

## EVERYBODY HATES YOU

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A college professor teaches his students that they all must hate one another because they don't all agree on everything.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** This skit is intended to reflect the political and cultural attitude of 21st century America, where it's no longer okay to agree to disagree. People who disagree must also hate each other. It's a hard skit, and it should not be used as a stand alone – except possibly in some college settings where the humor might have a broad appeal.

**TIME:** 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 3M, 2F

**THEME:** Judging others

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** 1 John 4:7-8

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Sermon Illustration

**CHARACTERS:**

PROFESSOR PRETENSION

JIM, KENT, SARAH, and DONNA—college students

**PROPS:** College classroom desks and chairs, a chalkboard and chalk

**COSTUMES:** Shirt and tie for the prof, regular clothes for the others, including a Red Sox hat for Jim.

**SOUND:** Five wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A classroom

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*The students are sitting in desks. JIM is wearing a Red Sox hat or shirt or jacket. The PROFESSOR walks in and stands by a chalkboard*

**PROF:** Good afternoon, class. I'm Professor Pretension, and this is Political Science 101. Who can tell me something about politics? Anyone?

**JIM:** Professor? Politics is like Republicans and Democrats.

**PROF:** Yes, very good. Here in America, we have a two party system.

**KENT:** Sounds like my weekend.

*The students laugh.*

**PROF:** Yes, right. Anyway, we have two political parties: Republican and Democrat. My next question is: how do you know which one you belong to?

**SARAH:** Which one has Bud on tap?

*The students laugh.*

**PROF:** If I may go on, each party has different beliefs about the key issues of our day. For example, how many of you here think it's okay to own a gun?

*KENT and DONNA raise their hands.*

Then you two are Republicans.

**KENT:** Cool, Republicans represent!

*KENT and DONNA high five.*

**SARAH:** So since we don't think it's okay to own guns that makes us Democrats?

**PROF:** Yes.

**JIM:** Wow, I'm a Democrat.

**KENT:** Can we still go to the same parties on Friday night?

**PROF:** No, I'm afraid you can't.

**DONNA:** Excuse me?

**PROF:** You can't go to the same parties. Not Republicans and Democrats.

**DONNA:** Why not?