

# [***Jay Leno Says He's Done With Political Jokes***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6B70-BN41-DXXD-7018-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Veteran comedian and former “Tonight Show” host Jay Leno said Thursday he has taken a step back from political humor, citing a desire not to alienate his audience in today's charged political climate.

Leno, known for his even-handed approach to satire during his late-night tenure, shared his insights during an [*appearance*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lkoBcVLUw8) on “Piers Morgan Uncensored.” Leno reminisced about a time when jesting about ***politics*** served as the backbone of his comedic repertoire. “I just stopped doing ***politics*** in my act altogether because-you know, when I did 'The Tonight Show,' the idea was you make fun of both sides equally,” [*Leno*](https://dailycaller.com/2022/12/13/face-caught-fire-jay-leno-discusses-freak-accident/) told Piers Morgan.

[*Link to Video*](https://www.youtube.com/embed/5lkoBcVLUw8?feature=oembed)

“Now you've gotta take a side and people are angry if you don't and I find that when I start to tell a political joke, they want to know the punch line before, is this for or against, you know,” Leno added. “So, I just stopped doing it because I just want people to come and laugh and have a good time. That's the idea of doing a comedy show.” [***(RELATED: REPORT: Jay Leno Injured In Motorcycle Accident Just Months After Suffering Burns In Car Fire)***](https://dailycaller.com/2023/01/27/report-jay-leno-motorcycle-accident-broken-bones-car-fire-burns/)

In the candid conversation with Morgan, Leno expressed his personal views, revealing that although he is “not a fan” of [*Donald Trump*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/01/28/opinion-donald-trump-should-make-nato-a-deal-it-cant-refuse-jd-foster/), he opposes any state-led efforts to exclude the former president from the electoral [*ballot*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/01/18/trump-warns-scotus-failure-to-squash-ballot-removal-challenges-would-unleash-chaos-and-bedlam/), labeling such actions as counter to democratic principles.

“I'm against the cause that could turn against you,” he said. “I think we could do a little bit better. You know all these indictments, whatever it might be.”

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