

## **Politicians Should be Mocked More Often**

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I'm periodically asked why I share political humor on this blog. The glib and easy answer is that it's good to share amusing material.

But there's also a serious point, especially when disseminating jokes from the late-night talk shows. Politicians should be mocked. And the <u>more pretentious they are</u>, the more vicious we should be.

<u>Even the ones we like</u> should be subject to ridicule. Elected officials often get very egotistical because they spend all day being flattered by lobbyists. Our role is to make sure there's a countervailing force.

So enjoy these gems.

## Jay Leno

- What do you think your odds are of winning that jackpot? The last odds I checked, 176 million to 1. But then again, still better odds than Newt Gingrich getting the nomination.
- I think even President Obama realizes the Obamacare thing is not looking good in front of the Supreme Court. He's starting to downplay it. Like today he called it Bidencare.
- Newt Gingrich announced today he is laying off a third of his campaign staff. Is that surprising? He laid off two-thirds of his wives.
- In New York City this week, they had the annual Greek Independence Day Parade.
  In fact, it was so authentically Greek that before the parade even started it was \$12 million in debt.
- A madam in New York City claims that John Edwards was a customer in her brothel. You hear that kind of thing and it really makes you lose respect for prostitutes, doesn't it?
- This weekend former Vice President Dick Cheney received a heart transplant. And I thought this was nice they let him shoot the donor himself.
- Fox News sent Dick Cheney flowers. MSNBC sent chili cheese fries.

## David Letterman

• Rick Santorum wants to ban pornography. That's one of the few thriving industries America has left.