EVALUATE SATIRICAL NEWS

Source

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Motive

Satire is writing or art designed to make social commentary based on mockery and imitation of real-life events or actors. Satire is different from fake news in that its purpose is to entertain or inspire consumers, rather than to deceive them.

Authority

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SMART Check

The Daily Show is an Emmy and Peabody Award-winning satirical news program that has been on the air for over 20 years.

Review

Trevor Noah gives his views about Donald Trump’s tweets about Congressman John Lewis.

You’re calling a civil rights hero who marched in Selma with Martin Luther King, Jr. ‘all talk, no action?’ Noah asked. “Saying John Lewis isn’t a ‘man of action’ is like me saying Donald Trump is all tax returns, no tweets.

Transcript:

“Now if Steve Harvey’s way of dealing with Trump isn’t your flavor we got the exact opposite way of dealing with Trump this weekend from Georgia Congressman and Civil Rights leader John Lewis.” [Clip from Meet the Press] “Damn John Lewis does not mess around. I mean I’ve heard of people turning down party invites but giving your reason as ‘illegitimate,’ that’s going to change evites forever. So John Lewis called Trump an illegitimate president and you know Trump he just let that BLEEP slide straight onto his keyboard.” [News clips reading Trump’s Twitter message.] “I’m sorry what? ‘All talk, no action,’ you’re calling a civil rights hero who marched in Selma with Martin Luther King Jr. ‘All talk, no action’? Saying John Lewis isn’t a ‘man of action’ is like me saying Donald Trump is all tax returns, no tweets. This man, this man got his head beaten in on multiple occasions by racist policemen who were trying to silence him and what he was doing. That is action. I’m not going to front. If you smash me over the head, I would seriously reconsider whatever issue I was fighting for. I’d be like I’m sitting in the front. Blap. You know what? The back’s cooler anyway. It’s where all the cool kids are. Rosa you do you. I’ve a one head beating policy. I’m out. I’m out. A part of me thinks Trump didn’t even know who John Lewis was. I mean this seems like it’s just Trump’s generic response to any black criticism. Anytime black people criticize him he’s just like ‘go back to your burning inner city.’ You know it’s like if Trump met a black astronaut I bet he’d be like ‘Thank you for fighting crime in the burning inner cities of space. Space crime is a huge problem. Sad.’ But here’s the thing, here’s the thing. What Steve Harvey and John Lewis did this weekend perfectly captures the debate about how to respond to the Trump presidency. Do you resist him or do you work with him? And this weekend we saw examples of both and it’s appropriate that we’re talking about this on Martin Luther King Day. Because Dr. King also stood for both approaches. Dr. King was out on the streets marching and boycotting, but he also sat down to negotiate with those in power.”

Two-Source Test


John Lewis organized and participated in sit-ins, freedom rides, and protest marches in the South during the Civil Rights movement. He worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Since being elected to Congress in 1982, Lewis has fought against intolerance, fought for workers rights, denounced homophobic rhetoric. His “pet project over the years” was the encouragement of a museum bill allowing for a museum of African American history at the Smithsonian Institution. The museum opened in 2016. The African American Almanac

John Lewis was a rising black star of the New South. From the earliest days of the Freedom Rides...in the...Selma March in Alabama, John has never deviated from the principle of nonviolence. Of all the people I came to know in the civil rights movement, none suffered more physical assaults and injury from those who would deny him his full rights as a citizen. Stubbornly and consistently, he has answered hate and violence with a calm dignity and forbearance.