

What's so funny? – Big wig politics

Yatzpan is a popular magazine format host-show aired nightly on a local channel of Israeli cable television. Eli Yatzpan, a well-known comedian, regularly hosts celebrities and a wide range of performers. In addition, he also creates and acts in his own short sketches in which he dresses up and imitates a wide range of Israeli and worldwide known political leaders.

This form of political satire has become very popular among viewers of all ages, including the children participating in the Israeli study.



Comedian Yatzpan dressed up as former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, and as a Taliban spokesperson – Photos retrieved with permission from *The World according to Yatzpan* website (<http://planet.nana.co.il/wyatzpan>)

What's so funny about it?

“It was very funny in Yatzpan that he dresses up as all kinds of people, and he dressed up as an Arab and as Saddam Hussein ...” (Girl)

“He [Ariel Sharon] is fat! And he makes funny noises. [...] Most often he chases sheep, and when he's happy he laughs like this – ah hey! [imitates laughter].” (Boy)

“They showed Saddam Hussein farting ...” (Girl)