

Text 1

Contributor: Cord Green

Informant: Jonas White

Title: (Very) Drunkenly Told Bomb Joke

Semester/Year: Fall 2014

Instructor: John McDowell

Genre/Sub-Genre: joke/other

Text: "A dad and a... a father were on a plane. So, they throw off an apple, a watermelon and a bomb. So, they jump off and they parachute to the ground. So, they start walking and they meet a woman. And shes crying and they ask her why shes crying. And she says "an apple hit my head" and they say "oh" and they keep walking. A man is crying and they say "why are you crying" a watermelon hit my husband. So, and, they go to the next person. They find a woman who's laughing, and they ask her why. She says "I farted, and my house blew up."

Context: A very drunk friend dropped by my house to hang out for a bit. I asked him for a joke and this was the result.

Points of Interest: Drunk people are bad at telling jokes.

Text 2

Contributor: Cord Green

Informant: Jeff Browne

Title: Sumo Joke

Semester/Year: Fall 2014

Instructor: John McDowell

Genre/Sub-Genre: joking riddle/feminism jokes

Text: Q: "Why do sumo wrestlers shave their legs?"

A: "So you can tell them apart from feminists."

Context: I asked my roommate if he knew any jokes he could tell me. This is the first one that he remembered.

Points of Interest: This joke compares feminists' bodies to the massive, doughy bodies of sumo wrestlers. It not only implies that feminists are fat and manly, but also states that these powerful athletes are somehow more dainty and refined than feminists.

Text 3

Contributor: Cord Green

Informant: Jeff Browne

Title: Jewish Circumcision Joke

Semester/Year: Fall 2014

Instructor: John McDowell

Genre/Sub-Genre: joking riddle/jewish jokes

Text: Q: "Why are all Jewish guys circumcised?"

A: "Because Jewish girls won't touch anything that isn't at least 20% off."

Context: After telling my roommate, Jeff, about the folklore project and website, I showed him the website. One of the first items in the "Jokes" section was a Jewish joke, which reminded him of the above joke.

Points of Interest: Just before this conversation, Jeff and I had been discussing how jokes are most easily remembered in response to other jokes. After hearing a Jewish joke, he was reminded of the above Jewish joke.

Text 4

Contributor: Cord Green

Informant: Spencer Dodd

Title: Anti-Jokes

Semester/Year: Fall 2014

Instructor: John McDowell

Genre/Sub-Genre: joking riddle/anti-jokes

Text: Q: "Why did the little girl fall off of the swing?"

A: "Because she had no arms."

Q: "Why did the little boy drop his ice cream?"

A: "Because he was hit by a truck."

Context: I asked a friend if he had any good jokes he could tell me. These were the jokes

Points of Interest: Spencer told a lot of anti-jokes when I first met him a few years ago. These were the only ones that he could remember. Anti-jokes present themselves as standard jokes, but the punchline tends to be solemn and dark. This misdirection is what creates the humor.

Text 5

Contributor: Cord Green

Informant: Ben Furgeson

Title: Chicken Joke from 5 Year Old

Semester/Year: Fall 2014

Instructor: John McDowell

Genre/Sub-Genre: joking riddle/chicken-road jokes

Text: Q: "Why did the chicken cross the road?"

A: "To get to your mom."

Context: When I dropped by a friend's house I asked his roommate if he knew any good jokes. He couldn't think of any, but he told me a 5 year old had told him a joke recently,

and he recited the above joke.

Points of Interest: This joke while not particularly funny, is interesting in that it has a somewhat sexual undertone, but comes from a 5 year old who clearly doesn't understand that element of this "joke". This child has most likely heard "your mom" used in a comedic manner on multiple occasions, but doesn't understand why it's funny or how it should be applied.

Text 6

Contributor: Cord Green

Informant: Hunter Johnson

Title: 9-11 Knock-Knock Joke

Semester/Year: Fall 2014

Instructor: John McDowell

Genre/Sub-Genre: knock-knock joke/9-11 joke

Text: Knock Knock.

Who's There?

9-11.

9-11 who?

You said you'd never forget!

Context: Asked informant for a joke while we were hanging out at my apartment.

Points of Interest: 9-11 jokes have existed for over 13 years, now. Their ability to elicit a response of offense and disgust has certainly contributed to their longevity.

Text 7

Contributor: Cord Green

Informant: Mason Yao

Title: Potato Joke

Semester/Year: Fall 2014

Instructor: John McDowell

Genre/Sub-Genre: joking riddle/other

Text: Q: What do you get when you cross a penis and a potato?

A: A dick-tater.

Context: informant was asked for a joke.

Points of Interest: N/A

Text 8

Contributor: Cord Green

Informant: Aaron Wilson

Title: Dirty Jokes

Semester/Year: Fall 2014

Instructor: John McDowell

Genre/Sub-Genre: joking riddle/other

Text: Q: Whats the difference between a Zeta girl and washing machine?

A: A washing machine doesn't follow you around after you dump a load in them.

Q:Whats the hardest part about being a pedo?

A: Just fitting in.

Q:Whats the best part about fingering a gypsy on her period?

A: It's the only time you get your palm re(a)d for free.

Context: Friend was asked for a joke. After thinking for a bit he wrote them out for me, instead of telling them to me aloud.

Points of Interest: He noted that all of the jokes that he had given were quite offensive. He was right.