



Skit #2: Legitimacy

Roles:

Builder
Friend #1
Friend #2
Friend #3

Summary:

One person is building a house while a friend sits and reads the newspaper. When another friend arrives and questions whether the roof looks legal, the builder laughs at the laws that are in place. The laws were borrowed from a different country and do not make sense in this country. But the lawmakers don't care what the citizens need and aren't interested in listening. A third friend arrives, who is breaking the law with his smelly car. But the law is stupid and impossible to follow, so why try?

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FRIEND #2: What are you building?

BUILDER: A house! What does it look like?

FRIEND #2: Looks like it's about to fall down, if you ask me. Isn't it against the law to build the roof like that?

BUILDER: Yeah, but the law requires tiles. Who's ever seen tiles around here?

FRIEND #1: [reading paper] We were just talking about this new building code they passed. What a joke!

FRIEND #2: You mean they took a break from lunch long enough to pass a law?

FRIEND #1: Ha ha! Guess so. Doesn't have anything to do with us, though. It's all about building fancy hotels and skyscrapers.

BUILDER: They make a law about fancy places, but they won't change the law that says I'm supposed to use tiles for my roof. You can't even get tiles in this country!

FRIEND #2: That's what you get when you borrow a bunch of laws from some country halfway around the world. They must have plenty of tiles there.

BUILDER: [grumbling] Good thing there's no money to pay any inspectors.

FRIEND #2: One of these days, we ought to vote those people out of office. When are they going to listen to us about the laws *we* need?

BUILDER: Ha! Never, that's when. They don't want input from people like us.

FRIEND #3: [drives up in a car] Hey, guys! How's it going?

FRIEND #1: Great. Nice set of wheels! Awful lot of smoke coming out of that tailpipe, though.

FRIEND #3: I know! Can you believe they said I have to pass an emissions test?

BUILDER: With that thing? Good luck!

FRIEND #3: I know. Even if I wanted a new car, who's ever seen one for sale in this country?

FRIEND #1: Not me. We don't even have any car makers here.

FRIEND #3: I can't even get new parts. But the law still says all the cars have to pass emissions. It's stupid.

FRIEND #2: You going to do it?

FRIEND #3: Heck, no. Why should I?

FRIEND #2: Because it's the law?

FRIEND #3: Ha ha! Good one! See you around, guys. [speeds off]