

# Sarah Silverman: 'I should be plugging my show!'

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Sarah Silverman has the floor and she has a lot to say. And most of it has nothing to do with the second season of her show, "The Sarah Silverman Program."

Although Silverman's show debuts at 10:30 p.m. this Wednesday on Comedy Central, the comedienne recently took some time out of her busy schedule to discuss with Speakeasy her views on politics, the elderly Jewish community and the art of stealing college classes. Oh, and her show.

On the topic of politics, Silverman is an avid Barack Obama supporter, and she has now been able to make a difference in this election by voicing her support throughout cyberspace.

"The people who like me are probably already voting for Obama," Silverman said. "So I didn't know what I could do. But the people who vote in Florida are the elderly Jews, and they're not planning on voting for Obama because his name is scary. But probably 100 of their grandkids love Obama, so it was this great grassroots idea where I felt like I could help."

This grassroots idea became a skit on The Great Schlep Web site, in which Silverman urges the young Jewish community to persuade their grandparents in Florida to vote for Obama. She tells the young voters to threaten their grandparents with fewer visits each year if they do not cooperate. As Silverman says in the video, "If they vote for Barack Obama, they're gonna get another visit this year. If not, let's just hope they stay healthy until next year."

The video was filmed in the living room of Silverman's apartment, which was also the setting for the pilot episode of "The Sarah Silverman Program."

"I feel like every video I make is from my living room," Silverman said. "I'm starting to feel actually like Osama bin Laden. I never leave my apartment and I make all these videos."

Silverman also went on to explain her love of music ("I love heartbreak music, where you can sit in a ball in the corner and cry"), her feelings on her status in Hollywood ("I'm the poorest celebrity you could ever meet") and the act of stealing classes ("They don't take attendance in the large lecture halls"). It appeared that the conversation would never make it to the topic of the second season of her show. Finally, Silverman began to realize the error of her ways. "What am I talking about?" Silverman said. "I should be plugging my show!"

While season two of "The Sarah Silverman Program" debuts at 10:30 p.m. this Wednesday, October 8, 2008 on Comedy Central, its second episode airs at 10:30 p.m. the very next night. The show will then air at 10:30 p.m. every Thursday after that. Confused about the schedule yet? "Comedy Central wants to make it as complicated as

possible,” Silverman said.

Silverman was eager to give away many details about the new season. Some of the topics that will arise include problem solving (“I spend the day with Brian [Posehn, a comedian who plays one of Sarah's gay neighbors on her show], smoking pot and solving crimes”), experiencing loss (“My sister Laura shaves her pubes. I call the episode ‘Pubes with Heart’”) and getting over bad habits (“There’s an episode where I wet my bed and I have to stop wetting the bed so I can babysit Jay’s turtle”).

Of course, the same taboo jokes and controversial humor that Silverman is known for will still be present in season two. But what does she think the response will be for the encore season?

“I feel like that’s for the audience to decide,” Silverman said. “If the audience infers things that benefit their lives or make them provoke thought then that’s great. But mostly it’s a lot of shit jokes -- cerebral shit jokes! Like in the first episode, you can look at it and say ‘Oh, it’s just about diarrhea and wet dreams’ but to me, the first episode is about corporate America creating problems and then marketing solutions. It depends on how you want to see it.”

It doesn’t matter whether the audience interprets the show on a basic level or to a more analytical level -- they won’t be able to help but laugh at the ridiculous plots and intelligent, yet unintelligent, humor sprinkled throughout the show either way.

And Silverman undoubtedly has very high hopes for the second season of "The Sarah Silverman Program." “I feel like this is the best season yet -- definitely. It’s hardcore funny. It’s, what can I say, pubes with heart. I really like that -- pubes with heart.”

Well said, Sarah Silverman. Well said.

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