

conversation? And that's all I'm trying to do on the show. ... Everything that you do is a product of who you are. And who you are is going to shape what you believe in, and the two intertwine, and they affect each other, I think, equally in different ways. So, for me, I take whatever I need to take into either space, and then I go from there. But everything I do is an extension of who I am. I'm not trying to create a different persona on *The Daily Show*. I'm presenting a show, so there's a certain energy and a vibe that I'll have because I'm working within the limits of the time that I've been given and the medium. But when I'm on stage, it's the same thing. I am who I am, and I perform accordingly. And I always try to make sure that the people who have taken their time or spent their money to come and support me, I give them the best show possible.

**So, my kids are fans. I told them I was going to talk to you, so they gave me two questions to ask you. These are from my kids who are 12.**  
That's dope!

**The first question is, "What's your favorite kind of pie?"**

My favorite kind of pie—hands down, apple pie. In fact, when I first moved to America, I gained too much weight because in South Africa, it's not common that you just find apple pie. So my rule—my cheat thing in life was, if there's an apple pie on the menu, I always order it. So, in South Africa that meant, like, one in every 20 times that I would eat out there would be apple pie. In America, I quickly learned it meant that at every single meal, I could consume apple pie. So I had to cut down. But that's still easily my favorite pie.

**The second question that the kids asked me to ask you—they're of the generation where they watch a lot of stuff on YouTube. And I think they think you're a YouTuber. They see your show in segments. So, my stepdaughter said, "He's got a lot of really funny videos about Trump, so ask him his personal opinion of Trump."**

That's interesting. My personal opinion of Trump? I think Donald Trump is a simple yet complicated person. He's a very smart entertainer who knows how to engage in the right triggers to get people to feel a certain way. I don't think he's a very good policymaker. I also think he's someone who is very good at exploiting people's hatred toward each other. And he knows how to mobilize that. All politicians have a different tool that they use, and, in many ways, the reason Obama won is that he figured out how to stimulate everybody's hope

and optimism. Donald Trump is very good at stoking people's fear and divisiveness. So, that's who he is as a person. And he believes in his cause. He genuinely believes in what he is doing and who he is doing it for. I don't think he's a very honest individual. He lies way more than most people I've ever come across in politics. But one thing he's really good at doing is connecting with the emotions of the people who he's supporting and representing. And I think that's one thing that many politicians can learn from him—how to hone in on what people are feeling. ... The weird thing about Donald Trump is, he's the most dishonest authentic person you'll ever meet. ... I will always laugh at absurd politicians or people in power—even if those people are doing things that are negatively affecting the world that we live in. It doesn't discount what's happening, but for me it's how I process what's happening. Because without that laughter, what? I'm just going to exist in a space of panic the entire time? That's not who I am as a human being. I believe in action. I believe in engagement. And most importantly, I believe in not losing yourself in whatever fight you're engaged in or whatever cause you're engaged in. Still, be who you are and maintain the same passion. That's what I try and do every single day. So, when I process that information,

I go, "Hey, man, Donald Trump is going to say a funny thing." Those funny things that he says that don't affect anybody, I can laugh at those things or those moments. I also think that sometimes making a person too serious gives them a certain level of gravitas that they don't deserve. And I think it's good to point out the moments of complete buffoonery that we see from our leaders. Otherwise, we very quickly slip into a place that many countries are in where everyone looks up to the leader like this complete supreme being, and I don't think that's healthy for any democracy. For me,

any leader should be open to shots, and the person can take jokes. You can say, "Hey, this is what's funny about this person, and these are the jokes that we can make about the person." Because if we can't do that, then you're not living in a free society. ... With *The Daily Show*, I love how informed I get to be. I get to be in a job where I every day I'm learning. I'm learning about American policy, I'm learning about what's happening around the world. I'm learning about issues. I'm learning about people. I'm eternally grateful, because those are things that I may not have been forced to engage in at the level that I am while hosting the show. If anything, I see everything as an opportunity to enjoy myself, and that's what gives me energy every day.

**That's awesome. Thanks for the time.**

Thank you so much. And say what's up to the kids for me. I appreciate the questions. □

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Plastic is everywhere. From toothbrushes to yogurt cups, diapers to disposable razors and more; there is hardly a product out there today that isn't made of plastic or wrapped in plastic. So what exactly is plastic and how is it made?

## THE HISTORY

The word plastic is derived from the ancient Greek word *plastikos*, meaning "moldable." The earliest uses of plastic date back 3,500 years ago. The Olmecs of Mexico used the sap from gum trees to create latex balls used in mesoamerican sports. In the 19th and 20th centuries, synthetic plastics were born from inventors like Alexander Parkes, who invented Celluloid and Leo Baekeland who invented Bakelite.

## THE IMPACT

Although plastic production didn't take off until the 1950s, today's global plastic production has reached 9.2 billion tons of plastic. Most of the plastic products made today end up in the trash. Single-use plastics constitute about 40% of all plastic waste. Plastic products can also end up in our environment as litter. Scientists predict that by the year 2050, plastic waste will outnumber fish in our oceans. Plastic doesn't decompose, but instead breaks up into tiny pieces called microplastics. These microplastics are getting into our waterways and bioaccumulating in our ecosystems, damaging natural habitats, threatening wildlife, and polluting communities.

## THE SOLUTION

Simple steps lead to positive change! Join Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful this Plastic Free July by reducing your reliance on plastic. You can start by bringing your own cup to Artown to refuse single-use plastic water bottles. Reduce plastic products you could not refuse by shopping bulk to avoid excess plastic found in packaging. Don't forget to take your own reusable shopping bag to the grocery store. Finally, make sure you are recycling right. Only recycle plastic tubs, jars, and bottles and remember not to bag your recyclables on collection day. You can take your plastic bags back to a grocery store near you. Visit [www.ktmb.org/](http://www.ktmb.org/) to recycle for more information on proper disposal of unwanted items.



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