Spoof political quiz show

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If I Ruled The World World is a comedy show mixing political intrigue and cutting edge satire.

The programme is designed to show up the lies and deceits that dominate politics in every country in the world.

Led by regular team captains, two teams or "parties" (the Reds and the Blues) are each week joined by a guest (usually a comedian or actor) and led through a series of debate-style rounds designed to test their ability to avoid questions, to lie their way out of trouble, to blame other people, to bribe the voters and in a final undignified grab for votes by shouting out a lot of populist policies in order to defeat the "opposition".

Games include "I Couldn't Disagree More", where performers argue against any statements opponents throw at them, "Speech", in which they must turn shopping lists and weather forecasts into rousing rhetoric, and "Yes/No", in which teams have to fend off as many questions as possible without ever answering with a simple yes or no.

After demonstrating these dubious skills they must face the electorate - a specially invited studio audience who use electronic voting pads to choose the week's winner.

If I Ruled The World has great fun dismantling the enormous egos of our politicians and showing up the falsehoods and double dealing behind all major political parties the world over.

The Swedish version of "If I Ruled The World", which is called "Parlamentet" is a huge success for TV4 and has been running since 1998.



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