

Political Memes Packet

20 tossups

In 2000, a stolen Enigma machine was inexplicably sent to this man through the mail. In 1997, he asked the question “Did you threaten to overrule him?” twelve times in a row to Michael Howard. This man controversially denounced the “Scottish Raj” running the United Kingdom in 2005, and like Matt Weiner, has been accused of incivility, such as when he asked Tony Blair if he prayed with George W. Bush. In his most famous role, he asks numerous “starter” questions. For 10 points, name this host since 1994 of *University Challenge*.

ANSWER: Jeremy Paxman

After this sentence was uttered, the speaker quickly went on to pay tribute to Lord Carrington. It comes after a section where the speaker proposes a “winter of common sense” instead of “another winter of discontent.” This sentence is uttered after the speaker refuses to engage in “that favourite media catchphrase, the U turn.” For 10 points, name this sentence uttered by Margaret Thatcher at a 1980 speech to the Conservative Party Conference, where she infamously referenced a Christopher Fry play.

ANSWER: “The lady’s not for turning”

This man and David Trimble performed a “Victory Jig” after the end to the 1995 Drumcree conflict. He and Martin McGuinness were dubbed the “Chuckle Brothers” by the press. This man shouted “I denounce you as the Antichrist” to John Paul II at a meeting of the European Parliament, and launched the Save Ulster From Sodomy Campaign. For 10 points, name this head of the Democratic Unionist Party in Northern Ireland from 1971 to 2008.

ANSWER: Ian Paisley

This incident occurred immediately after a speaker sheepishly says he has “tried to turn away from the TV” and “even been shopping.” Some have noted its bizarre similarity to the SNL sketch “Amazing Time Savers.” Right after it took place, the camera cut to Chris Tucker repeatedly saying “help, help, help, help.” It occurred on live television as the speaker completely stunned fellow presenter Mike Myers. For 10 points, name this incident in which a certain rapper denounced the President’s handling of Hurricane Katrina.

ANSWER: Kanye West saying George W. Bush doesn’t care about black people

A report on this thing was leaked by Clive Ponting to Tom Dalyell, prompting Dalyell’s anguished question about what direction it was moving in at the time. Its captain, Hector Bonzo, said it was improper to think of an attack on it as a “betrayal,” saying he had been given orders to attack the enemy. This thing’s destruction was referenced in the *Sun* headline “GOTCHA.” For 10 points, name this Argentine cruiser infamously sunk by a British submarine during the Falklands War.

ANSWER: The General Belgrano

This phrase is first uttered in a discussion of a Huntsville, Alabama billboard which read “You know they’re all scams.” A person’s reaction to this phrase is the inspiration for the “Are You Serious” black and white meme face, and after Stephen Colbert repeated it, Neil DeGrasse Tyson appeared to counter it. It was first uttered in a conversation with American Atheists President

David Silverman, right after the speaker noted “Never a miscommunication.” For 10 points, name this Bill O’Reilly phrase uttered in reference to such amazing phenomena as “tide goes in, tide goes out.”

ANSWER: **“You can’t explain that.”**

In 2009, this man noted that the Iranian street protests were “similar to what we did last year when Republicans were shut down in the House.” He won his first political office after bicycling across a district when campaigning against Guy Vander Jagt. A commercial for this man features a woman riding a bike who is identified as “yellowgirl” on his website. That woman says “Thank you, Senator Debbie Spenditnow,” referring to this man’s political opponent, Debbie Stabenow. For 10 points, name this former Michigan Congressman and Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

ANSWER: Peter **Hoekstra**

The person connected to this incident bitterly said Mitt Romney “threw me under his campaign bus,” and then “backed up and ran me over again.” This incident took place next to the Royal Zino Shoeshine shop. A man tried to defend himself by saying he was “a fairly wide guy,” so his stance would be broad, and he later proclaimed “I am not gay, I have never been gay.” The main figure in this event was arrested after he tapped his toes several times and moved his foot closer to an undercover police officer’s. For 10 points, name this 2007 incident in which an Idaho Senator was arrested for lewd conduct in a Minneapolis airport.

ANSWER: The Larry **Craig** Scandal

This work begins with a female voice saying “purity” and “piety.” At some points during this work, the questions “Have you been fooled?” and “Might there be a better choice?” appear on the screen. The female voice is replaced by a grim male voice saying “Leaving but one way to fall” as an animal falls off a pedestal. It lambastes a man for claiming to be a “fiscal genius.” This ad uses the title monster to represent Tom Campbell, a so-called “fiscal conservative in name only.” For 10 points, name this outrageous Carly Fiorina ad featuring a sinister looking farm animal.

ANSWER: The **Demon Sheep** commercial

Shortly after this event, its star said “there’s always a race factor” to Soledad O’Brien. It raised over two million dollars for the Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich, Connecticut. The response to this event prompted Jesse Jackson to chastise what he thought was a “slave master mentality.” Fathead changed the price of wall graphics featuring a certain man to \$17.41, the birth year of Benedict Arnold. It infamously prompted a letter written in Comic Sans font by Dan Gilbert. For 10 points, name this 2010 special which featured LeBron James declaring his intentions to take his talents to South Beach.

ANSWER: “The **Decision**”

This character’s life is threatened by Bobby Bowden after he is unsympathetic to a complaint about Miss Priss’ Cat Emporium, and in another appearance, he describes all the ringing phones on hold as “so pretty.” This character is inspired by Lou Holtz to do better but still says it will take weeks to send Lou a replacement item. This person’s incompetent answers to people over the phone are usually followed by a voice asking “want better customer service?” For 10 points,

name this bearded man with a feminine name who works for U.S.A. Prime Credit in a series of Discover commercials.

ANSWER: **Peggy**

An urban legend states that David Bowie invented this game. An infamous commercial for it features a child proclaiming she has won before explaining it to her brother, who sulks “pretty sneaky, sis.” Variations in this game include “Power Up” “Pop Out,” and “Pop 10,” and its classical model has 4,531,985,219,092 different positions. For 10 points, name this game where you drop colored discs into a grid.

ANSWER: **Connect Four**

The namesake of this company played in the very first Sugar Bowl. In a commercial for it, a character sternly orders “get a rope” in response to an error made by the cook “Cookie.” This company’s commercials featured people inevitably shouting “NEW YORK CITY?” where they hear where a competitor’s products are made. For 10 points, name this type of salsa which shares its name with a quizbowl company.

ANSWER: **Pace** Foods

This incident ends with a man happily saying “Take it away!” before ripping off his jacket. It happens due to some miscommunication regarding how to phrase an introduction of Sting’s music, with a man becoming furious at the expression “to play us out.” This incident is best remembered for a man shouting “fucking thing sucks” and “we’ll do it live!” For 10 points, name this series out of outtakes from *Inside Edition* in which the host becomes increasingly angry at the teleprompter.

ANSWER: Bill **O’Reilly** getting **angry**

This one-time Senate Minority Whip was the first man to hold such a position from his state since Ernest McFarland. He was the major Senate supporter of the 2006 Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act. In April 2011, he falsely claimed that performing abortions is “well over 90 percent of what Planned Parenthood does,” which prompted his office to later clarify his remark “was not intended to be a factual statement.” For 10 points, name this former Senator from Arizona.

ANSWER: Jon **Kyl**

The creation of this entity was inspired by the Neil Diamond song “I Am...I Said.” This creature was created by the Italian Sergio Mian and currently resides in the office of Reince Priebus. While talking to this being, a man noted “I can’t tell him to do that, he can’t do that to himself” when explaining he couldn’t relay this thing’s comments to Mitt Romney. After talking with this creature, a speaker closed his comments by saying “make my day.” For 10 points, name this entity used to represent Barack Obama at the 2012 Republican National Convention by Clint Eastwood.

ANSWER: A **chair**

In one appearance, this man is shoved to the ground by a man who asks “how was your weekend?” In that appearance, he is chilling in a hot tub when a fat man asks “Mind if I jump in?” and gets in. At the end of that appearance, this man succeeds in getting others to say “lean

back,” “ridonkulous,” and “play on, playa,” thus impressing Mike Tirico, Jon Gruden, and Ron Jaworski. In a Verizon commercial, a fantasy owner imagines his bikini clad girlfriend to be this NFL player. For 10 points, name this Minnesota Vikings running back.

ANSWER: Adrian **Peterson**

This four-word phrase has nothing to do with Christine O'Donnell, but it was first uttered in response to the question “Are you a witch?” and it also is an answer to a question about a man's nickname being “Turtle.” This response was uttered multiple times in 2010 by a man on Lawrence O'Donnell's *The Last Word*, and was occasionally explained with the phrase “mismanagement of resources” and “irresponsible government spending.” For 10 points, name this four-word response uttered numerous times in an interview by Alvin Greene to mock his Republican opponent, the incumbent South Carolina Senator.

ANSWER: “**DeMint started the recession**”

After this event, a man asked the rhetorical question “who the hell takes a third game of the preseason like it's bullshit?” It ended with Neil Rackers missing a 40-yard kick to win the game. After this event, a man insisted “if you want to crown them, then crown their ass,” before claiming “we let 'em off the hook!” This game is best remembered for the losing coach yelling that the winning team was what they thought they were; that coach was Denny Green. For 10 points, name this 2006 *Monday Night Football* game between a NFC North and NFC West team.

ANSWER: The 2006 **Chicago Bears-Arizona Cardinals** game

Shortly before this event, Jim Slater surprisingly doubled the winning pot. The winner insisted that a custom-made Staunton set from Jaques of London be used and lost his second game by forfeit after insisting all cameras be removed. The ultimate winner at this event claimed the Russians fixed the sport in a 1962 *Sports Illustrated* article, and would become the first U.S.-born American to win the world title, ending 24 years of Soviet dominance. For 10 points, name this 1972 showdown for the World Chess Championship between an American and the defending Soviet champ.

ANSWER: The 1972 Bobby **Fischer**/Boris **Spassky** match

References to this location were defended in an interview where the speaker mocked “Colonel West,” before correcting himself to say “Cornell West.” This location was first discussed by a man in a conversation with David Brody of the Christian Broadcasting Network about “gotcha questions.” Described as “one of the small insignificant states around the world,” this location was dismissed with the question “how's that going to create one job?” Presumably, this country is also led by Islam Karizov. For 10 points, name this fictional country created by Herman Cain in a 2011 interview.

ANSWER: **Ubeki-beki-beki-beki-stan-stan**