

Hugh Laurie

• Was born in 1959

Bachelor of anthropology and archeology

Cambridge University

• Order of the British Empire

• Writer, musician, singer



Stephen Fry

- Was born in 1957
- Graduated from Cambridge University
- Bachelor degree in British literature
- Has a classical English pronunciation
- A true Englishman



Cambridge University Footlights Dramatic Club



Broadcasting

- 1987 pilot episode on BBC1
- 1989-1995 broadcast on both BBC1 and BBC2
- 4 series, totally 26 episodes



Humor

- Satire
- Puns (wordplays)
- Absurdity
- Breaking the 4th wall



Satire







Objects of political satire

- 1. Conservative government, tory politicians
- 2. Prime ministers Margaret Thatcher and John Major
- 3. Tory language

"Young Tory of the year"



Objects of political satire

Conservative reforms:

- a) Reducing social programs
- b) Closing unprofitable factories
- c) Privatization and commercialization



Objects of political satire

Common Englishmen

Their permanent criticism and cynicism towards authorities





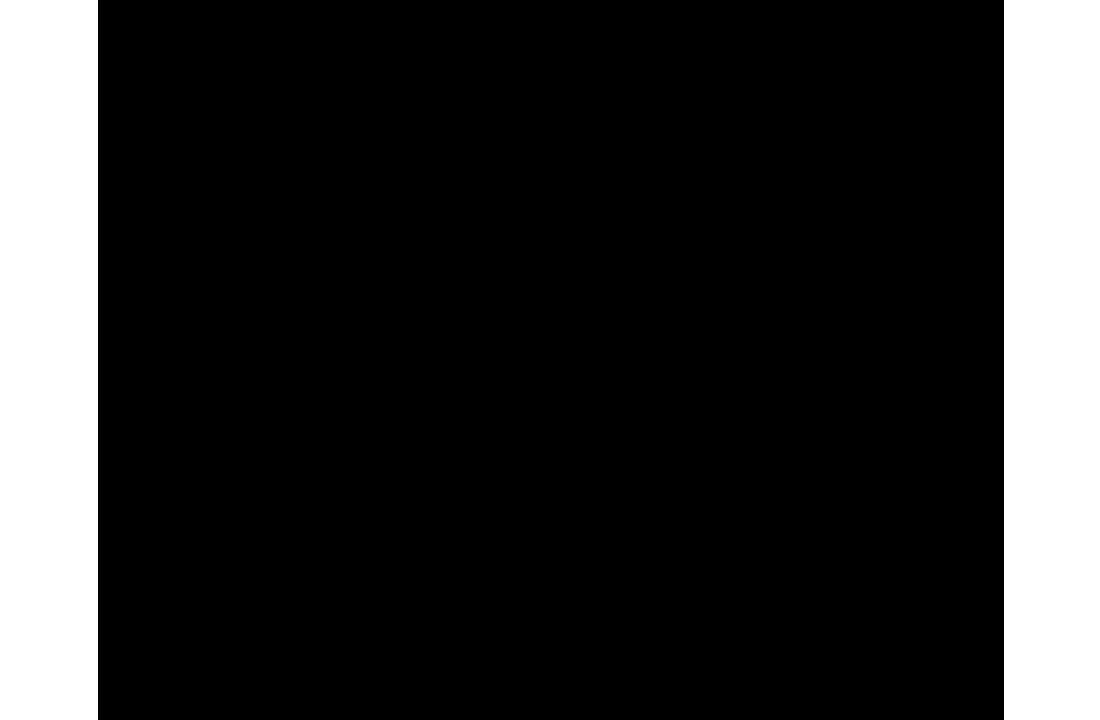




"National" satire

Features of English national character

• English feeling of superiority over other nations



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