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## Call for Jokes

Dear students,

I am preparing a research project about contemporary jokes in Lebanon. I am particularly interested in political jokes.

I would be very grateful for your support in carrying out this project. The base of analysis shall be a collection of jokes. I request you to send or to tell me jokes which come to your knowledge about

- Politics, politicians, political institutions and parties in Lebanon
- Ethnic and religious groups
- Issues connected to Lebanese relations to other nations and countries of the world

Please send me your jokes **by e-mail, call me** or put them down **on paper** so that I can collect them in two weeks' time at your institute.

The jokes should be quoted in their original **language** (Arabic dialect, French, English ...).

Of course, the informants shall remain anonymous. I would, however, ask you to state your **age, sex, occupation, religion** and **date** with the jokes you submit.

I thank you very much in advance for your kind co-operation,

Yours faithfully,

Sara Binay