



## Laughing at the 'end of the world'



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### Talking Points

1. The COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has severely disrupted lives and frightened millions of people around the world. How are these cartoonists dealing with this situation?
2. Is it wrong to joke about life-and-death matters?
3. Does laughing help people cope with a terrifying subject?
4. Can ridiculous scenarios about COVID-19 sending us back to the Stone Age or travelers fleeing to Antarctica ease "end of the world" fears?
5. Can you find any coronavirus jokes that make you laugh?

### Between the lines

"This coronavirus ... it's making people nervous. It's making people anxious. But I think at a time like this we all need to laugh, to be together," and then backing away, "from a distance of about 20 feet." - Stephen Colbert.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/arts-entertainment/2020/03/13/coronavirus-comedy-late-night-and-twitter/>

### Additional resources

- [More by Dave Granlund](https://www.cagle.com/author/dave-granlund/)
- [More by Paresh Nath](https://www.cagle.com/author/paresh-nath/)
- [Association of American Editorial Cartoonists](http://editorialcartoonists.com/)



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