

Parties and Public Reason

Comments on Matteo Bonotti's *Partisanship and Political Liberalism in Diverse Societies*

Reasonable Partisanship as the Cement of a Pluralistic Democracy

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Abstract: Matteo Bonotti's *Partisanship and Political Liberalism in Diverse Societies*

Develops a Rawlsian framework that defines the constraints political parties need to meet in order to promote their justificatory function and ensure the stability of a pluralistic democracy. Though this perspective represents a significant contribution to the debate both on the normative analysis of partisanship and on the scope and content of public reason, I will suggest that some clarifications are in order regarding its ability to contain populist parties and right-wing hateful speeches.

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