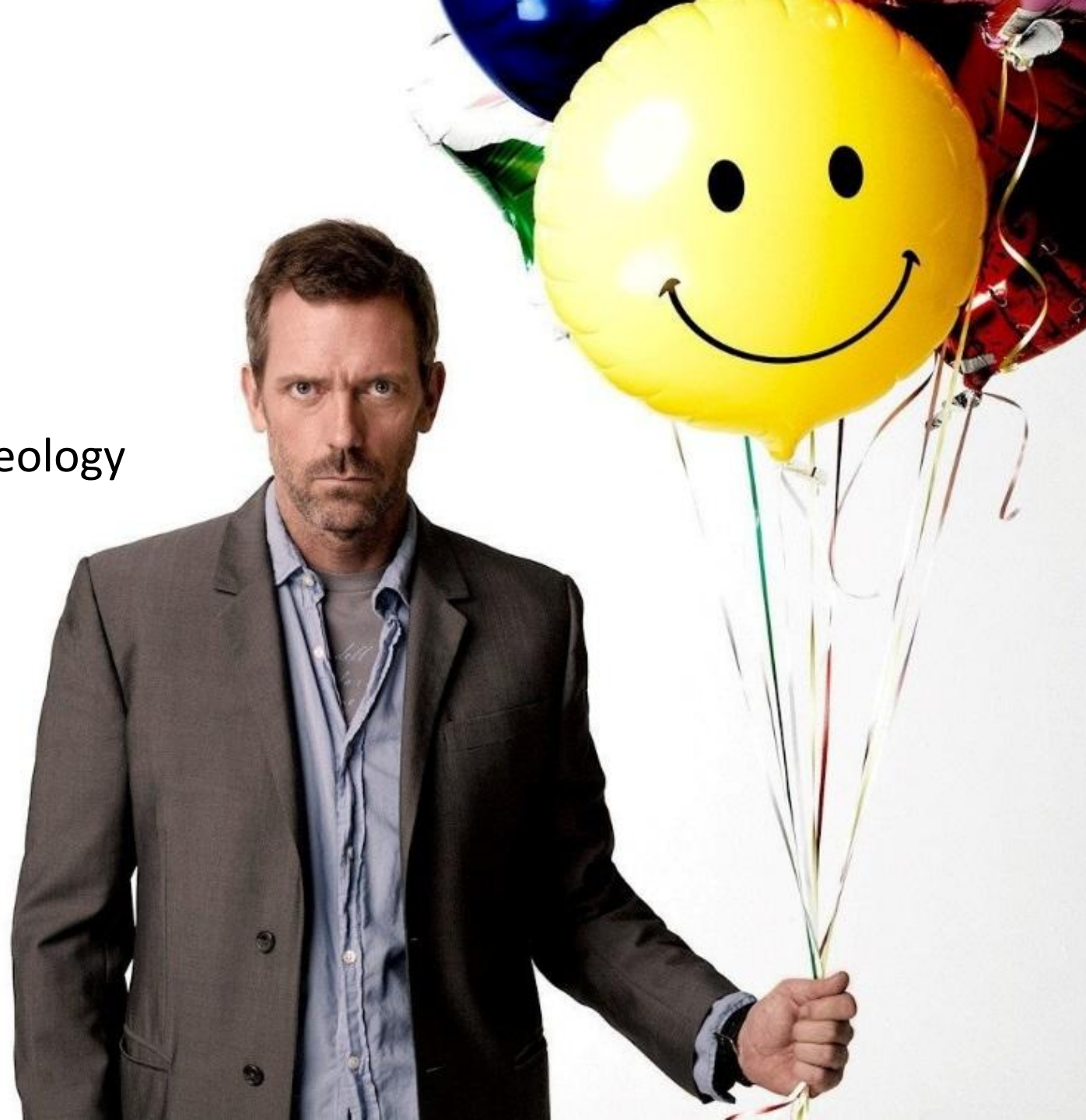


BY THE WAY, I'M A KNOCKING CHANGING IN

A BIT OF
FRY & LAURIE

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

Political

Social

National

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

BBC



Objects of political satire

- Common Englishmen
- Their permanent criticism and cynicism towards authorities





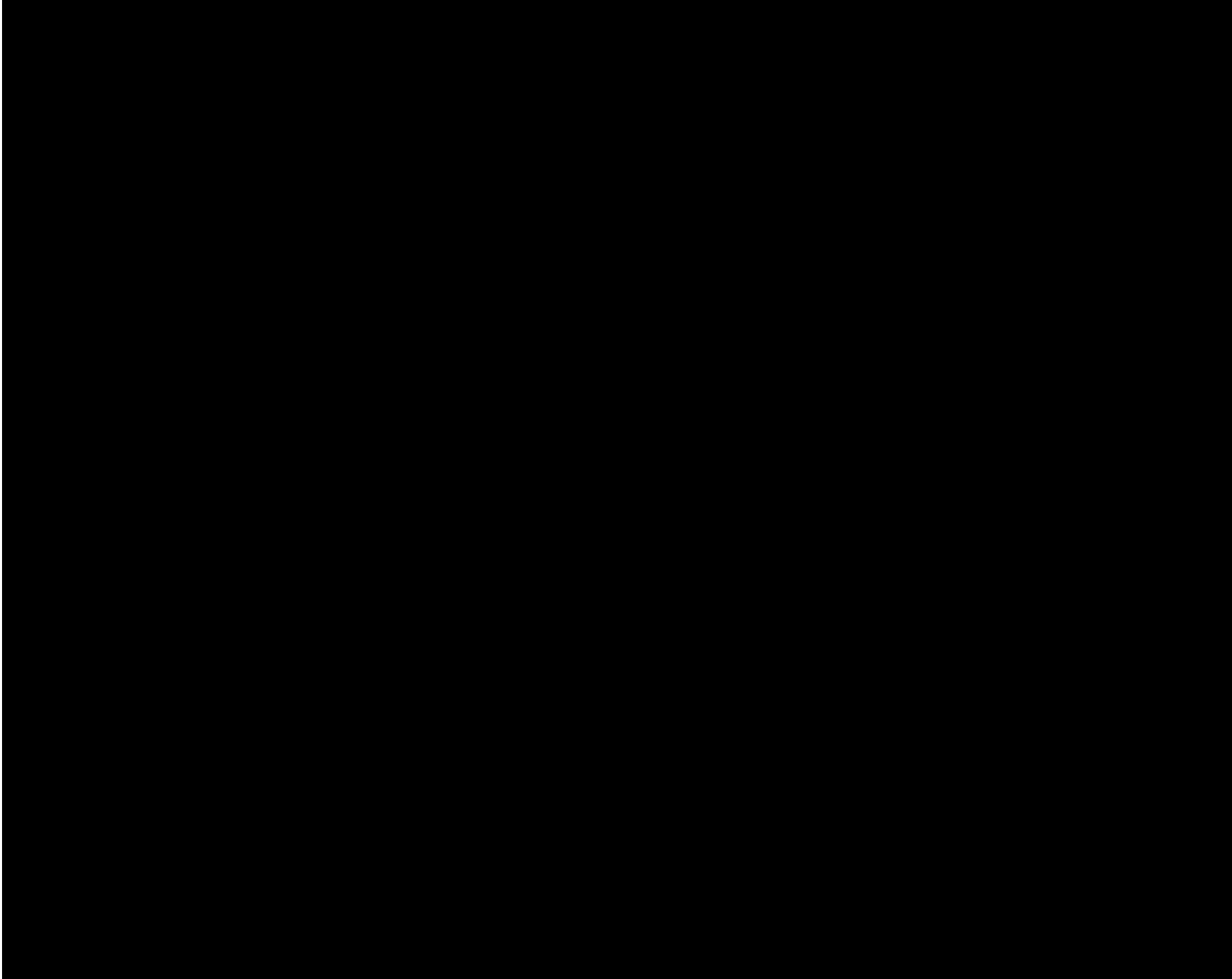
My first wife drowned in a mixed salad in 1978.





“National” satire

- Features of English national character
 - English feeling of superiority over other nations



Thank you!