What do the following six images have in common?
This is America
and our only
Language is English
Yes...all are ironic.

**Irony:** In general, a discrepancy between expectation and reality.

Know the three types of irony.
Lit. Term – Irony

Verbal Irony:
Statements that imply a meaning in opposition to their literal meaning

Ex: "Yet Brutus says he was ambitious; And Brutus is an honorable man."  
– *Julius Caesar*

(Mark Antony really means that Brutus is dishonorable.)
Situational Irony:
Actions taken have an effect exactly opposite from what was intended.

Ex: Water, water, everywhere,
   And all the boards did shrink;
Water, water, everywhere,
Yet not a drop to drink.
   – The Rime of the Ancient Mariner
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Dramatic Irony:
In literature, this occurs when the audience knows an unwitting character is making a mistake. Often, these actions cause our guts to churn.

"The Gift of the Magi," by O. Henry