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## Best Memes of 2013: Editorial Choices ★ 8

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### The State of Memes in 2013

Here at Know Your Meme, 2013 has been an exciting year defined by not just one but many motifs, some familiar and some new: As per usual, selfie-driven narcissism, the Nineties nostalgia and social media justice continued to thrive on discussion forums and the blogosphere, while cringe comedy and justice porn emerged as the next "it" genres in the viral video circuit, and, in the biggest upset of the year, a new king has been crowned in the world of animal meme-dom: a clueless Shiba Inu.

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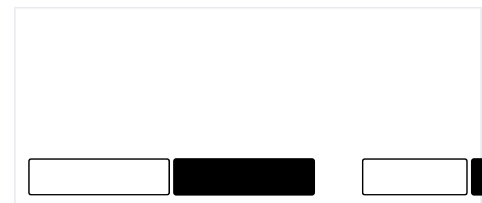


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- It was the year of **social media narcissism**, owing much to the great boom of **selfies** and our growing tendencies to over-share in social networking, leading the TIME magazine to declare the Millennials the “**Me Me Me generation**” in May. But not all selfies from this year were taken in vain or at funerals this year, as we have also seen a handful of clever memes poking fun at our obsession with beauty, including some of our favorites like **pretty girls**, **ugly faces** and “**bae caught me sleeping**”.
- It was the year of **social justice blogging**, with a vast range of major issues like racism, gender inequality and homophobia being tackled on an almost weekly basis on Twitter and the blogosphere at large, in part owing to the rise of **justice porn** as a staple genre on Reddit.
- It was the year of **cringe comedy**, an evolved form of **FAIL** humor that is too painful or embarrassing to witness all the way through or laugh out loud at.

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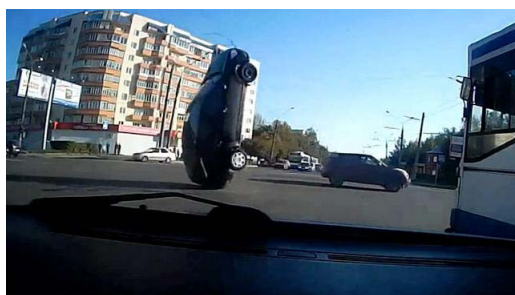


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## #10: Dashboard Camera Videos



**Dashboard Camera Videos** are footage of traffic accidents or road rage captured from a driver’s point of view using a camera installed on the dashboard of an automobile. These dashboard POV clips are especially common in Russia, where many drivers tend to record themselves on the road for insurance purposes.

- Must Sees: [The Calmest Car Crash Ever](#) | [An Unusual Pedestrian](#) | [Suddenly, Wild T-90 Appears](#) | [Russian Meteor Explosion](#) | [Why Russian Drivers Have Dashboard Cams](#)

## #9. Video Game Logic



**Video Game Logic** is an expression that can be used to highlight a wide range of absurd plot lines or physics-defying mechanics and glitches found in video games, as well as MOD gameplay footage.

- Must Sees: [Call of Duty Logic](#) | [FPS Item Logic](#) | [Grand Theft Auto Logic](#) | [FIFA Logic](#) | [Pokemon Logic](#) | [Minecraft Logic](#)
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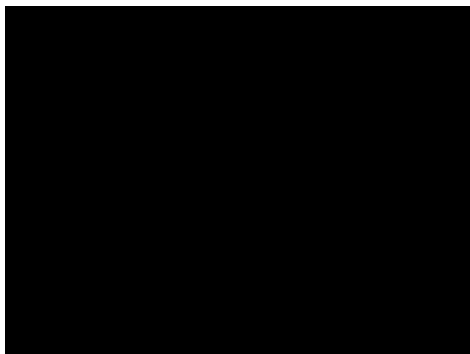
## #8. Hadokening



**Hadokening** is a **photo fad** that involves two or more people staging a "Ki attack" knockout sequence and photographing themselves in mid-action, as seen in the popular Japanese fighting game *Street Fighter* and manga series *Dragon Ball*. This Japanese meme came on the heels of another photo fad based on this year's anime hit *Attack on Titan* and served as an inspiration for the American spin-off *Vadering*.

- The Original: [Twitter User @mkpiiii9's Photo](#)
- Must Sees: [Father and Son Edition](#) | [Super Smash Bros Edition](#) | [Ground Punching](#) | [Vadering](#) | [Tuba Gunning](#)
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## #7. Charles Ramsey's Interview



**Charles Ramsey** is a Cleveland, Ohio resident who rose to internet fame in early May 2013 after assisting three women who had been missing for nearly a decade after being abducted by captor Ariel Castro. As the shocking story unraveled, Ramsey appeared in an interview segment for a local news report and gave a colorful account of how it all happened. Following the YouTube upload of the interview clip, Ramsey instantly became hailed as a hero on the web.

- The Original: [Ramsey's ABC5 Interview](#)
- Must Sees: [Scholomo's AutoTune Remix](#) | [Successful Black Man Parody](#) | [McDonald's Responds](#) | [Good Guy Charles Ramsey](#) | [Charles Ramsey as Popeye](#)
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## #6. Unflattering Beyonce



**Unflattering Beyonce** is a photoshop meme based on humorously timed screen captures of the singer **Beyonce** from her half-time performance at **Super Bowl XLVII**. After her publicist requested BuzzFeed remove images deemed "unflattering," the photos instantly became a trending topic in the social media and spread more widely than ever before, a phenomenon known as the Streisand Effect.

- Must Sees: [Not Even Her Final Form](#) | [Beyonce as Zoidberg](#) | [Bad Luck Beyonce](#) | [I Must Go](#) | [Beyonce with Barbells](#) | [She-Hulk](#)
- Notable Images: [Unflattering Beyonce](#)

## #5: Cringeworthy

**Cringeworthy**, an eponym of the words "cringe" and "worthy," is an Internet slang term used to describe a wide range of social media blunders and **FAILs** that may evoke feelings of awkwardness, embarrassment or even pity.

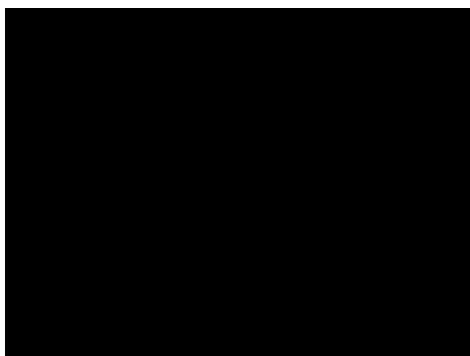
- Must Sees: ["Cool Story, Babe"](#) | [How To Cringe](#)



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## #4. Starbucks Drake Hands



**Starbucks Drake Hands** is the nickname given to Brody Ryan, an aspiring LA rapper-slash-barista who became an accidental celebrity after a private video message he had sent to a woman was leaked on Instagram in October. The clip, which shows Brody gazing seductively at the camera while Drake's "Hold On, We're Going Home" is playing in the background, instantly spawned a series of parody videos featuring folks of all ages and even a few celebrities like Larry King and Rainn Wilson.

- Must Sees: [The Best Parody Compilation](#)
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## #3. Wrecking Ball



**"Wrecking Ball"** is a 2013 pop song performed by singer-songwriter Miley Cyrus and the second single for her upcoming fourth studio album *Bangerz*. Similar to her first single from the year *We Can't Stop*, the music video for the song spawned a slew of parodies upon its release in mid-September 2013.

- The Original: [The Music Video](#)
- Must Sees: [Wrecking Bill Ray Cyrus](#) | [Chatroulette Parody](#) | [Construction Workers React to Wrecking Ball](#) | [Nicolas Cage Parody](#) | [Shot Put Parody](#) | [Rob Ford Parody](#)
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## #2. Harlem Shake



**"Harlem Shake"** is a 2012 heavy bass instrumental track produced by Baauer. In February 2013, the song spawned a series of dance videos that begin with a masked individual dancing alone in a group before suddenly cutting to a wild dance party featuring the entire group. Despite what the name suggests, the videos present a wide range of hip hop dances, including [the Bernie](#), [Twerking](#) as well as improvisations.

- Must Sees: [Office Edition](#) | [Asdfmovie Edition](#) | [Norwegian Army Edition](#) | [Final version](#) | [Harlem Shaker Catches on Fire](#) | [Harlem Reacts to Harlem Shake](#)
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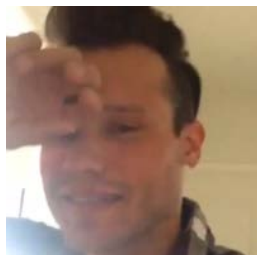
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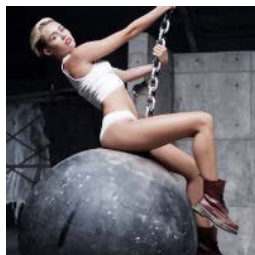
**Doge** is a slang term for “dog” that is primarily associated with pictures of Shiba Inus (nicknamed “Shibe”) and internal monologue captions on [Tumblr](#). These photos may be photoshopped to change the dog’s face or captioned with [interior monologues](#) in [Comic Sans](#) font.

- Must Sees: [Bongo Doge](#) | [Rustle Intensifies](#) | [Inter-Species Love](#) | [So Scare](#) | [Doge in Space](#)
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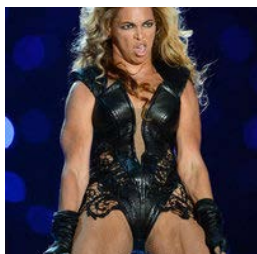
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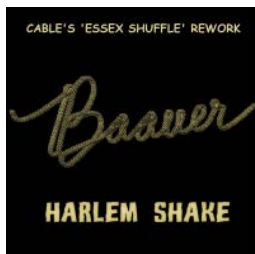
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**Sonikku**

45848 years ago in reply to [chowzburgerz](#)

**runs up to stage and kills Doge  
brings Brent Rambo from the audience**

THIS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IS THE BEST MEME OF 2013!



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**Durvarowe**

45848 years ago

Up until the top 2, I was going to say that the staff made good choices.

But [intensifies] wasn't even on the list and you gave the top spots to WRECKING BALL, HARLEM SHAKE AND DOGE.



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