

Cure your alcoholism with coke!

A girlie's tips to kicking the bottle.



1. **Cut ties with your drinking buddies** - you'll be making new and much cooler friends when you switch to coke!
2. **Replace your nightly wine with a nightly line.** Text your friends with updates and let them hold you accountable.
3. **Trade your beer goggles for a rolled-up dollar bill.** Put all your pent-up rage and violence into hard work and building healthy habits!
4. **Instead of hitting the bars, hit the bathroom stalls.** All the cool kids hang out in public bathrooms! (We are not sure why.)
5. **Trade your hangover for a high-groover.** Instead of waking up feeling like a zombie, indulge in a mountain of glorious powdery white and embrace that sweet, sweet rush!

I got horrendously sick from drinking at the beginning of term and realized even I cannot keep this up. Thank god I have had help kicking the habit by switching from that terrible liquid gold to that white, white powdery goodness: full sugar coke! Seriously, I've been drinking so much Coca-Cola recently - it tastes better and I'd much rather ride a sugar high than deal with a hangover!



Experts say ignorance far more profitable than knowledge

There's no money in academia! (and anyone who chooses that path is dumb and broke)

In a groundbreaking study that has left Even UK professors, at the top of the academic intellectuals scratching their heads and pay scale (£90,891 or \$118,158), earn only dropouts cheering, experts have conclusively slightly more than the average Fox News proven that ignorance is not only bliss but also a far more lucrative career path than knowledge.

“Our data clearly shows that the less you know, the more you earn. It’s a beautifully inverse relationship,” says Dr. Willy Knownothing, as he packed up his office and headed to his new job as a professional lottery ticket buyer.

Key findings from the study comparing Fox news employee earnings with average salaries you can expect from UK academia reveal:

- The average Fox News salary (\$101,173) is significantly higher than the average UK lecturer salary (£40,761 or \$52,989). That's almost double, for all the dumb dumbs out there.

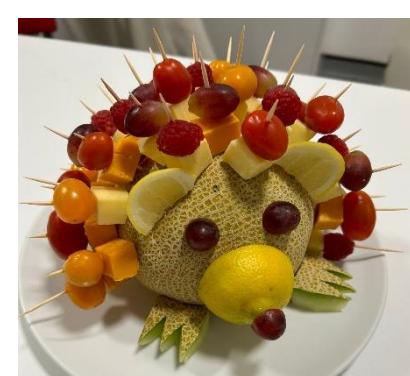
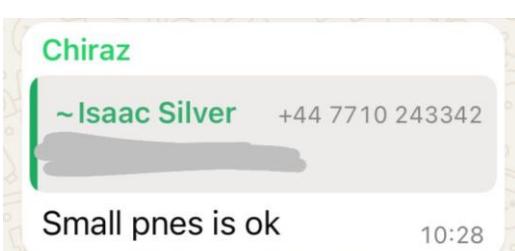
- News Reporters at Fox News (\$68,189) earn more than UK lecturers (£40,761 or \$52,989) and are closer to the salary of UK Senior Lecturers.

- The salary range for Fox News employees (\$89,097 to \$114,524) is generally higher than most academic positions in the UK, except for the highest-paid professors.

So why waste time learning when you could be earning?

Join Fox News today! As one anonymous billionaire put it, “I don’t read good, but I sure do count good.” And isn’t that what life is really about?

This Term in Three Timeless Thumbnails



Once in a lifetime catastrophe meant to happen every year, social scientists find

Natural disasters bring us together!

This year, as every year, we dutifully turn our attention to climate change and its worsening impacts as world leaders play hot potato with the planet. Just like every year since this author has stepped foot on this boiling planet, scientists have found that natural disasters such as floods, droughts, and heatwaves are occurring with increasing frequency and intensity, far beyond historical norms, largely due to human-caused climate change.

For example, between 1990 and 2019, floods accounted for 42% of all natural disasters globally; part of a broader trend that saw the number of recorded natural disasters skyrocket from just 39 in 1960 to 396 in 2019. This alarming increase continued into recent years, with 2023 setting a new record of \$28 billion weather and climate disasters in the United States alone, surpassing the previous high of \$22 billion in 2020.

Meanwhile, prolonged droughts have devastated regions like South America and southern Africa; in the Horn of Africa, a three-year drought caused food insecurity for millions before being followed by massive floods that killed hundreds, mainly in densely populated urban and riverine areas of Somalia, Kenya and parts of Ethiopia.

Climatologists and meteorologists have observed that events previously classified as “once in a century” or “once in a lifetime” are now occurring with alarming regularity. Dr. Stormy Skies of the Institute of Catastrophic Events notes, “What we used to consider a 100-year flood is now happening every few years. The data clearly shows that climate change is altering the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events.”

Despite the grim outlook, social scientists

offer a surprising perspective. Dr. Sunny Disposition argues, “While the environmental impacts are alarming, we’ve observed a significant rise in social cohesion during these events.” Some now propose reclassifying natural disasters as “Involuntary Community Catalysts”, suggesting the social bonds formed might ultimately outweigh the economic, environmental, and, least importantly, human costs.

“This is precisely why social scientists are indispensable. While natural scientists can quantify global temperature anomalies and mortality rates, only we can explain why the socio-economic status quo should be maintained even in the face of impending ecological collapse!”, Dr. Disposition notes.



Student dies during exam

Proctors ask if they would like to continue or fail.

In a shocking incident during a grueling three-hour economics exam, a student tragically shot themselves in the head. In response to inquisitions by the press and concerned parents in the aftermath, proctors reminded students of the importance of adhering to the school’s dress code, known as *sub fusc*. “As stated in the exam regulations, firearms are not part of the *sub fusc* requirements. We emphasize this for your safety and urge students to comply,” they stated.

When asked why emergency services were not called, Professor Ima Hugedick, head of examiners, replied, “The student was

already dead and their brain splattered all over the table. Not really an ‘emergency’ anymore, is it?”

Defending the school’s policies, Professor Hugedick noted that all students, including the deceased, were given the choice to continue or fail the exam. “The deceased chose to fail. That doesn’t mean everyone else should suffer for their decision,” she explained.

When asked for comment, the Vice-Chancellor noted that this behaviour was “perfectly reasonable”.

Comma sounds a lot like coma doesn’t it

Coma is spelled the same as comma except it has one less ‘m’

“Coma” and “comma” are two words that sound remarkably similar and are spelled almost identically, with “comma” having one more ‘m’ than “coma”. Despite their similarities in form, these terms have vastly different meanings and applications. A comma is a punctuation mark used to indicate a pause between parts of a sentence or to separate items in a list. In music, the term “comma” refers to a minute interval or difference in pitch. A coma, on the other hand, is a severe medical condition defined as a prolonged state of deep unconsciousness, typically caused by severe injury or illness. It is one of the most critical and potentially life-threatening conditions in medicine. The Glasgow Coma Scale is used to assess the severity of a coma. Research indicates that approximately 87% of individuals who score 3 or 4 on this scale within 24 hours of entering a coma are likely to either die or remain in a vegetative state.



Correction: We regret to inform our readers that an error occurred in the original article title. Due to their similar spelling, we transposed these words. The correct title should read: “Coma sounds a lot like comma doesn’t it?” We apologize for any confusion this has caused.

Ketchup is not tomato sauce!

I said what I said.



The Oxford Comma remains dedicated to unveiling issues in society and especially at Oxford that go unspoken or are purposefully brushed under the rug to protect the interests of the dominant white, male, cis bourgeoisie class. Yet, the Oxford Comma remains undaunted in the face of such challenges and has always stood up for its underdogs. As such, this paper will no longer keep its silence on the latest victim of *The Great Condiment Debate*.

Long a topic of conversation at St Antony's dining hall, students of multiple generations have argued over what the one true condiment for which they would sacrifice all others is. Commonly, this debate has concluded in a fierce competition between soy sauce and ketchup.

This author is of the firm opinion that on all important matters, participants must be able to freely speak their minds without fear of retaliation. As such, this author accepts all viewpoints on this matter. However, as an advocate of civilized debates, this author can no longer keep quiet on some of the problematic comments made about the underdog, ketchup.

Some people, who shall remain unnamed, seek to disrupt this peaceful debate by claiming that ketchup is replaceable with tomato sauce.

Uhm no? Ketchup is not tomato sauce! The Food Babe author, Vani Hari, instructs us that "ketchup is made with high fructose corn syrup, as well as GMOs and natural flavoring, which is a recipe for addiction." Hence to suggest that ketchup "is just tomato sauce", is to slander the good people at the Kraft Heinz Foods Company who put a lot of thought and chemicals into their products for our enjoyment!

This paper calls on those responsible, to issue a statement of apology to the Kraft Heinz Foods Company ASAP. All other measures would be a slap in the face to the free and civilized exchange of ideas at Oxford and the world at large!

Noone respects higher education anymore.

My ancestors did not die from opium just for me to quit now!

Only last year, a report by the Higher Education Policy Institute found that in the UK, one in five people think that higher education is "a waste of time".

"My great-great-grandfather didn't sail across the ocean in a leaky boat, survive the Opium Wars, and eventually succumb to an overdose just for everyone to give up now!" declared Poppy Seed, a third-year student with eyes glazed over from determination and opium, in response.

Poppy's unconventional approach to academic excellence has raised eyebrows among university officials. Dean of Students, Dr. Buzz Killington, expressed his concern: "We encourage our students to expand their minds, but preferably through reading and critical thinking, not narcotic substances."

The Seed family finds themselves in a haze of conflicting emotions. "We always told her to reach for the stars," Mrs. Seed said, her voice tinged with a mixture of pride and concern. "But we really didn't expect her to get that high."

Oxford is not Hogwarts enough!

The real magic was slavery all along.

I arrived in Oxford expecting grand halls filled with floating candles and staircases that move on their own. Instead, I got drafty corridors and more stairs than my fatted heart can handle. The dining hall? Well, it is fancy, I'll give them that. But the only thing magical about it is how they manage to make British food even less appealing.

At first, I thought maybe I just was not looking hard enough for the enchantment. Like, maybe if I squinted just right, those old portraits would start talking to me. Spoiler alert: they don't. They just stare. Creepily. Especially in the Examination Schools, where over 100 of these portraits are of people with some seriously sketchy connections to slavery and imperialism. We made some awkward eye contact during exams.

Then, I start doing some digging into these Oxford buildings, right? I'm thinking, maybe they used *Wingardium Leviosa* to stack these bricks, or maybe there is a secret *Philosopher's Stone* keeping them all shiny. But holy Hufflepuff, was I wrong!

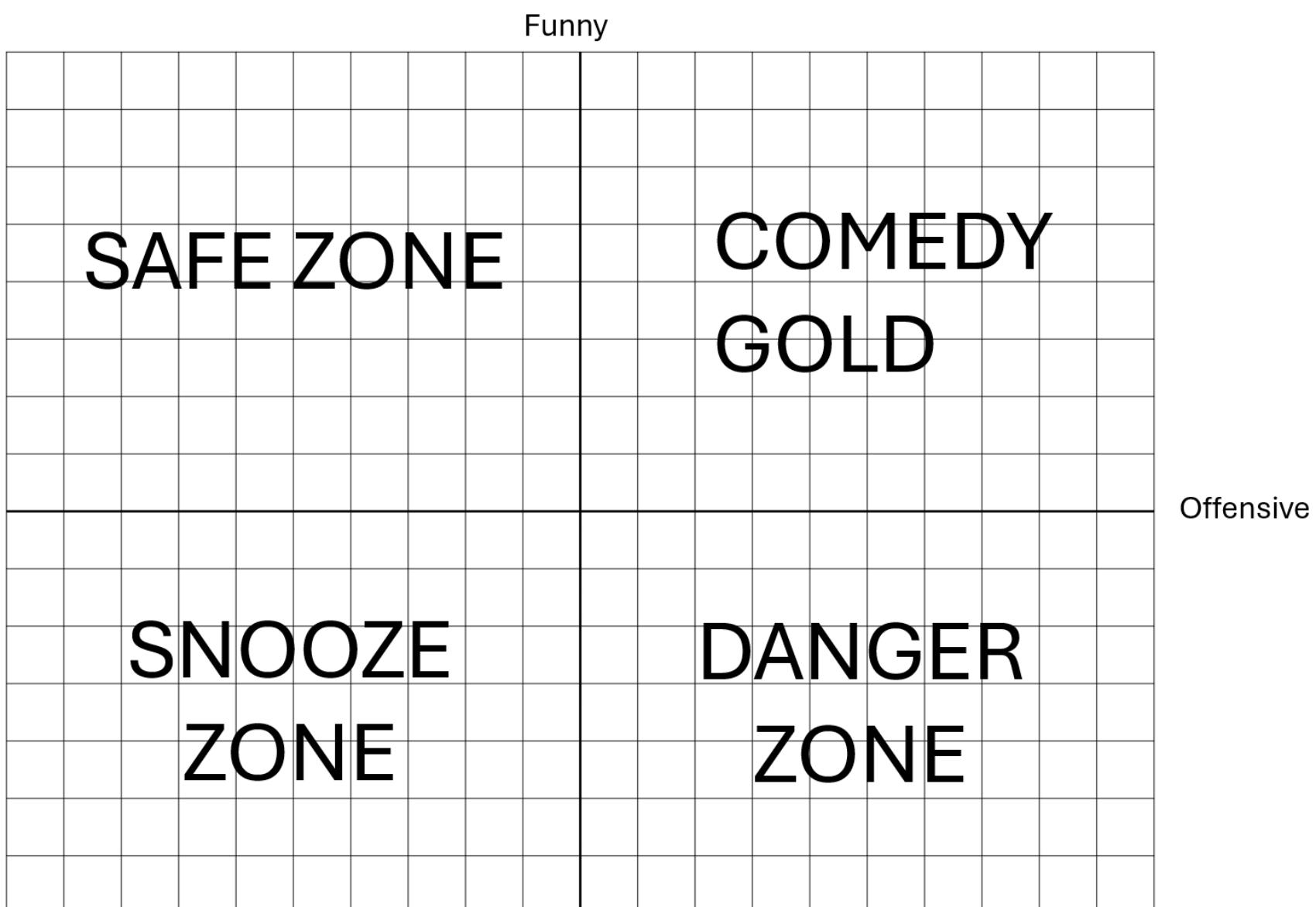
Turns out, these buildings were not built with wands, they were built with slavery money!

Talk about your ultimate plot twist.



Take the Codrington Library, for example. Looks like Dumbledore's personal book nook, doesn't it? Well, surprise! It's *Chamber of Secrets* does not have giant awesome snakes, only cash from West Indian plantations! The only magic involved was making human rights disappear. Apparently Clarendon also was not some super cool sorcerer but just some dude who was all about conquering Ireland and colonizing South Carolina!

Harry, Ron and Hermione never would have stood for this! This place sucks!



Introducing the Funny-to-Offensive Matrix

Comedians: You can be racist but it's got to be funny!

It is a truth universally acknowledged that anyone can make a really problematic (sexist, racist, homophobic, transphobic, ageist, ableist, etc.) joke as long as it is funny enough! Addressing the Nr. 1 issue of society - the pandemic of comedians being cancelled over unfunny racist and transphobic jokes - the Oxford Comma introduces the Funny-to-Offensive Matrix!

Here's how it works:

1. Safe Zone (funny, not offensive)

- The Office (“That’s what she said!”)
- Airline food jokes (“What’s the deal with airline food? It’s really plane!”)
- Accents and impressions
- Ian breaking his leg the first time he ever went ice skating and then waiting 2 hrs for an ambulance
- People falling (only if they don’t start crying afterwards; unless it’s a child, then it’s even funnier when they start crying afterwards)

2. Snooze Zone (not funny, not offensive)

- Tractor jokes (“What did one farmer say to another when he lost his tractor?” “Where’s my tractor?”)
- Knock Knock jokes
- Jokes about Rania being Arab (she is but it’s been done to death)
- Any jokes that mention economics or the concept of the global economy (except if it’s to facilitate Marxist critiques)
- Weather puns (“What’s worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing taxi cabs!”)

“I am all for equality, but I also want my car to work!”

- Maximilian Reith, 2nd Year Economics Student,
St Antony’s College, University of Oxford

3. Danger Zone (not funny, very offensive)

- Jokes that make fun of queer and/ or trans folk rather than taking aim at people who want genital checks in schools and bathrooms
- Jokes about immigrants eating weird things when people in the UK literally eat beans on toast and cheese on chips (and exploit optionless migrants to get cheaper fruit)
- Jokes targeting marginalized groups that reinforce rather than challenge prejudice

4. Comedy Gold (very funny, very offensive)

- Dark humour that taps into the hypocrisy of the powerful (“Have you ever heard of a reverse exorcism? It’s when the devil tells a priest to exit the child’s body!”)
- Impractical Jokers
- 9/11 jokes (“What’s your favourite crime?” “9/11”)
- Sophisticated wordplay
- Jokes about how incompetent women are (“I am all for equality, but I also want my car to work!”)