



**SATIRE = The art of
criticising, ridiculing and
drawing attention to
negative aspects of
society**

The 1700s are referred to as the GOLDEN AGE OF SATIRE: during the Scientific Revolution, science, scientists and scientific experiments were often subject to ridicule



Et plurima
mortis imago
(I tanti
aspetti della
morte)
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From Eneide
by Virgilio

The Company of Undertakers
Beaverd Sable, an Urinal proper, between 12 Quack-Heads of the Second & 12 Cane Heads Or, Conful-
lant. On a Chief & Tabule, Ermine, One Compleat Doctor ſeuant, checkie ſuſtaining in his
Right Hand a Baton of the Second. On the Dexter & ſiniſter ſides two Demi-Do ctors, ſeuant
of the Second, & two Cane Heads ſeuant of the third; The firſt having One Eye conchant, to-
nwards the Dexter Side of the Crookhorn; the ſecond Faced per pale proper & Gulai, guardant.
At the this Motto **Et Plurima Mortis Imago.**
Printed by W. Hogarth. March the 5th 1736. Price Six pence

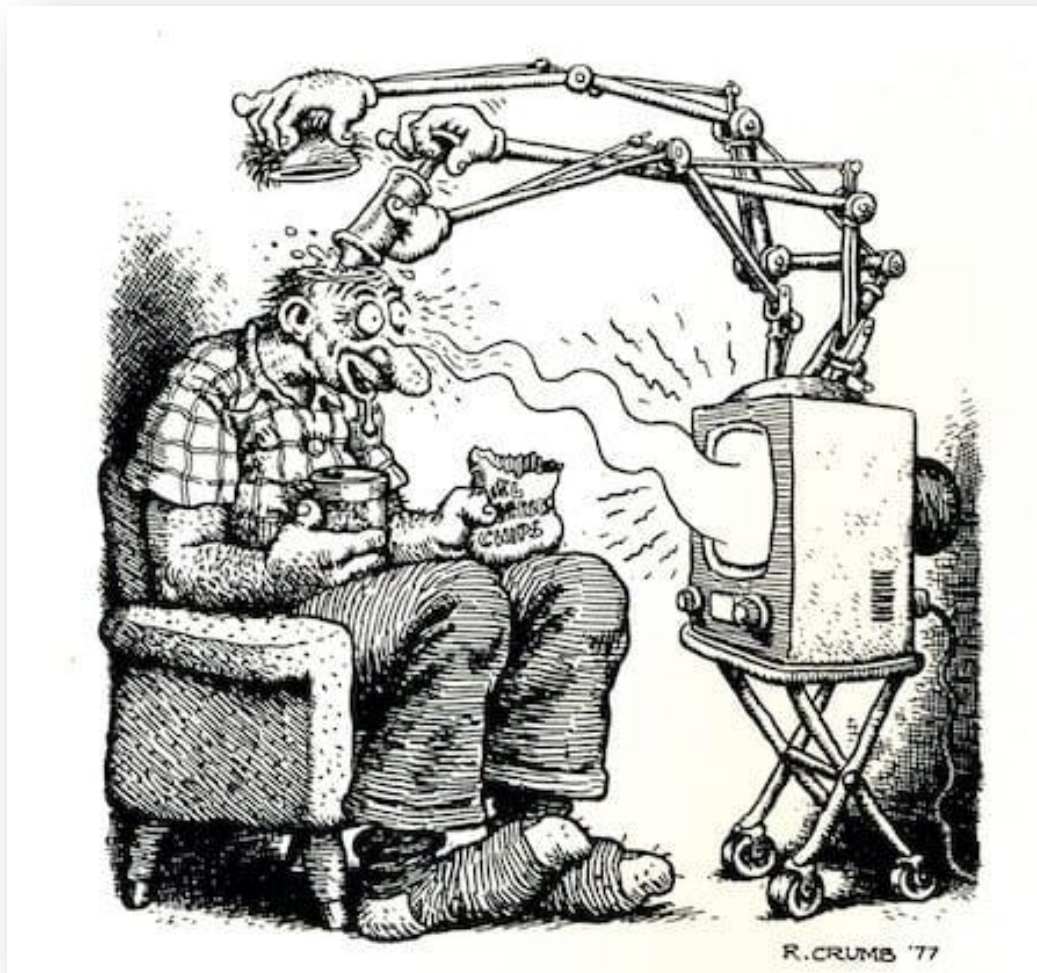
The Company of Undertakers or A Consultation of Physicians by William Hogarth, 1736



It is an 1802 satirical cartoon by James Gillray showing a lecture on pneumatics at the Royal Institution, which chemist Humphry Davy centre right holding the bellows. The lecturer is Dr Thomas Garnett and he is holding the victim's nose



c. 1828 by William Heath (1872-1944), paper hand-coloured, London, The British Museum, Collection online



1977, Robert Crumb (b. 1943)

Fabiola Salerno – a.s.2018-2019



2015, Bob Englehart (b. 1945)

The 1st image represents a satire towards the doctors of the time, often accused of being ignorant. The title itself put in direct relation the death with the quackery of some doctors.

The 2nd image satirises “gentleman scientists” and their sometimes ridiculous experiments.

The 3rd image shows Thames river water and it wants to satirise its lack of cleanliness.

The 4th image shows a man watching TV but it intends to show how it influences us and fills our brain with “rubbish”.

The last image shows polar bears on an ice float and satirises climate change agreements which do not really solve the problem and are acting too slowly.