

The Good, the Bad,

There are no sacred cows

and the Ugly

at Viareggio's Carnival



Obama in the 2012 Carnival



Italian politicians

Many of the floats at the *Carnevale* are critical of politics and politicians. I didn't know most of the politicians who came in for criticism, but I have heard of the illustrious leader of Italy. He was singled out for attack in 2011, with a float dedicated to him. It was spectacular in its cruelty. He owns most of the media, making it difficult to criticise him there, so I guess this was a great outlet for those who disagree with his antics.

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*This photo from 2011 is me covered in confetti.
In 2012 it was foam. I prefer confetti.*



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These floats are several stories high, so it was a very big Silvio making his way down the street.

1. Here comes Silvio
2. showered with confetti
3. getting closer and closer
4. his mouth opens wider
5. and he starts to come apart at the seams
6. he really falls apart
7. exposed
8. then he pulls himself together and moves on.
9. This gives an idea of the size of the float.