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## Debating Diversity

Analysing the Discourse of Tolerance

Immigration, racism and nationalism have become hotly debated issues in the Western world. This highly original and controversial work focuses on the language used by the vast majority who regard themselves as being open to a multi-cultural society. Using Belgium as a case study and drawing parallels with the UK, US, Europe and the former Yugoslavia, the authors analyse this language and reveal a remarkable consistency between these liberal voices, such as in news-reporting, and the language used by radical racist and nationalist groups.

An eminently readable analysis on the rhetoric of the 'tolerant majority' - those who view themselves as being open to a diverse society; a rhetoric that is prevalent throughout the media and political world.

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