

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

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Oh this is excellent Ekiadistes thank you!

As to these first comments let me say:

1 - It's a long article.

2 - It's a difficult subject.

3 - It examines Philodemus' "On Rhetoric" which I find very difficult to process despite it existing in fairly well preserved form.

4 - Since I haven't really digested Philodemus on this topic I can't say that I've processed very well what Ekiadistes says here either.

However I will say that I don't think at least on first glance that it gets anywhere near violating our "No Politics" rule.

Seems to me this is a topic that deserves much more attention over time so I'll probably move it to some subforum of "Ethics" where we can eventually begin to deal with whatever implications the ancients found to be so interesting in this topic of "Rhetoric."