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The Idea of Argument in the Political Discourse: A Selective Overview

Abstract: The present paper aims to underline a few aspects concerning the understanding and the use of arguments in political discourses. The link between rhetoric and political discourse is an old and strong one, Ancient Greece being one of the most interesting spaces in this respect. The democratic legacy of that period which is cherished today by the West remains deeply linked to the tradition of political oratory, the use of arguments playing nowadays an important role within democratic debates. Therefore, we intend to make a short selection of texts which could illustrate the understanding of the idea of argument in politics in different periods of time and in different social contexts.

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