

The importance of a good name

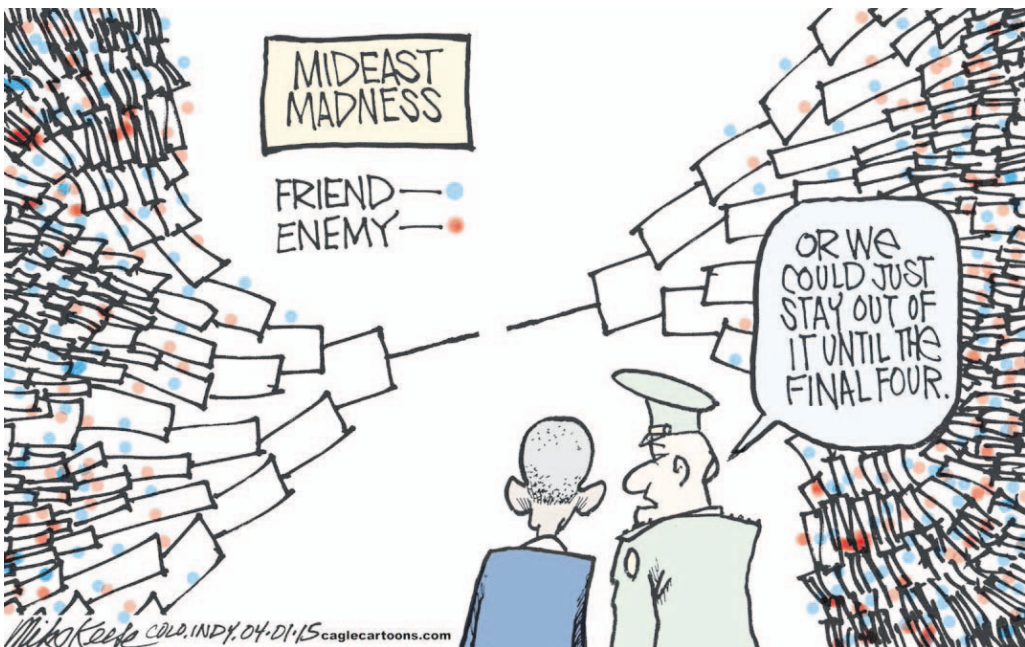
It simplifies the issue and it challenges us. We love to take action to stop unfair practices and outlaw bad things. Oh, and there's also that pleasing alliteration and single

We don't yet require a thoroughly independent group to impartially and factually name bills in state and federal legislative branches — but if one day there is one, we want to have a seat on the board. Until then, ban the box, motor your voters and don't go anywhere without your pastor protector.

Motor voter:
a nickname
so simple and
so rhymey, we
think it helped
the measure
become law.

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Tell me how this ends well

Again, the comparison with Asia is instructive. After World II, Asia was ruled by many autocrats who essentially came to their people and said, “My people, we’re going to take away your freedom, but we’re going to give you the best education, infrastructure and export-led growth policies money can buy. And



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Any Chinese preschooler can tell you:
That's not an equation for success.

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