



Comedians Get Political: Samberg, Carvey, Gaffigan Speak Out

Description

UPDATED with SNL & Trump tweets, video: "Well, well, well, look who fell out of that coconut tree," remarked Maya Rudolph as she opened the cold open of the Season 50 premiere of *Saturday Night Live*. "I see you trying to leave, but the doors are locked," added James Austin Johnson later, reprising his role as Donald Trump.

Joined by fellow alum Andy Samberg as current Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff, alongside Rudolph's Emmy-winning portrayal of Kamala Harris, and Jim Gaffigan as Democratic VP nominee Gov. Tim Walz, the cold open of *SNL* delved deep into POTUS politics. Bowen Yang's portrayal of GOP VP nominee Sen. J.D. Vance, with a touch of Radiohead quotes, added a unique dimension to the sketch.

In a nostalgic twist, Dana Carvey made an appearance as President Joe Biden. "A lot of people forget I'm President, including me," quipped Carvey's Biden, sealing the deal on the cold open.

As Rudolph/Harris' self-proclaimed "fun aunt" put it, "My campaign is like that Sabrina Carpenter song 'Espresso': the lyrics are vague, but the vibe slaps."

Tonight's half-century *SNL* debut, just shy of the show's first-season premiere in 1975, reflects the ever-changing political landscape since the Season 49 finale. Recent months have seen a whirlwind of events, leaving the upcoming election too close to call with just over 36 days remaining.

Against this backdrop, *SNL* continues to offer its satirical take on current events, with tonight's episode proving to be a resounding success.

Tonight's episode also featured Jean Smart making her long-awaited *SNL* hosting debut, alongside musical guest Jelly Roll. Next week will see Nate Bargatze hosting *SNL* with Coldplay as the musical guest.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Premiere** /priˈmiə/ (noun): The first public performance of a play film or television show.
2. **Alum** /əˈlʌm/ (noun): A graduate or former student of a particular school college or university.
3. **Nostalgic** /nəˈstæl.dʒɪk/ (adjective): Feeling a sentimental longing for the past.
4. **Whirlwind** /ˈwɜːr.l.wɪnd/ (noun): A situation or series of events in which things happen quickly and unexpectedly.
5. **Satirical** /səˈtɪr.i.kəl/ (adjective): Characterized by the use of humor irony or ridicule to criticize or mock.
6. **Dimension** /diˈmɛnʃən/ (noun): An aspect or feature of a situation problem or subject.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Which actress opened the Season 50 premiere of Saturday Night Live?
Option: Maya Rudolph
Option: Jean Smart
Option: Dana Carvey
Option: Sabrina Carpenter
2. Who reprised the role of Donald Trump in the Season 50 premiere of SNL?
Option: Andy Samberg
Option: James Austin Johnson
Option: Bowen Yang
Option: Jim Gaffigan
3. Which character was played by Andy Samberg in the cold open?
Option: President Joe Biden
Option: Doug Emhoff
Option: J.D. Vance
Option: Gov. Tim Walz
4. Who portrayed Democratic VP nominee Gov. Tim Walz?
Option: Jim Gaffigan
Option: Dana Carvey
Option: Andy Samberg
Option: Bowen Yang
5. Which actor made a guest appearance as President Joe Biden?
Option: James Austin Johnson
Option: Andy Samberg
Option: Dana Carvey
Option: Jim Gaffigan
6. Who was the host of the SNL episode featuring the Season 50 premiere?
Option: James Austin Johnson
Option: Jean Smart



Option: Nate Bargatze

Option: Andy Samberg

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Maya Rudolph 2. James Austin Johnson 3. Doug Emhoff 4. Jim Gaffigan 5. Dana Carvey
6. Jean Smart

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What term refers to a short journey or trip especially for leisure or education?

Option: Microaggressions

Option: Excursion

Option: Conviviality

Option: Affection

2. What is the process of making or enacting laws called?

Option: Scrutinized

Option: Defamation

Option: Stalking

Option: Legislation

3. Which term refers to the first public performance or showing of something?

Option: Reprehensible

Option: Damages

Option: Portrayal

Option: Premiere

4. Which term describes a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past?

Option: Whirlwind

Option: Satirical

Option: Nostalgic

Option: Dimension

5. What word is used to describe something that is widely recognized and well-established?

Option: Admiration

Option: Iconic

Option: Impeccable



Option: Dazzling

6. Which term refers to the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties?

- Option: Resilience
- Option: Admiration
- Option: Epitomizing
- Option: Collaborate

7. What is the quality of being able to adapt to many different functions or activities?

- Option: Authentically
- Option: Versatility
- Option: Perceived
- Option: Emphasized

8. Which term refers to a force that tends to pull stretch or twist something?

- Option: Collaborate
- Option: Authentically
- Option: Strain
- Option: Versatility

9. What are brief and commonplace verbal behavioral or environmental indignities whether intentional or unintentional?

- Option: Microaggressions
- Option: Conviviality
- Option: Affection
- Option: Legislation

10. Which term describes deep love and respect for someone or something?

- Option: Replicable
- Option: Reprehensible
- Option: Adoration
- Option: Damages

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. _____ is the act of damaging the good reputation of someone.

12. The continuous and unwanted surveillance or following of another person is known as

_____.



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13. An actor's portrayal of a character is crucial to conveying the intended message of the performance.
14. Every action has its _____ whether positive or negative.
15. An _____ of a university is a former student.
16. The two companies decided to _____ on a new project to maximize their resources.
17. Her taste in fashion was always _____; she never wore anything out of place.
18. The fireworks display was truly _____ captivating the entire audience.
19. His consistent hard work earned him the _____ of all his colleagues.
20. The construction project was a success _____ efficiency and precision in planning and execution.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



21. The atmosphere at the party was filled with warmth good cheer and lively conversation.
22. She showed great tenderness and care towards her aging parents always making sure they were comfortable.
23. The storm caused significant harm to the crops resulting in financial loss for the farmers.
24. His actions were deemed morally unacceptable by society leading to widespread criticism.
25. The comedy show used humor to criticize and ridicule societal norms and behaviors.
26. The issue had a psychological that needed to be addressed in the therapy sessions.
27. His success was not by his peers until they saw the results for themselves.
28. She the importance of teamwork and collaboration in achieving their goals.
29. The artist's style was unique and reflected his true self creating art that was genuine and his personality.
30. The details of the contract were closely by the legal team to ensure no loopholes.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Excursion 2. Legislation 3. Premiere 4. Nostalgic 5. Iconic 6. Resilience 7. Versatility 8. Strain 9. Microaggressions 10. Adoration

Gap-Fill: 11. Defamation 12. Stalking 13. Portrayal 14. Consequences 15. Alum 16. Collaborate 17. Impeccable 18. Dazzling 19. Admiration 20. Epitomizing

Matching sentence: 1. Conviviality 2. Affection 3. Damages 4. Reprehensible 5. Satirical 6. Dimension 7. Perceived 8. Emphasized 9. Authentically 10. Scrutinized

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