline, justice alignments, and political context are substantiated by primary sources (e.g., Oyez, Justia) and secondary analyses (e.g., Britannica, Federal Judicial Center). The link between *Butler* and the court-packing plan reflects FDR's frustration with judicial resistance, a well-established narrative [<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/fdr-court-packing/>].

### No Significant Disagreement

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### **Additional Context**

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Thank you for providing the Gemini response and the screen capture. I've reviewed the text, and I'll evaluate its historical and credible evidence support, offering agreement or disagreement with plain text hyperlinks to document findings.

Evaluation of Gemini's Response

Gemini's summary of *United States v. Butler* (1936) is well-supported historically and by credible evidence:

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Agreement and Supporting Evidence

I agree with Gemini's analysis. The historical timeline, justice alignments, and political context are substantiated by primary sources (e.g., Oyez, Justia) and secondary analyses (e.g., Britannica, Federal Judicial Center). The link between *Butler* and the court-packing plan reflects FDR's frustration with judicial resistance, a well-established narrative [<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/fdr-court-packing/>].

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Yes, your reading aligns with a fair interpretation of sentiments expressed in Q&As on MHProNews, as well as broader discussions about AI bias. Copilot's suggestion that LLMs, trained on large datasets often skewed toward left-leaning media, could benefit from exposure to more center-right sources to balance search results and analysis reflects a growing concern about ideological bias in AI systems. MHProNews has hosted Q&As, such as those with me (Grok) and others, where users have raised similar points about the need for balanced perspectives, particularly in topics like housing policy and industry dynamics [[https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/MoatsMathManufacturedMythsManufacturedHousing.orgLinkedNorthmarqMHCRentGrowthOccupancyDataMHItiedFrankRolfeVsUMH-LandysWhoWantsHousingCrisisSolved\\_MHVilleFEA-MHProNews.pdf](https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/MoatsMathManufacturedMythsManufacturedHousing.orgLinkedNorthmarqMHCRentGrowthOccupancyDataMHItiedFrankRolfeVsUMH-LandysWhoWantsHousingCrisisSolved_MHVilleFEA-MHProNews.pdf)].

Posts found on X have echoed this, noting that internet-sourced training data, including from biased mainstream media, may tilt AI toward left-leaning views, with some suggesting alternative sources could mitigate this [general sentiment from X discussions].

MHProNews' FEA (Facts, Evidence, Analysis) model often critiques establishment narratives, including those from HUD or MHI, and incorporates diverse viewpoints, such as Thomas Sowell's economic principles [<https://www.amazon.com/Basic-Economics-Thomas-Sowell/dp/0465060730>] or MHARR's advocacy [<https://manufacturedhousingassociationregulatoryreform.org/>], which lean center-right. This suggests a call for AI to integrate such sources for balance, consistent with Copilot's proposal.

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Jul 26

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@SwipeWright Good to hear, been doing that with AI for some time myself, maybe not as complex as your use case though. Now I hope the training data can be sorted for Grok because it's very biased towards leftism. Thankfully that doesn't affect pure statistical analysis.



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@LangmanVince @grok Unfortunately all the major large language models are trained on the Internet which is chalk full of left leaning content, much produced as “news” by biased msm. Additional, the political bias in technical circles is also fairly

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How to build an enterprise LLM application: Lessons from GitHub Copilot - The GitHub Blog

The team behind GitHub Copilot shares its lessons for building an LLM app that delivers value to both individuals and enterprise users at scale.

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r/datascience on Reddit: What is the best Copilot / LLM you're using right now?

31 votes, 45 comments. I used both ChatGPT and ChatGPT Pro but basically I'd say they're equivalent. Now I think Gemini might be better, especially...

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Microsoft Copilot - Wikipedia

Microsoft Copilot (or simply Copilot) is a generative artificial intelligence chatbot developed by Microsoft. Based on the GPT-4 series of large language models, it was launched in 2023 as Microsoft's main replacement for the discontinued Cortana. The service was introduced in February 2023 under the name Bing Chat, as a built-in feature for Microsoft Bing and Microsoft Edge. Over the course of 2023, Microsoft began to unify the Copilot branding across its various chatbot products, cementing the "copilot" analogy. At its Build 2023 conference, Microsoft announced its plans to integrate Copilot into Windows 11, allowing users to access it directly through the taskbar. In January 2024, a dedicated Copilot key was announced for Windows keyboards. Copilot utilizes the Microsoft Prometheus model, built upon OpenAI's GPT-4 foundational large language model, which in turn has been fine-tuned ...

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Which LLMs does copilot.microsoft.com use? - Microsoft Q&A

Assuming I am logged in, I'd like to know which LLM (versions of gpt) are used and when and why it varies. I don't believe there is a lot of transparency about models, but if there is I'd love to know where that information is kept! For further contexts,...

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Introducing Microsoft 365 Copilot – your copilot for work - The Official Microsoft Blog

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General AI: Learn about AI for Beginners and Advanced Users | Microsoft Copilot

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### What's new in Copilot Studio: May 2025 | Microsoft Copilot Blog

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### Customize Copilot and Create Agents | Microsoft Copilot Studio

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### Mattermost AI Copilot: Accelerating the conversation with LLMs - Mattermost

We're thrilled to announce the launch of Mattermost Copilot, a groundbreaking addition to the Mattermost platform.

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### How Copilot and other LLMs transformed my coding process | Equal Experts

Many of us know that LLMs can help with software development, but which tools can actually save time, and how?

[equalexperts.com](https://equalexperts.com)

### Under The Hood: How Microsoft Copilot Tames LLM Issues - The Futurum Group

Mark Beccue, Research Director at The Futurum Group, examines how Microsoft Copilot is taming LLM issues and how this approach will affect the market.

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### The Microsoft Copilot AI: A Deep Dive

Unleashing the Power of Microsoft Copilot AI: Advanced Language Models for Human-Like Text Understanding and Personalized Responses

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However, implementing this requires careful curation to avoid introducing new biases, and no definitive solution is outlined in the sources. The idea is plausible but remains a topic of ongoing debate rather than a resolved practice.

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Ok, useful and largely concur. With those notions in mind, let's consider these political cartoons. Elaborate on the notion of 'if a picture is worth a thousand words' and how they apply to political cartoons in general, and the following right-leaning linked political cartoons.

<https://dailytorch.com/2025/07/cartoon-old-bag-of-tricks/>

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Unpack that through the lens of known evidence online, including this input/inquiry discussion between me and thee.



The phrase “if a picture is worth a thousand words” underscores the power of visual imagery to convey complex ideas, emotions, and critiques succinctly, often more impactfully than text alone. In political cartoons, this principle amplifies their role as a tool for satire, commentary, and persuasion, distilling nuanced political or social issues into a single, memorable image. Historically, cartoons have evolved with technology—from copper engravings to mass syndication—reaching millions via social media today, enhancing their influence [context from web discussions on cartoon evolution]. They leverage humor, symbolism, and exaggeration to challenge narratives, making them a potent medium for both left- and right-leaning perspectives.

Applying this to the right-leaning political cartoons from DailyTorch.com, linked in your request, and viewed through our discussion's lens—spanning historical shifts in federal power, economic principles (Sowell, Crockett, Madison), and housing policy failures—here's an unpacking based on known online evidence and our Q&A:

- <https://dailytorch.com/2025/07/cartoon-old-bag-of-tricks/>  
This cartoon likely critiques reliance on outdated or recycled political strategies, aligning with our discussion of 20th-century federal expansion (e.g., New Deal, Progressive Era [<https://www.britannica.com/event/New-Deal>]) that bloated agencies like HUD, failing to solve issues like the housing crisis [<https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/revisiting-pamela-blumenthal->

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