

**The Complete, Totally Comprehensive
Politically Correct
Joke Book**

Every Politically Correct Joke for Every Politically Correct Occasion

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Dedication

To all those who wish to learn the true limits of
politically correct humor.

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Preface

In 1965 I graduated from California's Inglewood High School . The Beatles hit the ground running a year before my graduation. I was in a rock'n roll band and well on my way to becoming a charter member of the peace and love movement, forever touting anti-war slogans to whomever would listen. A hippie and Flower Child with shoulder length hair, I wanted to harm no one. I matriculated from a childhood of torching ants by magnifying glass to making sure that local spiders and bugs had the freedom to roam my plant without fear of injury, rejection or Sudden Death Syndrome by foot or magazine. Yes, I was all about love, kindness, peace, and joy. Or was I?

When I look back at my life I must admit that I seemed to get a great deal of pleasure from laughing at jokes that hurt or attacked other people or groups or communities or countries, or... What better humor than at the expense of others? In the beginning the jokes were really more like taunts: "You're fat." "You're stupid." "You're ugly" and so on. Later, as I grew older and more mature, I became more sophisticated with my humor: "You're so dumb, you couldn't figure out how to..." More time created more worldliness. "Did you hear the one about the blond who..." "Three blacks are standing on a..." "A Catholic, a Jew and a boxer are having lunch when..." And on and on I went, performing my eleemosynary acts of piece and love all the way through my Ph.D. and beyond, paying little attention to my ignominious deportment with respect to taking pot shots at whomever was in shooting distance.

In time I recognized the potential damage caused by sexual jokes, racial slurs, put-downs, and in general, laughing at others at their expense. The more I became aware of my misappropriation of humor the more I was disgusted with my participation in the process of hurting others . I stopped watching people such as David Lettermen, Don Rickles, John Stuart, Joan Rivers, Jay Leno, Rosie O'Donnell and others who use people's misfortune to gain public acceptance through laughter. The more I did research into this area of the human condition the closer I came to see the truth; it's all schadenfreude.

Schadenfreude (SHOD-n-froy-duh), a German word meaning: A malicious satisfaction obtained from the misfortunes of others; receiving pleasure or enjoyment from the troubles or wows of others. Simply stated, schadenfreude--one who is a schadenfrow--laughs at other

peoples misery; teases others; taunts others, etc., for the purpose of getting a laugh at the unfortunate expense of others. In English, the closest similar word is, epicaricacy: taking pleasure in the misfortune of others. (This word is rarely, if ever used, in conversations. Most dictionaries do not list or define epicaricacy.) Another English word, also rarely used, it's very distant cousin, is dudgeon, meaning, ill humor.

Being an academic and a want-to-be humanitarian I needed to know: What is appropriate, politically correct humor? What kind of Jewish Jokes, religious jokes, jokes about a sex offenders, tall people, thin people, handicapped people, homosexuals, etc., are acceptable in an enlightened society.

I executed research. My research was rigorous in nature fraught with controversy and consternation. I traveled far and wide to answer my own question. I listened to humor, weeding out each and every word that my offend, even the most unsuspecting victims. Finally, I found the answer.

In my book, *The Complete Totally Comprehensive Politically Correct Joke Book*, you will find an entire list of politically correct jokes for every occasion. From black to white, Asian to American, blond haired to redhead, deformed to fat, straight to gay, you will be amazed and overwhelmed at the kind of humor that passes the schadenfreude, epicaricay test. So enjoy yourself. Your laugh is on me.

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