

Introduction Transcript

Ah poking fun at the powerful. We've been at it for years and cartoons in the 18th century could be pretty savage. Look at this man. Stuffing his face, boozing, gambling and who is he? Just the future King George IV.

Nowadays we can do that sort of stuff on TV.

Going I can't believe why they're not taking women seriously in politics, ooh why?

But in order to do this, you have to live in a country that allows freedom of speech and not all countries do.

My father wrote satirical poems and essays which the Ayatollah didn't like. He put my father on a death list so we had to leave Iran and move to Britain.

So why do we mock our politicians and our leaders? Partly of course we want to entertain, we want to make people laugh but I think we also want to do something more important. Make people think critically about the society that we live in.

So what effect does satire actually have?