

Joke: What's the only wood that doesn't float?

What?

Natalie.

Classification: Sick Joke.

Jeff Prevost is a friend of mine who has lived in Rochester, New York all of his life. He is twenty years old and is still single and living at home. He is a student at the Community College of the Finger Lakes and has a part-time sales job at Sears. He is of White, Catholic descent as much of Rochester is. He also has a German background which is not surprising since Fairport, a suburb of Rochester, is primarily German.

When Jeff told me the joke, we were the only two present. We were watching a young comedian's program on H.B.O. There were many humorous jokes told that evening on the show, some of them being sick jokes. After the show was over we ordered a pizza and sat around and talked. We started telling jokes and Jeff told me he had heard a really funny joke at work that day. He told me that Natalie Wood joke and I got a good laugh out of it.

Jeff's primary folk group must be his friends in this case because his friends told him the joke and he turned around and told the joke to other friends. This is not the type of joke he would tell to his parents or other adults. Instead it is a joke that is to be told only within a certain circle of friends.

When Jeff was discussing the joke with me the next day he said that he found the joke very humorous. He said the punch line was very unexpected and he had never heard of a joke of this type. Jeff also told me that he would be interested in hearing more jokes of this kind and he was planning on passing the joke that he already told me to other friends of his.

The main function of this sick joke is to provide humor in an

otherwise morbid situation. Nobody likes to talk or hear about death but people must learn to deal with it. When humor is added it makes it a little easier to accept the situation. Sick jokes are also often told at social events. They provide a way for a person to get attention at a party and they can be a way to amuse a group of people for a short period of time. Sick jokes attract attention mainly because people are appalled at the punchline and people actually enjoy being appalled.

After talking to Jeff about the joke I had a better understanding of what it meant. I understood better why he told the joke and why he thought it was funny. If I had not discussed the matter with him I don't think I would have understood the humor behind the joke.

The sick joke that Jeff told me was a humorous way to deal with death. Jokes like this are common and are often expected when a famous person is hurt or dies. It is a way that a person from a respectable affluent family like Jeff's can say things of this sort without coming across as being offensive.

How do you describe a virgin from Kentucky?

How?

One that can run away from her brothers.

Classification: Joke.

Lisa Helt has lived in Indiana all of her life. She is originally from Alexandria, Indiana, but later moved to Madison, which is right on the Kentucky border. She is from a family of four in which she has a younger sister. Her parents are both from Madison, Indiana, where they have grown up hearing Kentucky jokes all their lives. Lisa's father is the person who passed on the joke to Lisa.

Lisa told me the joke while we were walking to class one morning. It was a Friday and Lisa was going home to Madison for the weekend. She was thinking about going to visit her friend who lives in Kentucky, only a half an hour away from Lisa. Lisa told me the Kentucky joke that she always teased her friend about.

Lisa's primary folk group is her father and the community she lives in. These are the people who are prejudice against Kentuckians and who make the jokes about them. Lisa then passes these jokes on down to her friends.

When I talked to Lisa about the Kentucky Joke, she told me about the great rivalry there was between Indiana and Kentucky. Supposedly Indiana is comprised of all farm people and Kentucky is comprised of hillbillies. She said that there was really no great hatred between the two states but instead it was a feeling of ethnocentrism and just a way to have fun.

The main function of the Kentucky joke is to give the people from Indiana a sense of pride. People from Indiana feel that their way of life is best and what other societies do is wrong. This unites the people of Indiana and gives them a sense of pride that they can all share.



What is the legal speed limit for sex?

What?

68, if you go 69, you will blow a rod.

Classification: Dirty Joke.