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SATIRED OUT? POLITICAL HUMOR IN 2020 DISCUSSION SERIES

WEEK – OCTOBER 14, 2020

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THE 20 ELECTION 20 EXPERIENCE

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Dr. Christopher Hudspeth

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

DO CAMPAIGNS IMPACT VOTING BEHAVIOR?

Noon | Virtual Live Streaming



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

THIRD (well second) PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

8 PM | Virtual through Discord

Join us along with sponsors AASCU & ADP for a virtual debate watch party.

Register for Events at: www.uwp.edu/eeeevents



Satired out?

Political Humor in 2020





roxane gay ✓
@rgay



I feel bad for The Onion. They can't compete with the real headlines anymore.

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2,702 Retweets and comments **26.6K** Likes



C Ellen Hogan 🏳️‍🌈 @DervishWaking · 2h ✓
Replying to [@rgay](#)

Reality is putting satire out of business.



“The Great American Joke”

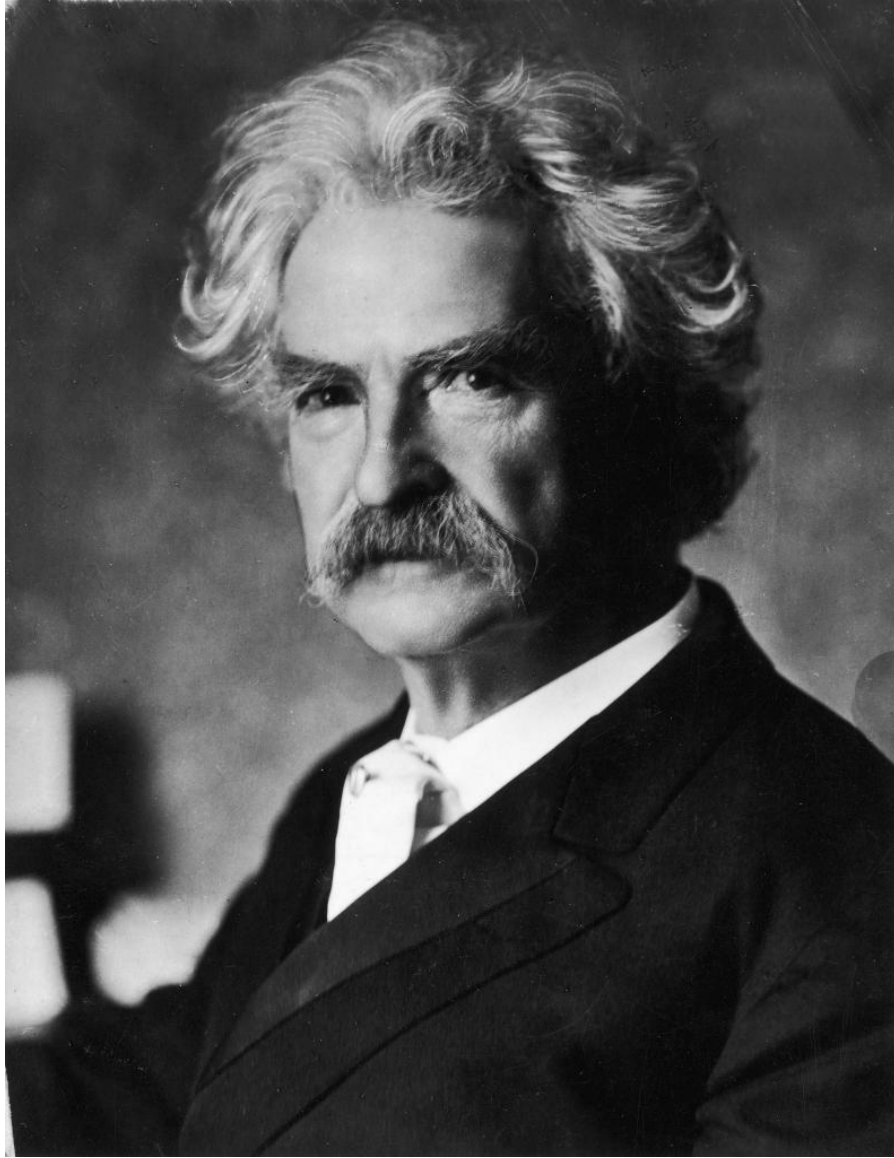
Louis D. Rubin

Comedy as Mediation

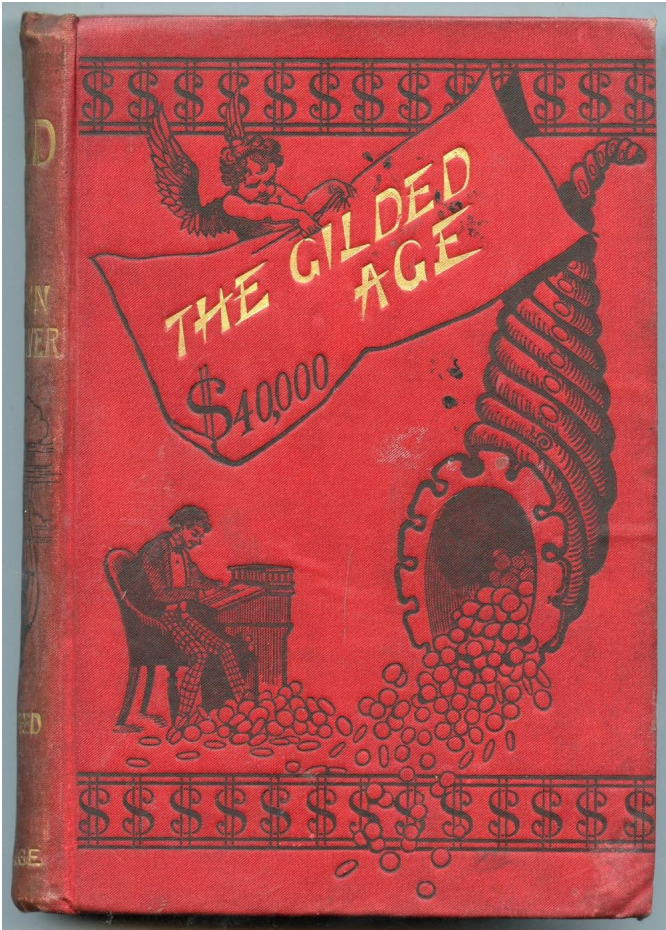
Between the People & the Political
Leaders/System

Satire

Asymmetric Warfare?



Mark Twain



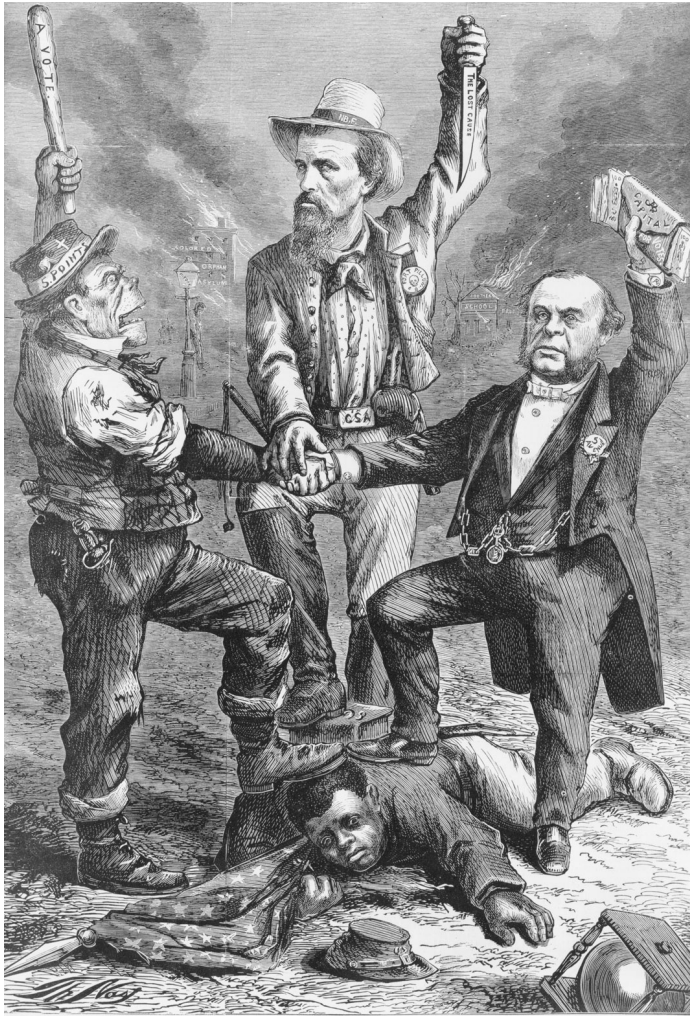
“Irreverence is the champion of liberty and its only sure defense.”

“It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly native criminal class except Congress.”

“There are two things that are important in politics. The first is money, and I can’t remember the second.”



Thomas Nast



"We regard the Reconstruction Acts (so called) of Congress as usurpations, and unconstitutional, revolutionary, and void."—Democratic Platform.

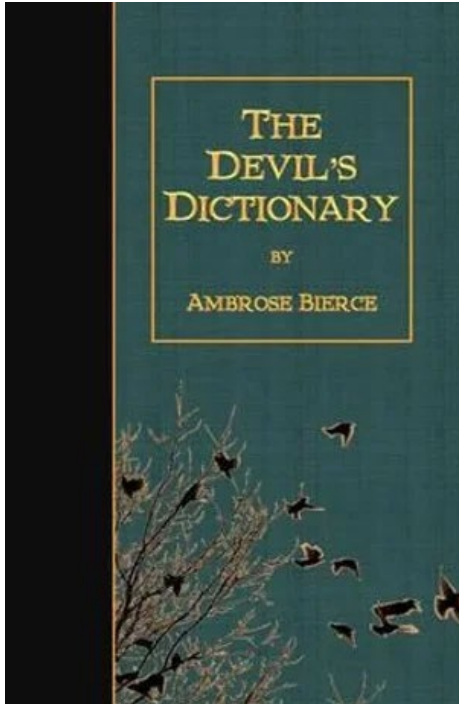


THE "BRAINS"

THAT ACHIEVED THE TAMMANY VICTORY AT THE ROCHESTER DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.



Ambrose Bierce



POLITICS, n. A strife of interests masquerading as a contest of principles. The conduct of public affairs for private advantage.

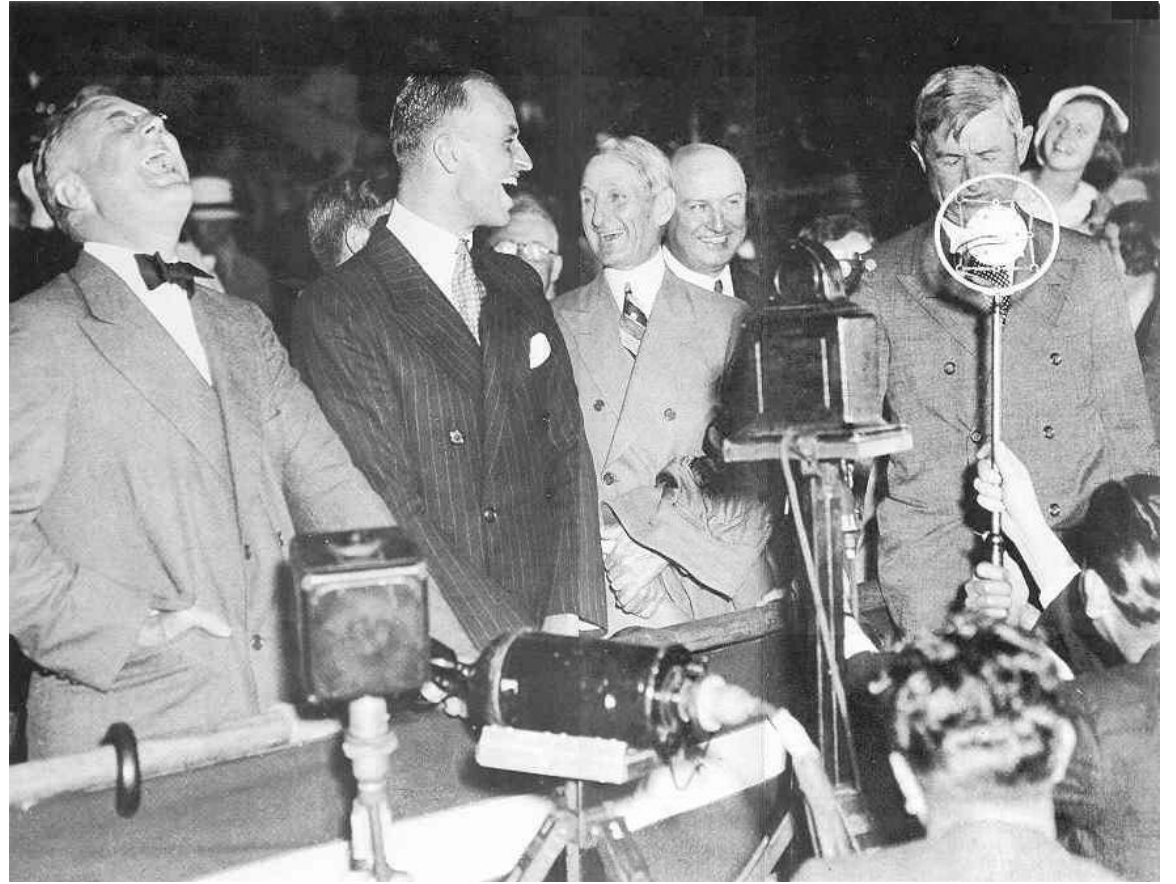
DIPLOMACY, n. The patriotic art of lying for one's country.

ARENA, n. In politics, an imaginary rat-pit in which the statesman wrestles with his record.

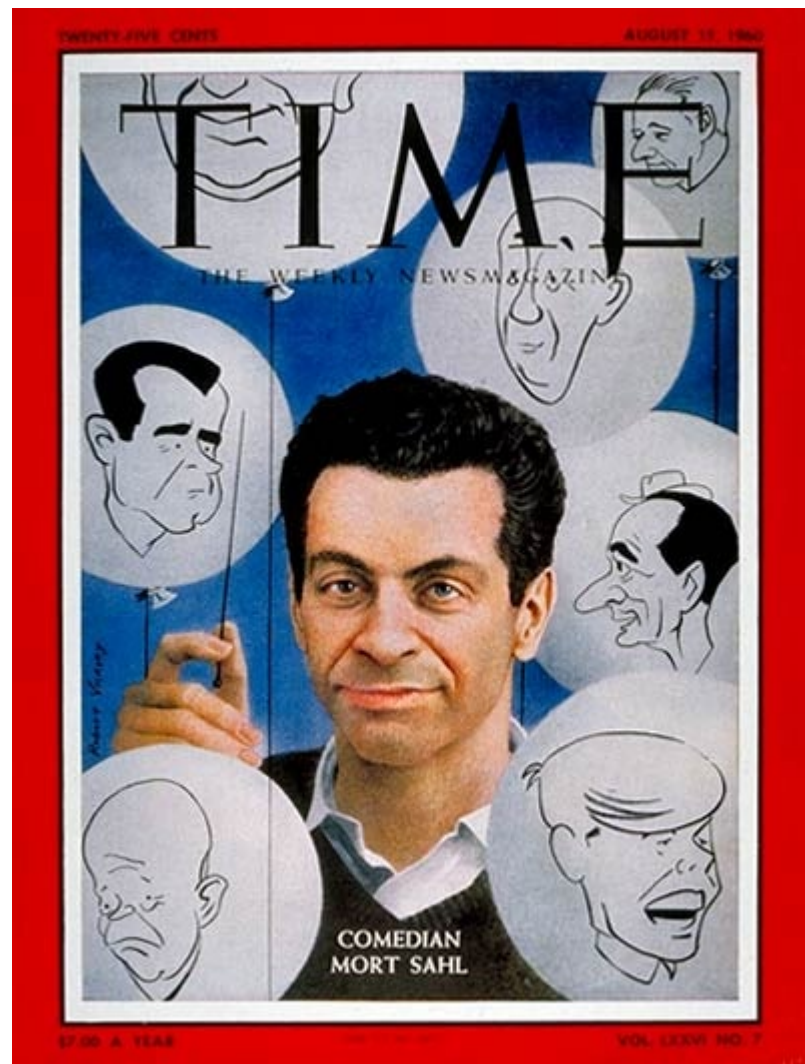
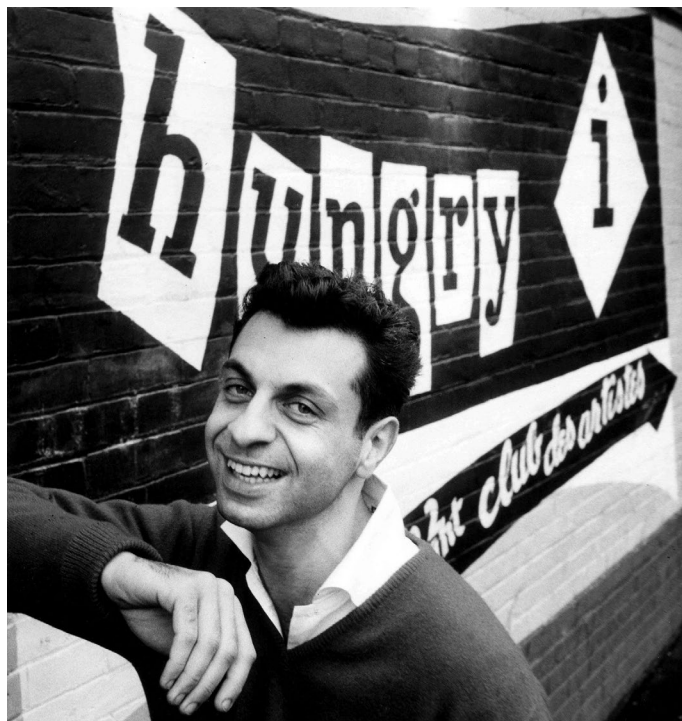
AMNESTY, n. The state's magnanimity to those offenders whom it would be too expensive to punish.



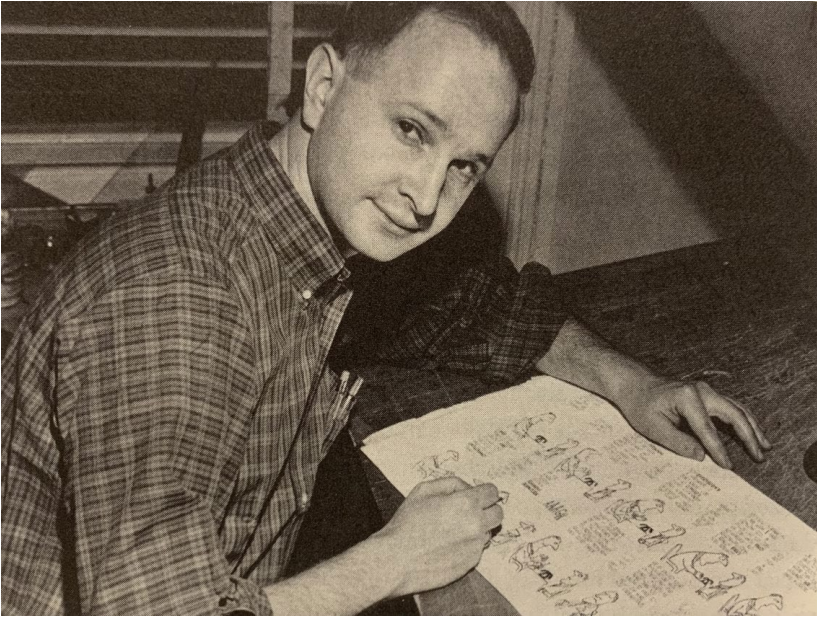
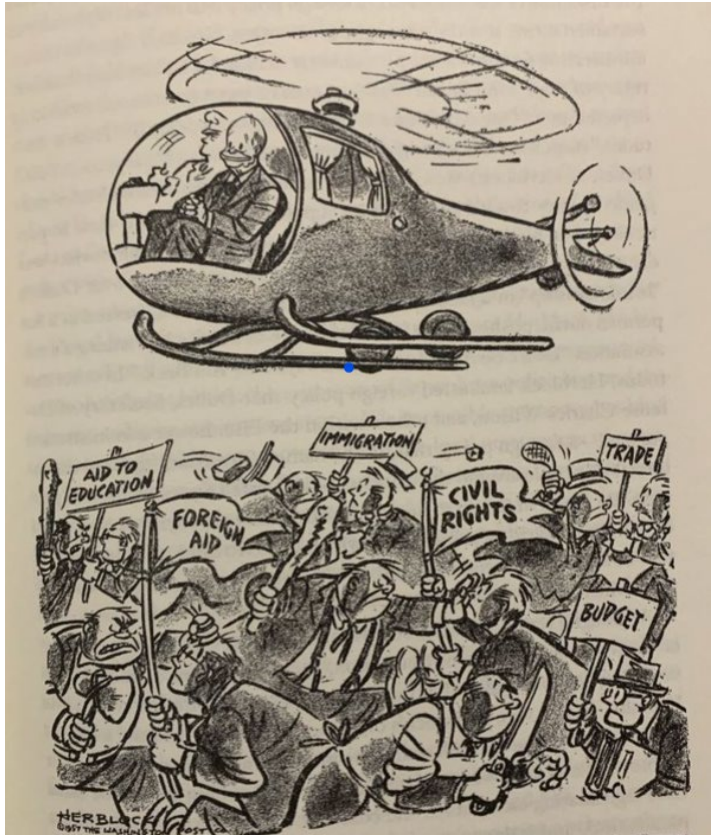
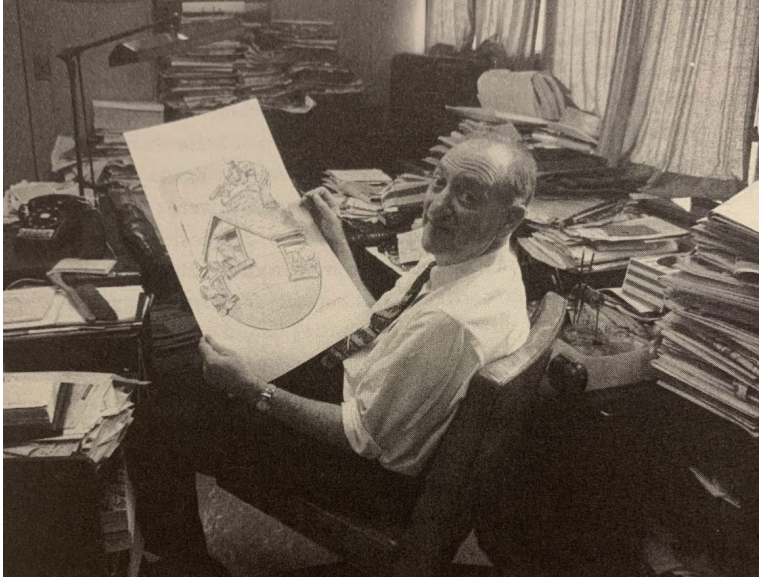
Will Rogers











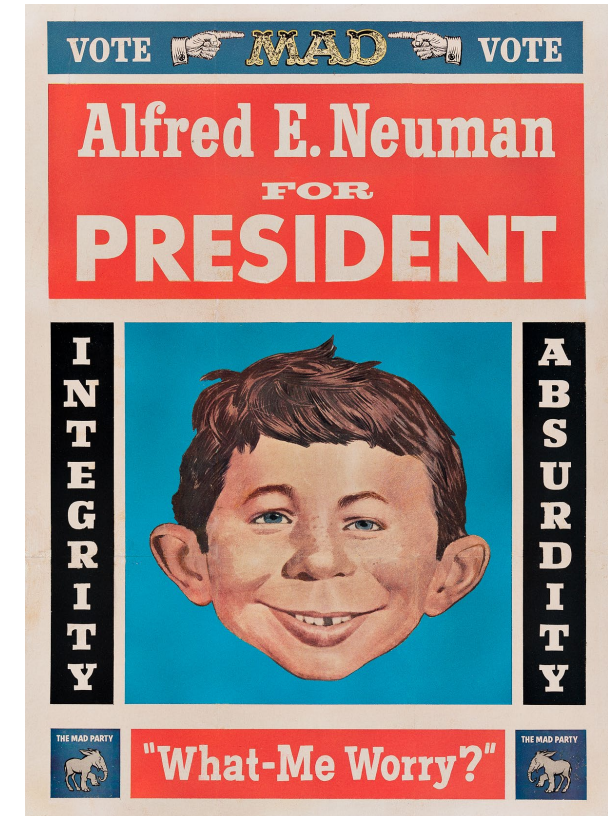
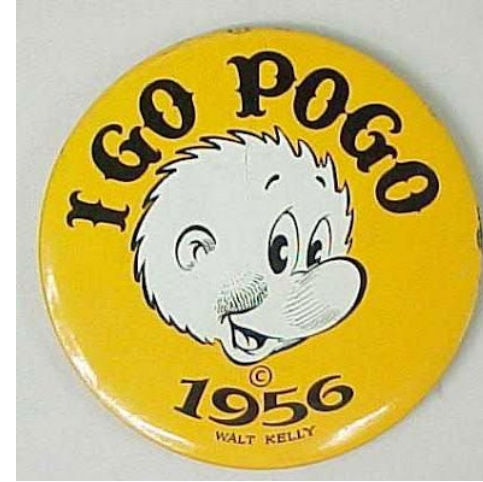


Comedy Troupes





HUMOR IN POSTWAR SOCIETY



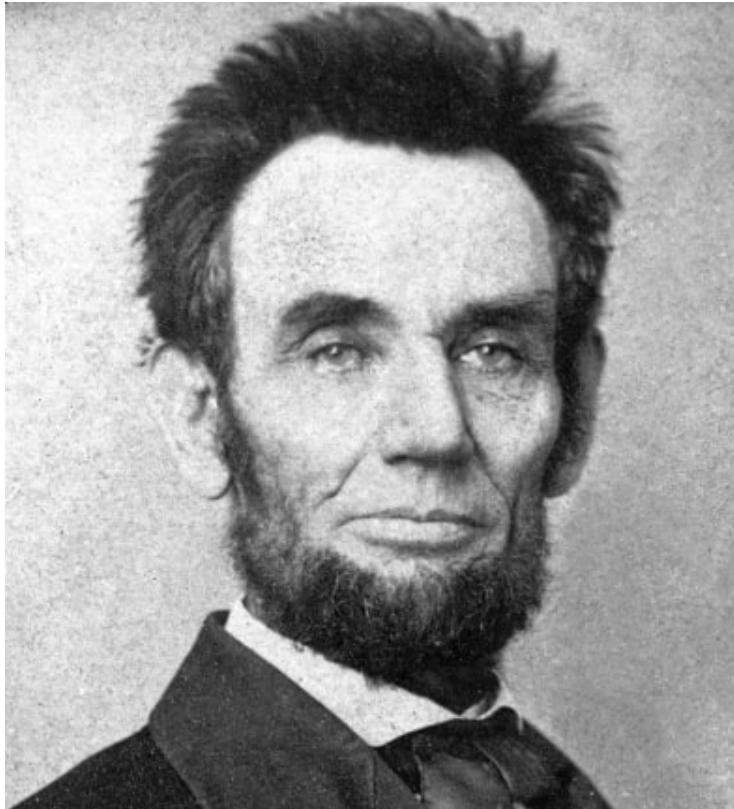
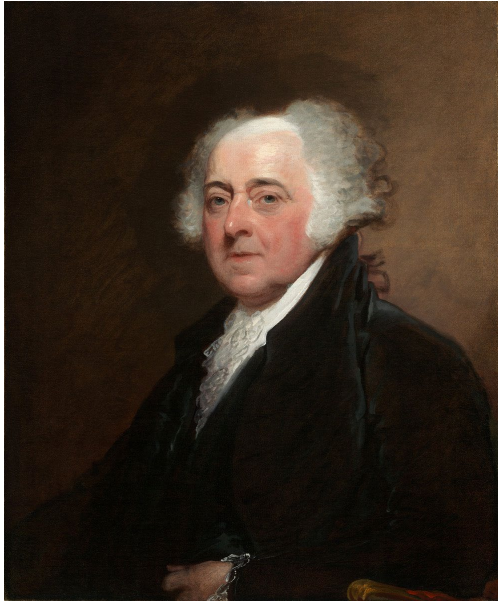
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Politics & Postwar Culture

Pols Need Jokes!







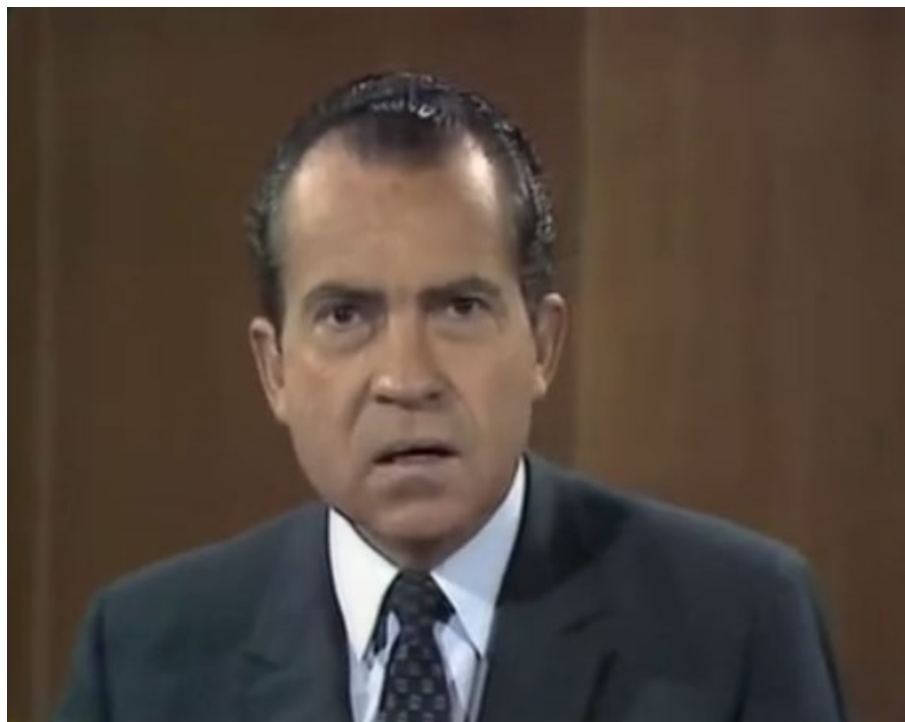




The Al Smith Dinner







A Comedian in the Blue Room?

Presidential Joke-Writer Aids Ford's Natural Humor



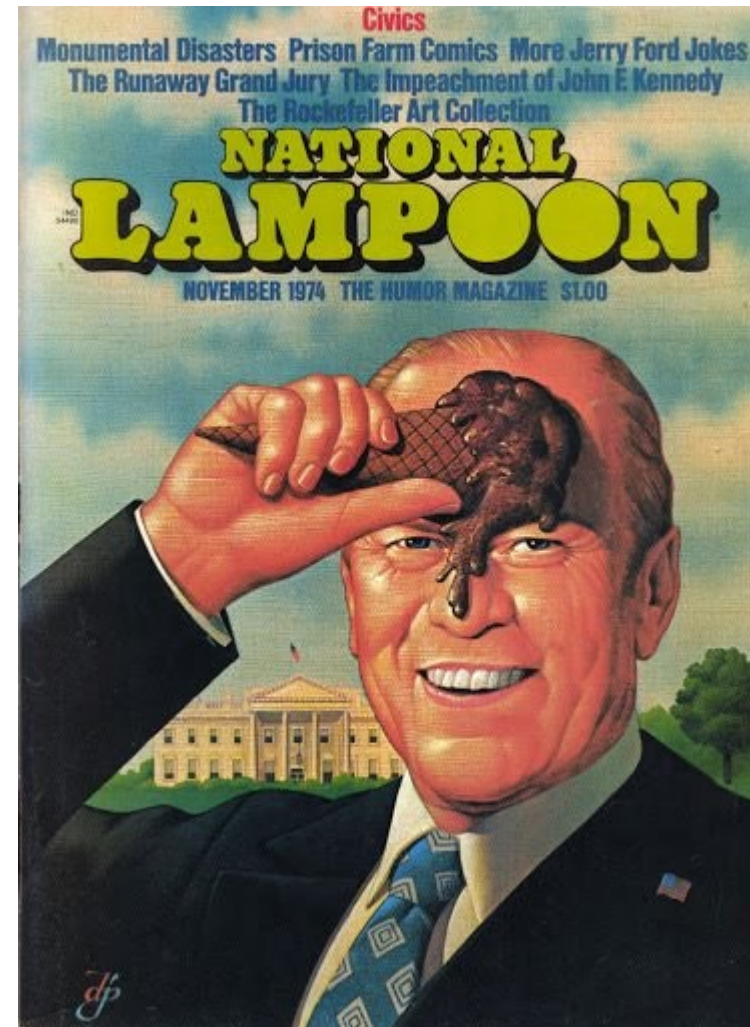
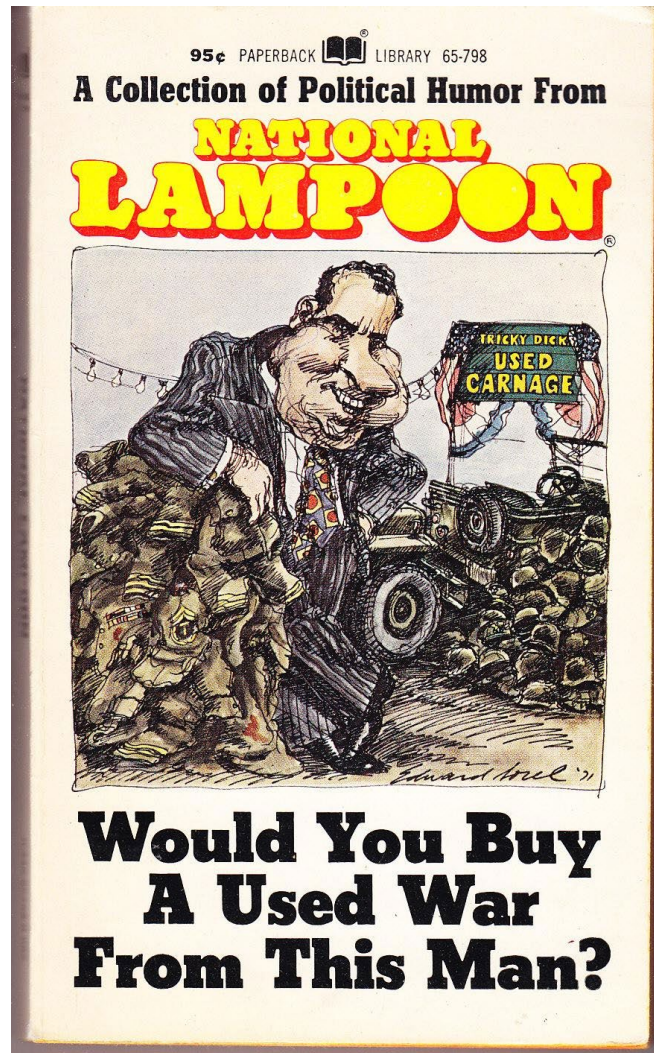
Orben and President Ford discussing a speech in the Oval Office.

Satire in the Age of Cynicism





Satire in the Underground Press











ANNUAL WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION DINNER




AKA “NERD PROM”







A photograph showing a dense crowd of people at a formal dinner. In the center, Donald Trump is visible, looking towards the right. Other individuals, including a woman with blonde hair in the foreground and a woman with dark hair to the right, are also visible. The scene is dimly lit, typical of an indoor evening event.

10:32 pm ET

2011 WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS' DINNER

Washington, DC
Washington Hilton Hotel

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Humor, Politics and Mediation in the Digital Era



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Donald J. Trump ✓
@realDonaldTrump

Low energy Jeb Bush just endorsed a man he truly hates, Lyin' Ted Cruz. Honestly, I can't blame Jeb in that I drove him into oblivion!



Donald J. Trump ✓
@realDonaldTrump

Little Marco Rubio, the lightweight no show Senator from Florida, is set to be the "puppet" of the special interest Koch brothers. WATCH!



Donald J. Trump ✓ @realDonaldTrump · Jul 27, 2015

When people find out how bad a job Scott Walker has done in WI, they won't be voting for him. Massive deficit, bad jobs forecast, a mess.

POLITICS

Trump Will Be First President In 36 Years To Skip White House Correspondents' Dinner

February 25, 2017 · 8:01 PM ET



The Onion ✓
@TheOnion



Nation Could Really Use A Few Days Where It Isn't
Gripped By Something bit.ly/2Zj3H9H



1:18 PM · Sep 8, 2020 · Sprout Social

225 Retweets **11** Quote Tweets **1.2K** Likes







8:46 - Dave Chappelle

28,457,080 views • Jun 11, 2020

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Patton Oswalt ✓

@pattonoswalt

I'm not gonna stick to comedy these next 46 days. Sorry.

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75th Annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner Virtual Event





Chris Pratt is in hot water for an 'insensitive' voting-related joke



Ethan Alter

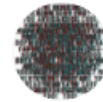
Senior Writer, Yahoo Entertainment

Yahoo Celebrity October 5, 2020



chris pratt ✓ @prattprattpratt · Oct 2, 2020

Just posted a photo [instagram.com/p/CF1tC7opgEy/...](https://www.instagram.com/p/CF1tC7opgEy/)



savehorror

@savehorror

I'm not really sure it's funny to tell people to vote for your animated movie while the world is how it is. Comes off as privileged and totally tone deaf.

9:37 AM · Oct 2, 2020





Gabe Kaplan
@GabeKaplan

The guy who wrote Obama's joke at the correspondent's dinner about Trump, Li Jon and Meatloaf is responsible for everything.

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