

Politics

**Politics as a spectator sport
has rarely been more popular.**

**Its mixture of entertainment value with
real consequences produces massive
audience engagement.**

**Yet at the same time, we're living in an era
in which politicians, parliaments and whole
political systems are being vilified in ways
they haven't been in decades. ... The result
is that the most prominent actors on the
political stage today are those who cast
themselves as non-politican politicians.
The era we're living through isn't character-
ized simply by post-truth and populism.
It's also, increasingly, an era of anti-politics.
Or, at least, the rhetoric of anti-politics.**

**Philip Sargeant,
*The Art of Political Storytelling***