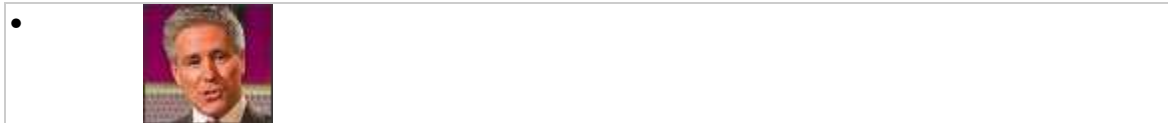




Election Political Humor



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I wish the rest of the world was as wonky as me and dying to read the latest data on the [Laffer Curve](#), or something like that.

Alas, it seems like everybody is focused on which statist will be confiscating our earnings and trying to dictate our lives for the next four years.

So I'll go with the flow and share some election-oriented humor, beginning with jokes from the late-night talk shows.

Normally I wait several weeks and accumulate a larger list, but many of these jokes will be past their expiration dates if I wait until after the election. So enjoy.

Jay Leno

- Last night I answered the door and there was a kid lying on the porch. He was playing dead. I said: "What are you supposed to be?" He said: "the economy."
- President Obama canceled the annual White House Halloween party. He didn't want to; he just didn't want to risk a trick-or-treater asking him a question about Libya.

- I had a trick-or-treater tonight who stood outside on my porch for an hour, didn't ring the bell, didn't knock on the door. I said, "Who are you supposed to be?" He said, "I'm an undecided voter."
- Donald Trump, did you see him today? He was giving candy only to kids who could show their birth certificate and their school records.
- Economists say rebuilding after Hurricane Sandy will give the ailing construction industry a huge boost. In fact, the storm has already created more jobs than President Obama.
- "Don't ask, don't tell" is back. Not for gays in the military — it's President Obama's new policy for questions about Libya.
- Republicans are accusing the White House of successfully engineering a massive cover-up of the Libyan attack. But, on the plus side, it's the first time in four years Republicans have given credit to Obama for doing anything successfully.
- Folks back east are feeling the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy — 100-mile-an-hour winds, lot of folks without power. Because of the hurricane, both candidates have had to cancel speeches and campaign events. So at least some good has come out of it.

David Letterman

- Mitt Romney resumed campaigning today. He was visiting those hardest hit by the storm, and that would be swing-state Latinos.
- The New York City Marathon is still on for Sunday. Typically the New York City Marathon is won by a guy from Kenya. No, no, I'm sorry. I'm thinking about next week's election.
- Are you excited about Halloween? People go out pretending to be something they're not, looking for handouts. It's like running for president.
- You folks ready to vote? On the bright side, after Tuesday we'll finally be rid of at least one candidate. That's good news.
- Mitt Romney is reminding everybody about changing your clocks. He's urging his voters, his constituents, and all Americans to turn your clocks back to 1954.

Conan

- Everybody's mind is on Hurricane Sandy. The worst is over. Now people are discussing the cause. Sources say that it was partly caused by global warming. Meanwhile, Fox News said it was caused by two men kissing in Central Park.
- President Obama now has a 52-point lead with Hispanics. However, Mitt Romney has a 90-point lead with the people who hire Hispanics.

Jimmy Kimmel

- Mayor Bloomberg announced that all cars coming into New York City via the bridges must have a minimum of three people in them. Unless one of the people is very, very fat — in which case, two people but no sodas.

Now here's a video that will probably appeal more to my Democrat-leaning friends, but everyone should enjoy it because it is well produced and effective satire. Sort of reminds me of the [videos in this post](#).

In the interest of fairness, here are a couple of cartoons for my Republican-leaning friends. The first one is actually very misguided since it assumes Obama should be doing something about the hurricane. Wrong, emergency response should be an issue for the affected state and local governments.

But just as the video is amusing because it focuses on Romney's wealth, this cartoon is effective because it focuses on Obama's inflated sense of self.



This next cartoon is funny for the obvious reason, but it also makes a good point. I fully expect the establishment media to produce a lot of navel-gazing analysis about the latent racism of the American people (never bothering to explain, of course, how non-racist people in 2008 somehow became racists in 2012).



Maybe, just maybe, the establishment press should be open to the idea that voters aren't very happy about a rising [burden of government spending](#). That's certainly what we see in this [new polling data](#).

That doesn't mean, of course, that Romney would solve the problem. He could be another [big-government statist like Bush](#). Indeed, I think his failure to articulate a pro-freedom message is one reason why he seemed to be slightly behind.

But the one thing that comforts me about this election is that the American people seem to understand that government is the problem, not the solution. Gee, where have I [heard words like that](#) before?