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Paul's summary

Have you ever heard the phrase "Can't you take a joke?" Well this past month, both a **tarnished politician** and a quick witted comedian have been both asking the same question. Our story begins with elected Rep. Kang Yong-suk, who **sparked controversy** last year by **making inappropriate remarks** towards female university students at a dinner meeting. Kang had implied that in order for anchorwomen to get competitive jobs they must have **fulfilled sexual favors**. He has since then been **expelled** out of the ruling party and found guilty of "collective libel" after being sued by a group of anchorwomen.

Now here's the punch line. In retaliation and attempt to change public opinion, Rep. Kang has chosen to **sue** comedian Choi Hyo-jong for his improvised jokes about politicians on a popular comedy show. Comedian Choi had **sarcastically** remarked that politicians often need to **bribe** and **take part in shallow publicity stunts** to win elections. Choi is being charged with **defaming** National Assemblymen. Rep. Kang's actions were surprising since the comments were not directed at him and it contradicts his previous defense that people were taking his **sexist joke** too seriously.

What the politician fails to understand is that Choi is a comedian and was doing a professional skit on television when he made his remarks. Kang on the other hand made **derogatory** remarks in a **distasteful** manner to a sensitive audience. It is the job of comedians like Choi to **poke fun at** powerful people like politicians, while Kang has no place **belittling women** in the workplace. He is an elected figure who represents the public's opinion and his voice should reflect that. It should be the right of comedians like Choi to freely use his **right to free speech** to criticize the flaws in society through an entertaining and enlightening manner.

Key Words

1. 부적절한 언급을 하다 make inappropriate remarks
2. 아나운서 하려면 다 줘야 한다 female anchors should fulfill sexual favors to get ahead in their career
3. 고소하다 sue
4. 풍자하다 poke fun at, sarcastically remark
5. (출판에 의한) 명예훼손, 모욕 libel
6. (말에 의한) 명예훼손, 모욕 slander
7. (일반적으로) 명예훼손, 모욕 defamation
8. 성차별적인 농담 sexist joke
9. 여성 아나운서를 비하하다 belittled female anchors, put down female anchors
10. 비하하는 derogatory
11. (민사로) 소송을 제기하다 sue, sue in a civil court
12. 집권여당의 수뇌부와 친해져서 여당의 텃밭에서 출마한다 become buddy buddy with party leaders and run for the ruling party ticket
13. 공약을 안 지키다 make empty promises; not fulfill campaign pledges
14. (국회에서) 제명하다 vote out Kang, expel Kang
15. 표현의 자유 right to free speech
16. 여성 아나운서 female anchors
17. 저질스러운 distasteful, in poor taste

More Key Words

1. 불명예를 당한 정치인 tarnished politician
2. 사회적인 논쟁을 촉발하다 spark controversy
3. 대중에게 잘 보이려고 얕은 수를 두다 take part in shallow publicity stunt
4. (형사) 기소되다 criminally charged, charged in criminal court