

Choice Work of Humor Annotations



Reactions:

I don't watch SNL consistently, but this was one of the firsts that Jordan showed me & I loved it! I laughed the hardest seeing both guys break character. It was definitely an all-out belly laugh. I especially liked when Aerial Tramway would cut off Red Heart – specifically when he would make arguments to defend its relevance despite definitely being one of the least used emojis. It's so ridiculously perfect.

Observations:

Both emoji's seemed to take this argument seriously, but they also reveled in the idea of breaking character – moreso Red Heart. I thought the random smiles from Red Heart made the entire thing more authentic. I think the main tools from the Comedy Tool Box are personification, satire, and banter. Personification comes more obvious, seeing as literal emojis are fighting over popularity and relevance. Satire comes with a little more context, but in the sketch both emojis are arguing about popularity, and I feel like this is kind of mocking modern society's obsession with status and social validation because they're reflecting it on something as absurd as Apple Emojis.

Analyzation:

This sketch essentially ridicules Red Heart as it portrays itself as superior while Aerial Tramway mocks & argues it's also an elite emoji. For example, in the link at 00:42, Red Heart says, "All I know is that they're going to be more popular than this loser, you know. I'm number one cause I'm useful." Red Heart then begins listing examples while Aerial Tramway makes gestures to mock and disagree. I think many people in my generation, Gen Z, would find this funny because we're pretty much always online and we understand the references towards the uses of emojis. I also think people who are aware of social norms and expectations would easily make the connection to the satire themes involved. In addition, as Red Heart lists examples of how often it is used, it reflects human needs and actions. Usually humans have a tendency to prove their worth in comparison to others. So, Red Heart listing all of its uses reminds me of humans always being obsessed with likes, views, comments & just simple validation on social media. Overall, it definitely is very timely to today's society and is a clever way to mock the people who act like this in real life.