

“That’s What’s the Matter”



ABOUT THE SOURCE This cartoon by Thomas Nast was published in *Harper’s Weekly* in 1871. The man in the cartoon represents William M. “Boss” Tweed, a corrupt politician who controlled the Democratic Party in New York.



As you examine the cartoon, pay attention to how the drawing supports the text. What are both saying about politics in New York?



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WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

1. What is Nast accusing Boss Tweed’s organization of doing?

2. What does Boss Tweed’s position next to the ballot container imply?
