

Session 10: Satire

Reading: “[Lost in the Kitchen](#)” by Dave Barry, “[Dating your Mom](#)” by Ian Frazier

Writing; Write a 2 page satire.

Thoughts: Satire is increasingly popular as a means of communication, as evidenced by the success of newspapers like *The Onion* or TV shows such as *The Colbert Report* or *The Daily Show*. They’re funny, and we like funny. We connect to funny. Consider why humor is such a potent medium. And when reading Barry and Frazier, think specifically about the un-funny parts. Consider what the humor is covering up, and why humor can convey this very serious message better than, say, being entirely serious. When you think you have the hang of how satires work (hyperbole, sarcasm, etc.), try your own. If you’re stuck for inspiration, try to satirize a piece of news from a local newspaper. The police blotter is usually good fun.

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