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There are many satirical shows that intersect with journalism. The *Late Night with Seth Meyers* and *Saturday Night Live* are both good examples of shows that intersect with journalism and especially politics. The *Late Night with Seth Meyers* airs on weeknights at 12:35 am while *Saturday Night Live* obviously airs on Saturday nights at 11:35 pm. Both of these shows frequently are making fun of President Trump and other political figures. Recently, these shows and other similar shows have been talking about the coronavirus and the way Trump seems to be not dealing with it. None of the shows say good things about the politics in the United States, but it is usually the truth and it makes people laugh. Both of these shows deal with political topics in similar ways.

Both the *Late Night with Seth Meyers* and *Saturday Night Live* have similar ways in how they express how they feel about the certain political topic. In the *Late Show with Seth Meyers*, he frequently is attacking Trump for how dumb or not reassuring he is. Also, the tone of Meyers’ voice is a big factor in how the news is received. Since he has a sarcastic voice, the audience kind of looks passed the comment he just made and they are influenced to think whatever he just said is ok. This also happens in *Saturday Night Live* when they have their usual weekend update where it is two people talking about the news, but it is not always making fun of the news. The weekend update is basically the two people discussing in a satirical way whatever happened that
week in politics or anything that can be seen as news. According to “From Colbert to Kimmel: the rise of ‘investigative comedy,’ Saturday Night Live, was one of the first mix of journalism and late night shows. Kennedy says, “The DNA of today’s investigative comedy traces back to Saturday Night Live and its Weekend Update, a spoof news segment created by original anchor Chevy Chase in 1975.” The weekend update is very similar to a news show in the way it is set up and formatted. It is set up with two anchors at a desk wearing suits or nice clothes. The content is not as similar to a news show because they have to make it funny so different topics are brought up. Also, the weekend update segment is very short. They only talk about one topic for 20 seconds at most. There is one topic that both of these late night shows talk about and that is what the president is up to. Not just because it is Trump, but because everyone likes a good joke about the president whoever it may be. Seth Meyers loves to go at Trump any time he can get a chance to. A trend with late night shows is they talk about the less intense side of politics a lot of the time so they don’t cross the line. For example, in both SNL and Late Show with Seth Meyers, when talking about Trump they always go at his tweets and they kind of stem away from more important topics, but not always. Both of these shows overlap with journalism and still remain as a satire.

In conclusion, the Late Show with Seth Meyers and Saturday Night Live are great examples of late night shows that have similar format and content and also delivery jokes about politics. These shows both overlap with journalism since they always cover some portion of the news. Both shows are prime examples of late night satirical shows that say jokes about politics and other borderline topics.
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