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A Little Satire

Satire has been around for a long time. Satire uses writing techniques such as: exaggeration, incongruity, parody, criticism, ridicule and reversal. When Satire is used in the news, it can affect our perceptions. In fact, many individuals will believe satire and share it as truth despite it being written as satire without the intent to be malicious or be identified as False/Fake News. Satire aims to poke fun at humans and/or organizations. Political cartoons with exaggerated facial features are also forms of satire.

Examples of Satire:

- 90% of politicians give the other 10% of politicians a bad rap. (*Exaggeration*)
- What did you major in at college? Debt! (*criticism, reversal*)
- Google's autonomous car will avoid accidents and evade police. (*Satirical poke at AI –Artificial Intelligence, incongruity, exaggeration*)

The Task:

- 1 Find 5 examples of Satire online and list them.

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- 2 For each example of Satire, identify who or which group is being poke at/made fun at.

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- 3 For the 5 examples of Satire you've listed, do you think some readers would believe them? Why or why not?