

Wisconsin Cartoon

- 1. The cartoonist in this cartoon is portraying the recent protests that are taking place in Wisconsin as the Wisconsin legislature is trying to end collective-bargaining for public unions.**
- 2. The elephant represents the republican state legislature and republican governor that is trying to end collective-bargaining by public unions in the State of Wisconsin.**
- 3. The man with the sign is representing all of the teachers, police, and fireman who were protesting in the streets outside the State Capital.**
- 4. The elephant is being portrayed as the republican party holding a billy club because the artist believes that the republicans are trying break up the unions.**
- 5. The man with the picket sign is practicing his 1st Amendment rights of free speech and assembly.**
- 6. I believe the cartoonist is showing the elephant as being the dominant figure in this instance due to the fact that they control both houses of the legislature and the executive branch. The man holding the picket sign appears to be small and may be fighting a losing battle. Thus, the man with the sign isn't going to be able to change, influence, the elephant.**