

In a democracy no one, no matter how powerful or important, can have a right not to be insulted or offended

In a democracy, no one can be prevented by law from ridiculing others

(If anyone has a right not to be insulted or offended, then other people must be prevented by law from ridiculing them)

A community cannot legitimately adopt any laws in the first place unless it permits ridicule as part of public debate

Laws and policies are not legitimate if anyone has been prevented from expressing his convictions about them

Ridicule is a distinct kind of expression

Laws and policies are not legitimate unless they have been adopted through a democratic process

A process is not democratic if the gov't has prevented anyone from expressing his convictions about what the laws and policies should be

The substance of ridicule cannot be repackaged in a less offensive rhetorical form without expressing something very different from what was intended