

Patrick Chappatte

INFLUENCER · JOURNALIST

Award-Winning Globally Recognized Editorial Cartoonist

Patrick is a cartoonist who highlights many global topics from politics and democracy to technology and climate change in a very humorous light. Using his drawings as the catalyst for discussion, humor allows him to address serious issues in a more comfortable environment by introducing the topic with cartoons.

Patrick Chappatte's 2026 Biography

Patrick Chappatte is a world-renowned editorial cartoonist and TED speaker, celebrated for his unique ability to address global business and societal challenges with wit, creativity, and profound insight. As a pioneer in graphic journalism, Chappatte helps leaders and teams see the world, and their own organisations, through new perspectives, using the universal language of satire and visual storytelling to spark innovation, foster resilience, and champion freedom of expression.

About Patrick Chappatte

Patrick Chappatte is a three-time recipient of the Overseas Press Club of America's Best Cartoonist Award, with a 30+ year career illustrating complex topics for The Boston Globe, Der Spiegel, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, and Le Canard Enchaîné. A trailblazer of "comics reportage," he has reported firsthand from places as varied as Nairobi's slums and conflict-ridden Gaza, offering fresh perspectives on everything from the future of democracy to the digital transformation of our world. Chappatte's presentations are lively, interactive, and deeply relevant, punctuated by live drawing and thought-provoking animations that make serious subjects accessible and engaging for all audiences.

Business Challenges Addressed

Chappatte's work resonates deeply with today's business environment by:

- Leading conversations on the challenges facing democracy, governance, and free speech in a digital world of polarisation and misinformation.
- Stimulating creative problem-solving and innovation, helping organisations break down entrenched thinking through visual synthesis and fresh narrative approaches.
- Highlighting the critical leadership skills of resilience, adaptability, and ethical decision-making in times of crisis and rapid change.
- Enabling diverse teams to navigate global issues, such as technology

AVAILABLE FOR

- Speaking

PATRICK'S SPEAKING THEMES

- Economic Trends & Global Markets

LANGUAGES: English

disruption, climate change, and social inequity, through humour, storytelling, and a cross-cultural lens.

Patrick Chappatte brings together global audiences through a distinctive approach that blends data, illustration, and humour, encouraging thoughtful discussion and new perspectives. His sessions prompt people to communicate and collaborate in inventive ways, addressing complex issues with clarity and genuine insight.

Meet Patrick Chappatte

The New York Times stopped publishing editorial cartoons in 2019, and that may have been a bit premature. We need biting political humor and – more importantly – democratic freedom – now more than ever. Award-winning editorial cartoonist Patrick Chappatte continues to influence and inspire with the power of his pen.

He's a pioneer in the unique field of graphic journalism, or "comics reportage," publishing more than 30 stories ranging from the condition of the slums in Nairobi to the threat of gangs in Guatemala. Other subjects he fearlessly tackles include U.S. death rows and the COVID-19 pandemic. Patrick currently illustrates the state (and absurdity) of the world for such diverse pubs as Der Spiegel (Germany), Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Switzerland), Le Canard (France), and The Boston Globe (The United States).

He can speak to your audience about why editorial viewpoints matter – a cause he has championed and helped define for over 30 years. He'll share his opinion on opinions, and how being an advocate for free expression can empower your attendees. He's spoken at the World Economic Forum, TED events, and New York Times conferences. A three-time recipient of The Best Cartoonist Award from the Overseas Press Club of America, Patrick embellishes his intimate talks with amusing, thought-provoking cartoons and animations. He'll stir your audience with such heated topics as politics, economics, environmental issues and human rights, and how they can be addressed with farcical conviction. He can relate to audiences of all ages, even those who were not raised reading newspaper editorial cartoons: he was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and received an honorary doctorate from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in 2022.

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After stays in New York and Los Angeles, Patrick currently lives and works in Geneva, Switzerland.

Patrick Chappatte's 2026 talks & topics

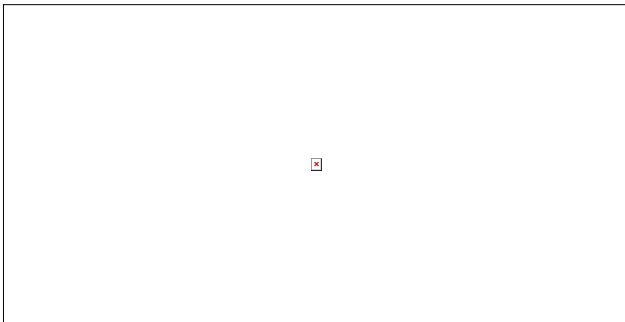
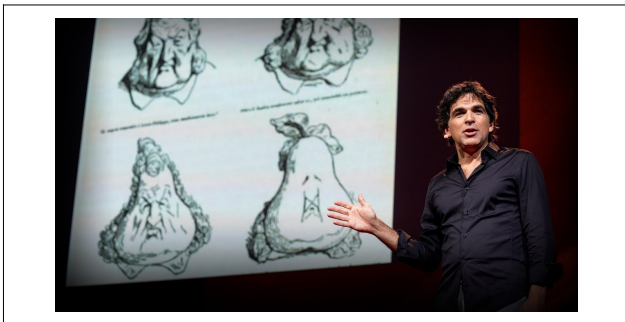
Defending democracy and freedom of expression

“We need humor like we need the air we breathe.” In a talk illustrated with highlights from a career spent skewering everything from dictators and ideologues to selfies and social media mobs, Chappatte makes a resounding, often hilarious case for the necessity of satire. “Political cartoons were born with democracy, and they are challenged when freedom is,”

Developing new ideas through the power of visual synthesis

In this talk, Patrick highlights the use of visual aids and techniques to stimulate creativity, foster innovation, break through mental barriers, and approach problem-solving in a multidimensional and intuitive manner. By leveraging visual synthesis, individuals can enhance their cognitive processes, generate novel ideas, and unlock new possibilities.

Patrick Chappatte's Videos



PATRICK'S LATEST BOOKS



**This is the End: The Last
Cartoons from The New York
Times**