

La verità nel discorso pubblico: in difesa di una concezione prudente

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Truth in Public Discourse: In Defence of a Prudent Conception

Abstract: In *Disputandum est* (2012) Besussi argues for a realist notion of truth as the foundation and standard of public discourse. In my comment I point out two reasons for defending a more prudent stance on the role of truth in public discourse: a) restraints on the appeal to the whole truth in public discourse can be justified also from a realist point of view, on the grounds of an ontological claim on the nature and origin of political institutions; b) the claim that truth must be relevant for public discourse must rely on assumptions about the relevance of political discourse to truth; this calls for qualifications and distinctions within the broad realm of public discourse.

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