

“WE GOT BEEF! (A Disembowelment of the Dialectic...)”

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Happy Eikas! I hope everyone is keeping warm.

I just wanted to share a reflection I published through the Society of Friends of Epicurus that reviews the dialectic, rhetoric, oratory, and political propoganda, “[...A Disembowelment of the Dialectic, Politics, and Other Organs of Bullshit](#)”. It’s partly an analysis of Philódēmos’ work *On Rhetoric*, and partly an honest attempt to manage my feelings about civics right now.

I personally struggle to cope with other peoples’ politics (especially in my area). The noise of seedy narratives is **way** too loud right now, and difficult to avoid, whether its bumper stickers or my LinkedIn feed, so I wanted to see how my friends in the ancient world dealt with manipulative rhetoric, weak dialecticians, shallow orators, and self-serving politicians. Anyway, I managed to finish the article without naming any names or projecting my own, partisan frustrations, so I’ll call it a win. *...though, I do mention the Chewbacca Defense (about which, I am sure, Philódēmos would have had a lot to say...)*.

[I also started a Twentiers Discord server](#) to consolidate the resources I share on [TWENTIERS.COM](#)! Both friends and Epicureans alike are invited to pay our digital Garden a visit. (Please at least help us water Diódōros the Garden Tree. He’s a thirsty boy.)