

# Plato's Meno, the "Eristic Paradox," and the Epicurean Response

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Meaning of "Eristic" -

In [philosophy](#) and [rhetoric](#), **eristic** (from [Eris](#), the ancient Greek [goddess](#) of chaos, strife, and discord) refers to an [argument](#) that aims to successfully dispute another's argument, rather than searching for [truth](#). According to [T.H. Irwin](#), "It is characteristic of the eristic to think of some arguments as a way of defeating the other side, by showing that an opponent must assent to the negation of what he initially took himself to believe."<sup>[1]</sup> Eristic is arguing for the sake of conflict, as opposed to resolving conflict.<sup>[2]</sup>

[Eristic - Wikipedia](#)