Erreurs dans la communication argumentative entre les leaders locaux et les citoyens

Abstract : We are proposing, in this investigation, several knowledge instances regarding the problem of argumentative communication errors: (a) a systematization of argumentation errors based upon two criteria: the element where the error occurs (argument and argumentation technique) and the way which makes the emergence of the error possible (thinking and language); (b) an inventory of the main errors from each of the four classes accompanied by illustrations, significant in our opinion, taken from a section of political communication: communication between local leaders and citizens (“participatory democracy”); (c) a critical exercise regarding almost every illustration which has the role of identifying the communication virtues of these errors (particularly within the manipulation) and, moreover, the limits and the possibilities of canceling the negative effect upon communication; (d) a treatment of these thinking and knowledge errors through the perspective of the intellective rationality’s ideal: each error situation is linked to the operation of proper thinking, to the rule of correct thinking, to the structure of reasoning related to the origins of these errors.

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