**Only in America**

**Only in America . . . can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.**

**Only in America . . . are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.**

**Only in America . . . do people order double cheese burgers, a large fry, and a diet coke.**

**Only in America . . . do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.**

**Only in America . . . do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and leave useless things and junk in boxes in the garage.**

**Only in America . . . do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.**

**Only in America . . . do we use the word “politics” to describe the process so well: “Poli” in Latin meaning “many” and “tics” meaning “blood-sucking creatures.”**

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**Only in America . . . do they lock up the jury and let the prisoner go home. *(Lee Bayless)***

**Only in America . . . do we play baseball under a roof and go to the movies outdoors. *(Bill Vaughan)***

**Only in America . . . do people flock to the cities so they can make enough money to send their children to camps in the country. *(B. J. Phillips, in St. Louis Globe-Democrat)***

**Only in America . . . do we make instant coffee and dawdle away an hour drinking it. *(Dan Kidney)***

**Only in America . . . does a mother drive her kids three blocks to a physical-fitness class. *(Orben's Current Comedy)***

**Only in America . . . does it take more brains to make out the income tax return than it does to make the income. *(St. Louis Post-Dispatch)***

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