

External Double Speak Summary

Subject

Article: Double- Speak: The European Union and Gender Parity

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p.g. 304: By saying that there is a 'special need' to having women participate in politics it assumes a male dominant parliament to be the political norm.

—> They don't challenge the systematic nature of male patriarchy, but tighten it

p.g. 309: Concept of ' Equal Opportunity' achieved through women actively participating like boys and men in politics, economics, culture and life etc.

—> this implies have to become "more like men" in order to take on active roles in society

—> implies that the norm is men to which women must aspire (does not respect woman as being different in their own capacity)

Article: "Double-Speak" at the White House: A corpus-assisted study of bisociation in conversational laughter-talk

Author: Alan Partington

Press Briefing (White House —> Clinton Era—> Bush administration)

p.g. 378: Irony...can blind speaker and hearer when a third party is the object of criticism

p.g. 380 "humor invokes setting up a frame of some sort that tells people that whatever is in the frame is 'humorous'"

—>There is also a need for participants to signal that they are operating within such a frame