

## Why satire matters

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Free speech in the USA is under open attack.

As it is in this country as well, of course.

Here, the crime is to express your opinion on a piece of cardboard. You can get 14 years for that.

Or it is to project images already in the public domain onto Windsor Castle.

In the States, the issue is different.

There, if you question the President, who, along with his whole entourage, suggests he is completely dedicated to free speech, then your television programme is shut down, or your newspaper is sued for \$15 billion simply for questioning his judgement, and you are told that you are from the far left, are an enemy of the people and that as such your right to free expression has ceased to exist, even though the Constitution says otherwise. And you will be cancelled for now, although how long it is before charges, disappearances, and more begin, we can only guess.

Satire is one way to respond. This is Jon Stewart doing that, last night, and this matters:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_GXNJ3V9Izg?si=vkQe8NnKR7jR2rjA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_GXNJ3V9Izg?si=vkQe8NnKR7jR2rjA)