



Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance

By Samuel Schmidt

Download now

Read Online 

Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance By Samuel Schmidt

Political jokes exist around the world and across many types of political systems. But what purposes do they serve? Do they have an impact on politics—or on politicians? Surprisingly, scholars have paid scant attention to these significant questions. And, until the publication of this book, no one had ever systematically studied political humor in Mexico. When the first edition of this work was published in Mexico, it caused a stir. Elected officials, it turned out, had grudgingly accepted that they and their politics could be the target of jokes uttered in public, and even on television, but they were incensed that a leading academic had collected political jokes into a book and analyzed their function in a country that had experienced nearly a century of one-party rule.

Now available in English for the first time, *Seriously Funny* is a groundbreaking work. Its goal is to examine the ways in which political humor—including nicknames, anagrams, poems, and parodies of religious prayers, in addition to jokes—has developed and operated in one country over more than four centuries. Although political humor thrives in Mexico, it is often cleverly encoded so that it doesn't appear to be critical of government policies or officials. But, writes Samuel Schmidt, that is precisely its purpose: to question the actions and assumptions of the party in power. Schmidt argues persuasively that political jokes are acts of minor rebellion: their objective is not to overthrow a government but to correct its mistakes.

 [Download Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Soci ...pdf](#)

Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance

By Samuel Schmidt

Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance By Samuel Schmidt

Political jokes exist around the world and across many types of political systems. But what purposes do they serve? Do they have an impact on politics—or on politicians? Surprisingly, scholars have paid scant attention to these significant questions. And, until the publication of this book, no one had ever systematically studied political humor in Mexico. When the first edition of this work was published in Mexico, it caused a stir. Elected officials, it turned out, had grudgingly accepted that they and their politics could be the target of jokes uttered in public, and even on television, but they were incensed that a leading academic had collected political jokes into a book and analyzed their function in a country that had experienced nearly a century of one-party rule.

Now available in English for the first time, *Seriously Funny* is a groundbreaking work. Its goal is to examine the ways in which political humor—including nicknames, anagrams, poems, and parodies of religious prayers, in addition to jokes—has developed and operated in one country over more than four centuries. Although political humor thrives in Mexico, it is often cleverly encoded so that it doesn't appear to be critical of government policies or officials. But, writes Samuel Schmidt, that is precisely its purpose: to question the actions and assumptions of the party in power. Schmidt argues persuasively that political jokes are acts of minor rebellion: their objective is not to overthrow a government but to correct its mistakes.

Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance By Samuel Schmidt Bibliography

- Rank: #5250847 in Books
- Published on: 2014-03-06
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 8.94" h x .70" w x 6.11" l, .92 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 296 pages



[Download](#) *Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social ...pdf*



[Read Online](#) *Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Soci ...pdf*

Download and Read Free Online Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance By Samuel Schmidt

Editorial Review

Review

“In my opinion, Mexicans have the best, most biting, and most bitter humor in the world. Schmidt is Mexico’s leading authority on humor.”—William H. Beezley, author of *Mexican National Identity: Memory, Innuendo, and Popular Culture*

“Political humor offers a different view on politics, one that is not usually written in history books. Schmidt’s book is a very important contribution to a field of study that deserves much wider coverage.”—Pablo Vila, author of *Border Identifications: Narrative of Religion, Gender, and Class on the US–Mexico Border*

“The fact that Mexicans have a unique genius to find humor in worst case events and scenarios is omitted in books by foreigners because they cannot imagine repeating jokes and odd situations that so often abandon 'good taste.' Hence this book (long delayed as being 'politically incorrect' for publication in English) is important to help foreigners finally understand that all factors need to be analyzed frankly if world social science research on Mexico is to advance. Congratulations to Dr. Schmidt for his professorial courage in addressing the 'unmentionable' incisive sense of humor that 'defeats' group think, propaganda, and systemic impunity in Mexico.”—James W. Wilkie, professor of history, University of California, Los Angeles

“In this book on political jokes, Schmidt provides a different perspective on politics and even on history, without inhibitions, mixing celebrities and institutions, structures and events.”—Antonio Hermosa, University of Seville in Spain

“This book, besides analyzing seriously the subject of humor and politics, and documenting it thoroughly in the case of Mexico but with many examples of other political frameworks is also a thesaurus of political jokes that makes the reader laugh all along the reading. The author, Professor Samuel Schmidt has to be commended for the extraordinary work he has carried out, that clearly reflects along the chapters of this book.”—Mario Sznajder, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

About the Author

Samuel Schmidt is a professor at the Benemerita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla. He is the author of twenty-two books, including *The Deterioration of the Mexican Presidency: The Years of Luis Echeverría*.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Timothy Hawkins:

Inside other case, little individuals like to read book Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social

Resistance. You can choose the best book if you love reading a book. Providing we know about how is important a book Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance. You can add information and of course you can around the world by way of a book. Absolutely right, since from book you can realize everything! From your country until eventually foreign or abroad you will be known. About simple point until wonderful thing you may know that. In this era, we are able to open a book as well as searching by internet unit. It is called e-book. You may use it when you feel bored stiff to go to the library. Let's read.

Larry Tatro:

Nowadays reading books be than want or need but also be a life style. This reading habit give you lot of advantages. The advantages you got of course the knowledge your information inside the book that will improve your knowledge and information. The info you get based on what kind of book you read, if you want get more knowledge just go with training books but if you want feel happy read one with theme for entertaining for example comic or novel. The Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance is kind of e-book which is giving the reader capricious experience.

William Sanchez:

Beside this specific Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance in your phone, it can give you a way to get closer to the new knowledge or details. The information and the knowledge you will got here is fresh from oven so don't always be worry if you feel like an aged people live in narrow small town. It is good thing to have Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance because this book offers for your requirements readable information. Do you often have book but you rarely get what it's all about. Oh come on, that will not happen if you have this within your hand. The Enjoyable agreement here cannot be questionable, similar to treasuring beautiful island. So do you still want to miss the item? Find this book and also read it from currently!

Robert Murphy:

A lot of book has printed but it is unique. You can get it by net on social media. You can choose the top book for you, science, comic, novel, or whatever by means of searching from it. It is called of book Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance. You'll be able to your knowledge by it. Without causing the printed book, it may add your knowledge and make an individual happier to read. It is most important that, you must aware about publication. It can bring you from one place to other place.

Download and Read Online Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance By Samuel Schmidt #OD4CT7NF2SB

Read Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance By Samuel Schmidt for online ebook

Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance By Samuel Schmidt Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance By Samuel Schmidt books to read online.

Online Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance By Samuel Schmidt ebook PDF download

Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance By Samuel Schmidt Doc

Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance By Samuel Schmidt MobiPocket

Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance By Samuel Schmidt EPub

OD4CT7NF2SB: Seriously Funny: Mexican Political Jokes as Social Resistance By Samuel Schmidt