SATIRRED OUT?
POLITICAL HUMOR IN 2020
DISCUSSION SERIES

WEEK - OCTOBER 14, 2020
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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/eeevents
Satired out?

Political Humor in 2020
I feel bad for The Onion. They can’t compete with the real headlines anymore.
“The Great American Joke”

Louis D. Rubin
Comedy as Mediation
Between the People & the Political Leaders/System
Satire

Asymmetric Warfare?
“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.”

“Irreverence is the champion of liberty and its only sure defense.”
Thomas Nast
Ambrose Bierce
ARENA, n. In politics, an imaginary rat-pit in which the statesman wrestles with his record.

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.

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AMNESTY, n. The state’s magnanimity to those offenders whom it would be too expensive to punish.
Comedy Troupes
HUMOR IN POSTWAR SOCIETY
MOCK CANDIDACIES
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
GUYS LIKE US, WE HAD IT MADE

THOSE WERE THE DAYS
AKA “NERD PROM”
Humor, Politics and Mediation in the Digital Era
'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!'

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

February 25, 2017 · 8:01 PM ET
Nation Could Really Use A Few Days Where It Isn’t Gripped By Something bit.ly/2Zj3H9H
I’m not gonna stick to comedy these next 46 days. Sorry.
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/

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

2:13 PM · 9/10/20 · Twitter for iPhone