

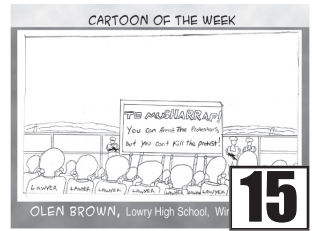
CARTOON OF THE WEEK

This cartoon looks at the issue of protesting an authoritarian government.

BASIC

This cartoon, drawn by a high school student from Nevada, is about protests in the country of Pakistan. But it's also about the power of the protest. Many people have protested against Pakistan's president, a man named Pervez Musharraf. **Can you read what it says on the sign?** ("To Musharraf: You Can Arrest the Protesters, But You Can't Kill the Protest!") They were angry because they believe Mr. Musharraf has given himself too much power and is not treating the people fairly. Police arrested thousands of people. But like this sign says, no matter how much a leader

tries to stamp out protests, the feelings behind them remain. This is a situation that has happened many times in history. When people feel very strongly that a leader is doing bad things, they sometimes take to the streets, even though it might be dangerous. **Do you think you would protest in the streets if your government was treating people unfairly? Do you think this is a good cartoon?** END OF STORY



GENERAL

This cartoon was drawn by Olen Brown, a student at Lowry High School in Winemucca, Nevada. **Can you read what it says on the sign in the cartoon?** ("To Musharraf: You Can Arrest the Protesters, But You Can't Kill the Protest") **What country is this cartoon about?** (Pakistan.) The cartoon is about the political crisis in Pakistan, but it also has a broader theme. **Can you explain what that is?** (That no matter what an unpopular government does to put down protesters, the feelings of the protesters remain as strong as ever.) This is something that has happened throughout history, and sometimes the more a government or ruler tries to stop protests, the stronger the protesters become. In recent weeks, there have been huge

protests against the president of Pakistan, Pervez Musharraf. Many of the protesters belonged to a certain profession. **Can you read what it says on the backs of the protesters here?** (Lawyer.) Members of the legal profession were especially upset when Mr. Musharraf seemed to ignore the basic laws of the country's constitution by calling for "emergency rule." This means that the people don't have the full rights of free citizens and can be arrested at any time. Governments sometimes do this in periods of great crisis, like war or natural disaster. But many people in Pakistan think Mr. Musharraf is giving himself too much power. **What do you think? Do you think this is a good cartoon?** END OF STORY

ADVANCED

This cartoon was created by Olen Brown, a student at Lowry High School in Winemucca, Nevada. **What country 's situation is the cartoon about and how can you tell?** (Pakistan. The sign in the cartoon is addressed to Pervez Musharraf, Pakistan's president.) The cartoon is about the current political crisis in Pakistan, yet the cartoon's theme is universal. **Can you explain?** (No matter how hard a leader or government tries to stamp out dissent, the protest never truly dies and their cause may even become stronger.) **What do you know about the situation in Pakistan?** Recently, thousands of Pakistan's lawyers, some clad in business suits, turned out to protest Pakistan's president, Pervez Musharraf. This was the second time this year lawyers turned out in protest; the first

was when Musharraf tried to dismiss the country's chief justice. This time, though, they were rallying against Musharraf's declaration of emergency rule. Musharraf's troops cracked down brutally on the protesters and many were injured and jailed. His edict for emergency rule suspended the country's constitution, dissolved the country's highest courts, and shut down privately held television news channels. **What's another phrase for "emergency rule," usually associated with a military crackdown?** (Martial law.) In response to international pressure, Musharraf last week finally stood down as head of the army and was sworn in as a civilian president. **Do you think that will make any sort of difference? Do you think this is a good cartoon?** END OF STORY