

# Does *The Simpsons* Predict the Future?

The show has graced American television since 1989, and our staff writer examines its power to predict!

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People have been wishing they could predict the future for centuries, but there's one TV show that has successfully been doing it for decades.

*The Simpsons* has been airing since 1989, and it has become a household name. Although the show is known for its humor and entertaining episodes, it has also attracted attention in the past few years for its tendency to predict the future.

The first notable time the show did this was in episode 19 of season 6. In the episode, a flash-forward to the future is shown, and in the background is a popular building in London which is now called the Shard. At the time that this episode was made, the Shard had not yet been built.

On top of that, in the same episode, they also predicted the creation of smart-watches, by showing people in the future speaking into a smartwatch with voice recognition. Since then, there has been around fifty times *The Simpsons* have predicted the future.

One of the most popular predictions is Donald Trump's presidency, featured in season 11, episode 17, which aired in 1999. In this episode, they look into the future again, and Lisa is president. She mentions how Trump's presidency left them on a budget crunch, implying that Trump was the president before her. In 2015, they predicted he would run for president in 2024.

*The Simpsons* have

also predicted multiple superbowl winners over the years. In season 3, they successfully predicted a superbowl winner, and they continued to try to predict it for years after that, predicting the winner correctly multiple times.

Along with this, in 2012, they predicted Lady Gaga's superbowl performance. Some of her performance was even exactly like how it was in *The Simpsons*. Another popular example is from 1993, where a sickness begins to spread rapidly, and it has since been compared to COVID. In that same episode, they also predict the growth of "murder hornets," which were found around the same time as COVID.

One of the reasons *The Simpsons* gained so much attention for predicting the future was because of season 7, episode 18, which came out in 1996. This episode is believed to have predicted the Capitol Hill riots on January 6th, 2021. Briefly, it shows a scene of an angry mob storming the Capitol, just like what happened on January 6th.

*The Simpsons* seem to have predicted many future events in their episodes, even as far back as 1994. *The Simpsons* is still running, and there are constantly new events being added to its list of predictions.

There is no explanation as to how so many events have been foretold, but who knows, maybe the writers have access to their own time machine!

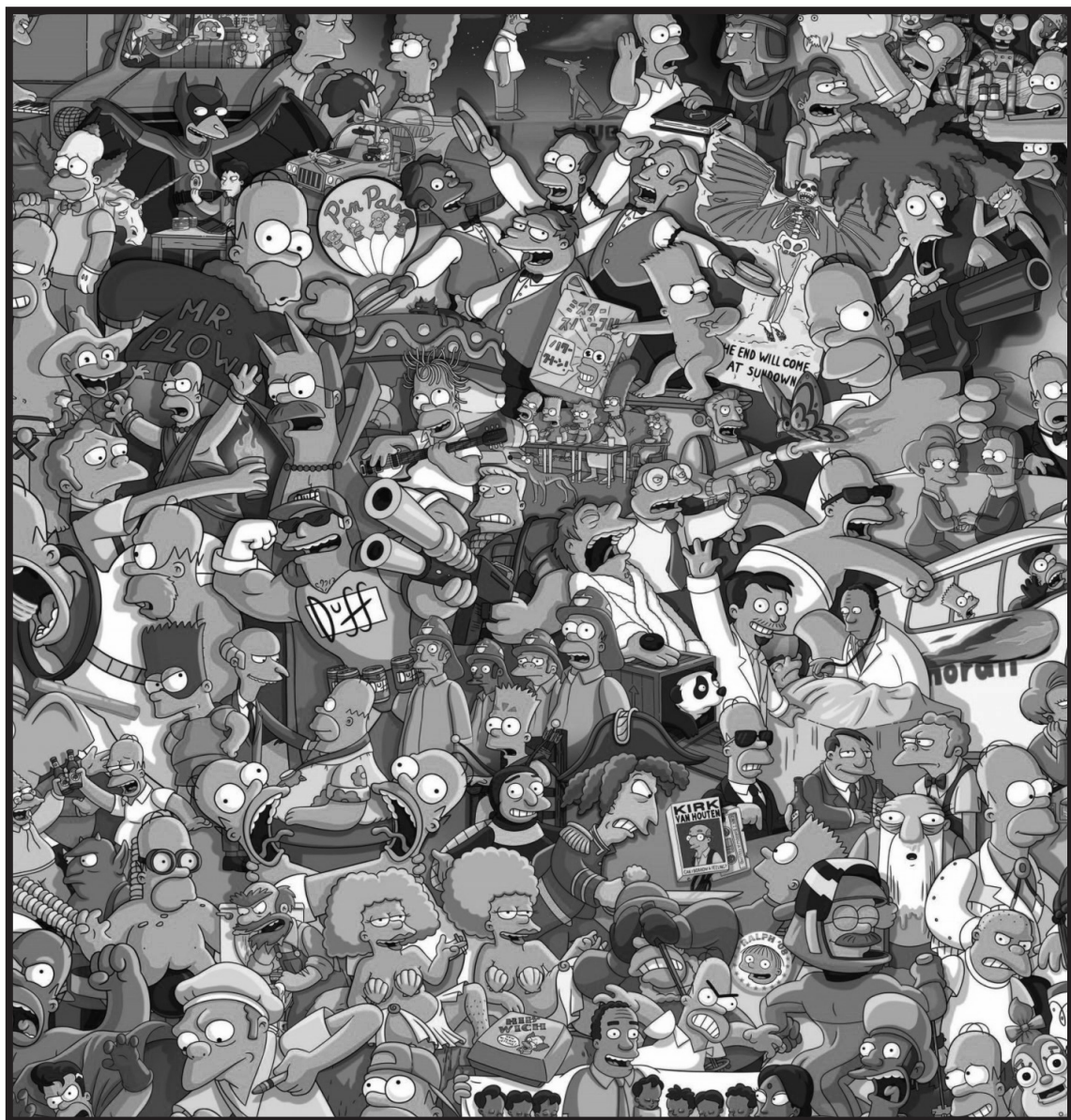


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