



Media Portrayals



Political Cartoons

- Interpretive drawing, sometimes with words, that convey an idea or message about a current issue, event, or problem.
- Are simple, usually black and white, graphic depictions of a news story or event.
- Portray people's attitudes about a problem or issue.
- Use symbolism, Sarcasm, Exaggerations, Analogy, Labeling, and Irony





Political Comedians

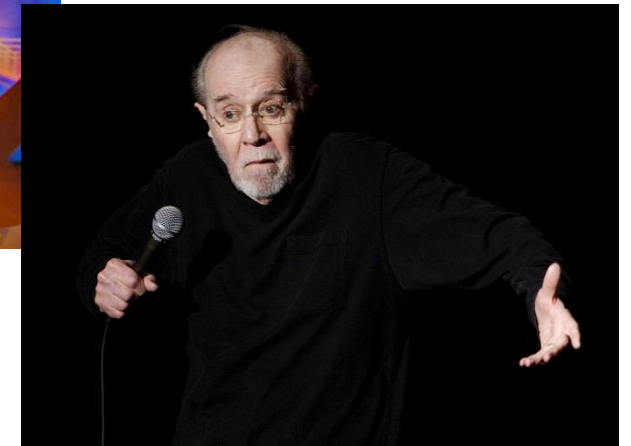
- Comedians use humor as a way of talking about politics
 - Best comedians are funny, but also get people to think about the issues
- Humor is able to address emotions of politics
 - Grief, cynicism, anger, confusion, contradictions
- Younger generations increasingly turning to comedians for source of news



Stupidity really gets me going, when it's just plain stupid, obvious stupidity. And I think that's the reason my act has become more political. I've become somewhat more of a political comic because the level of stupidity I've watched is staggering.

— Lewis Black —

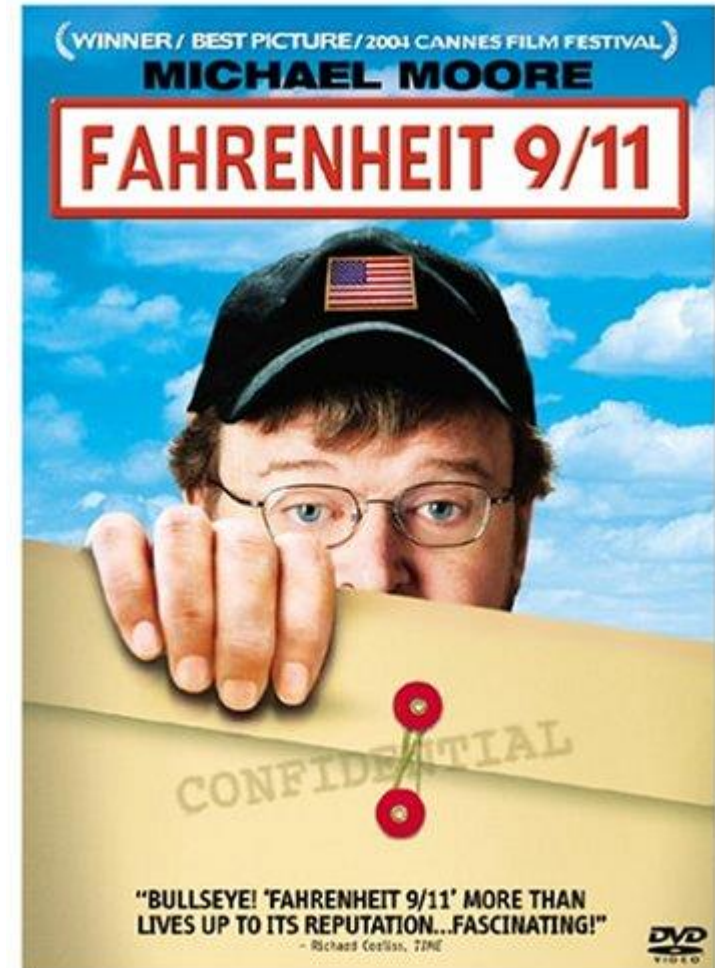
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Documentaries

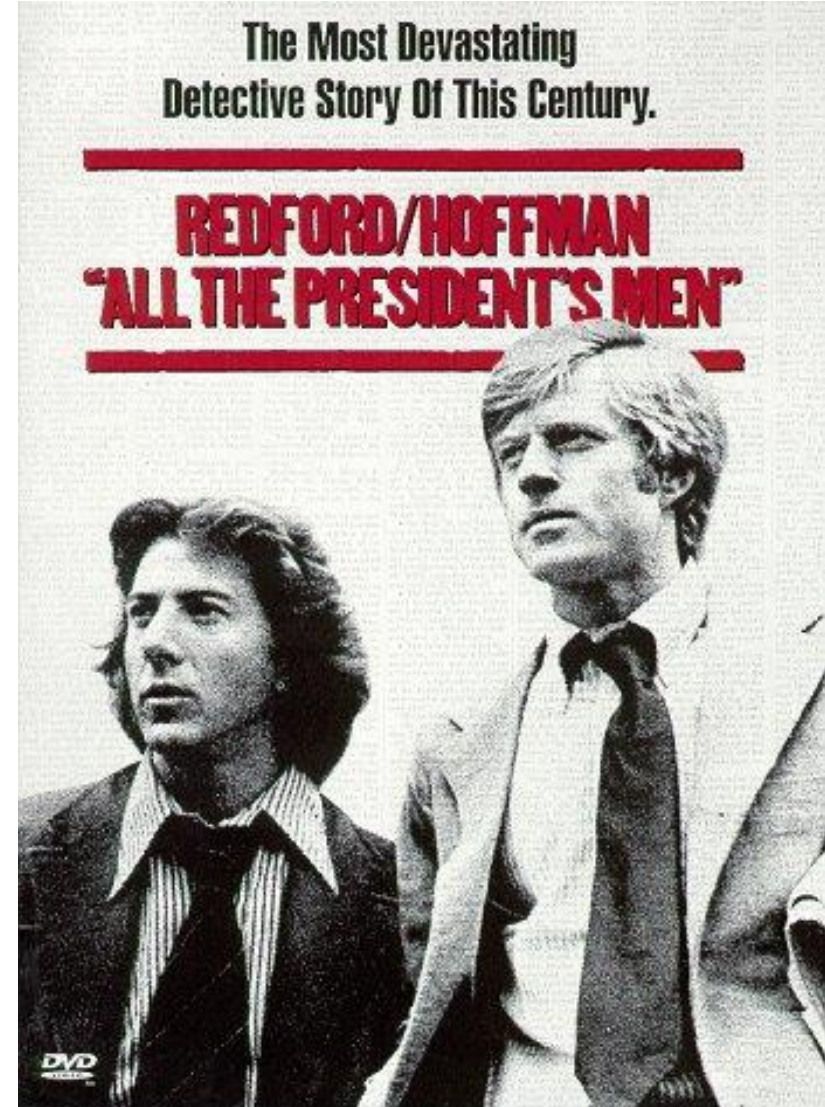
- Political activists use informative documentaries to inform the public about different governmental actions, inequalities, inefficiencies, and corruption
- Goal is to inform and encourage change
 - Definite and clear agenda





Feature Films

- Often draw from politics to entertain
 - Focus on successes, failures, scandals, deceptions, the political process, politics in general...
- Political films are often informative, and might increase knowledge of political workings
 - Main goal is always to make money
- Hollywood tends to be liberal





Magazines

- Magazines and print media may seem politically unconnected, but follow political agendas of parent organizations
 - Will only publish certain articles, and advertisements
 - Magazines help further political agendas
 - Help allow corporations have voice in what Americans think about politics



Illusion Of Choice
There Are:

- 1,500 Newspapers**
- 1,100 Magazines**
- 9,000 Radio Stations**
- 1,500 TV Stations**
- 2,400 Publishers**

**Owned by 6 Corporations
& 272 Executives**
That control 90 % of what 277 million
Americans SEE, HEAR & READ



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