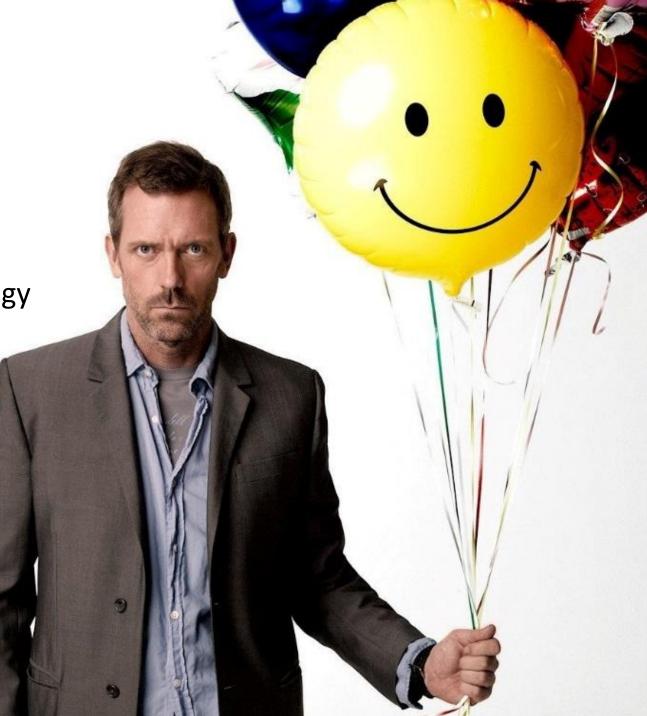


Hugh Laurie

- Was born in 1959
- Bachelor of anthropology and archeology
- Cambridge University
- Order of the British Empire
- Writer, musician, singer

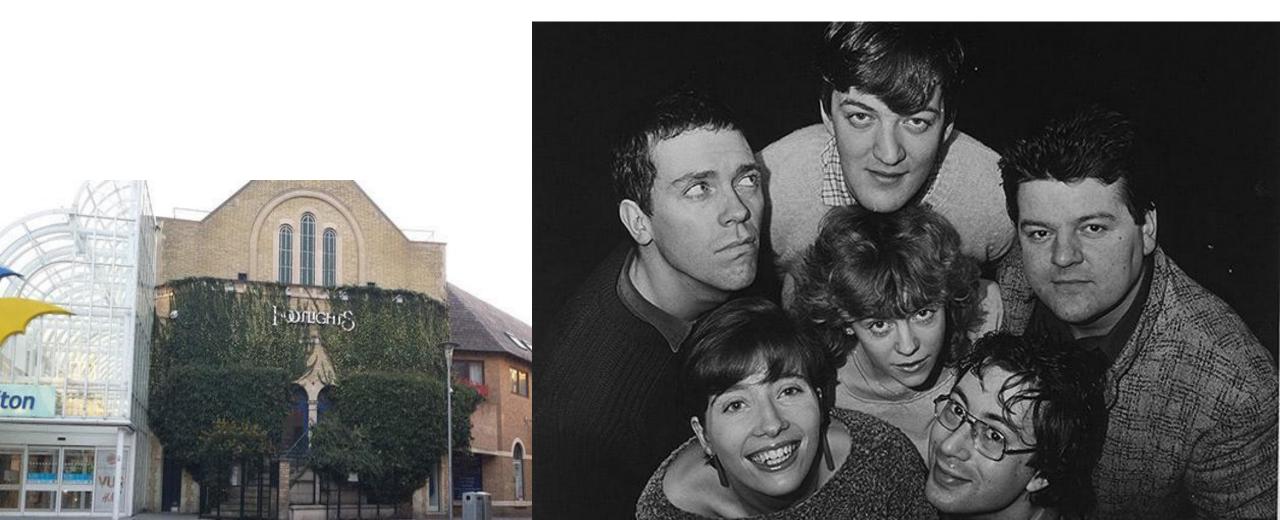


Stephen Fry

- 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

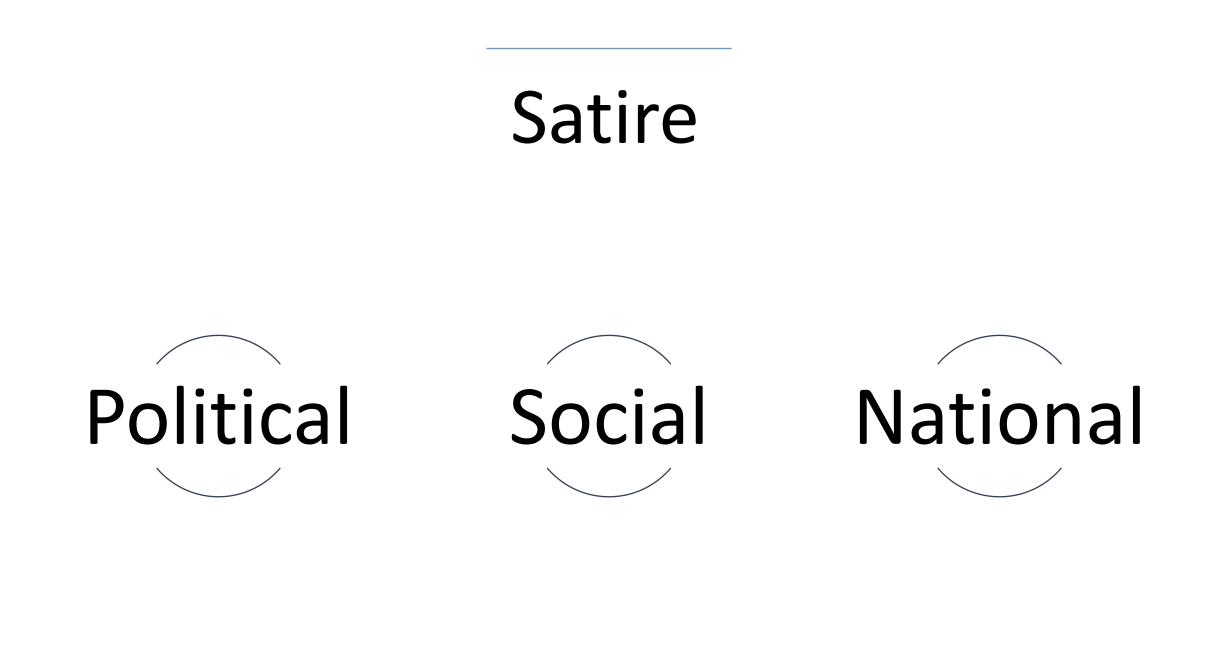
- 1987 pilot episode on BBC1
- 1989-1995 broadcast on both
 BBC1 and BBC2
- 4 series, totally 26 episodes



Humor

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





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

- 1. 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

Thank you!