Guess Who’s Back?

To evaluate ethical judgements we must *first* untangle our ontological commitments about who is and is not included in the “us” and the “them.” This requires analyzing how policies frame our capacity to apprehend lives. **Butler 1**

Butler, Judith. *Frames of War* (2009), 138

**We ask** such…**who will not**.

**First,** Debate and academica do not take seriously the voices of victims or the complexity of social struggles. **Prosise, et al 1** (Prosise, Theodore O [Masters Candidate, School of Communications, University of San Diego]; Miller, Greg R [Assistant Professor, School of Communications, San Diego State University]; Mills, Jordan P. [Masters Candidate, School of Communications, University of San Diego] “Argument fields as arenas of discursive struggle” Argumentation and Advocacy; Winter 1996)

While this emphasis …**of logical types.**

The study of social power in argumentation and justification is key to the benefits gained from debate. **Prosise 2**:

(Prosise, Theodore O [Masters Candidate, School of Communications, University of San Diego]; Miller, Greg R [Assistant Professor, School of Communications, San Diego State University]; Mills, Jordan P. [Masters Candidate, School of Communications, University of San Diego] “Argument fields as arenas of discursive struggle” Argumentation and Advocacy; Winter 1996)

**Argument is** most … **public decision making.**

**Second,** once a person is excluded from the frame of consideration, they can be perpetually destroyed allowing us to commit the worst possible violence to them. **Butler 2**

Butler, Judith. “Violence, Mourning, Politics” *Studies in Gender & Sexuality* 4.1 (2003), 20 – 23

Lives are supported … that qualifies for recognition.

Non voters are disproportionately members of the lower class **Ebb 1**:

[http://wesscholar.wesleyan.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1988&context=etd\_hon\_theses&sei-redir=1&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fscholar.google.com%2Fscholar%3Fstart%3D20%26q%3D%2522compulsory%2Bvoting%2522%2BAnd%28%2B%2522inclusion%2522%2Band%2522equality%2522%29%26hl%3Den%26as\_sdt%3D0%2C5#search=%22compulsory%20voting%20And%28%20inclusion%20andequality%29%22](http://wesscholar.wesleyan.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1988&context=etd_hon_theses&sei-redir=1&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fscholar.google.com%2Fscholar%3Fstart%3D20%26q%3D%2522compulsory%2Bvoting%2522%2BAnd%28%2B%2522inclusion%2522%2Band%2522equality%2522%29%25)

“**Not only is … and income levels.**”

**And,** turnout affects the actions of politicians. **Ebb 2**

[http://wesscholar.wesleyan.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1988&context=etd\_hon\_theses&sei-redir=1&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fscholar.google.com%2Fscholar%3Fstart%3D20%26q%3D%2522compulsory%2Bvoting%2522%2BAnd%28%2B%2522inclusion%2522%2Band%2522equality%2522%29%26hl%3Den%26as\_sdt%3D0%2C5#search=%22compulsory%20voting%20And%28%20inclusion%20andequality%29%22](http://wesscholar.wesleyan.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1988&context=etd_hon_theses&sei-redir=1&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fscholar.google.com%2Fscholar%3Fstart%3D20%26q%3D%2522compulsory%2Bvoting%2522%2BAnd%28%2B%2522inclusion%2522%2Band%2522equality%2522%29%25)

“**The political system … remedy the problems**.”

Age is a very significant factor in determining the likelihood of an individual voting. Keaney and Rogers,

Emily Keaney and Ben Rogers. A Citizen’s Duty, Voter Inequality and the Case for Compulsory Turnout. May 2006. Ippr.

As already seen, …older age groups.

Recent laws being made at the state level not only ignore youth, but actively work to suppress their vote. **YDNC writes,**

Young Democrates of North Carolina. Republican Contempt for Youth Voters is Nothing New. August 28 2013.

Since Governor Pat … **even entire universities**.

**Contention 3:** Compulsory voting is the only way to reduce abstention due to neglect in politics. **Hill 1**[[1]](#footnote-1) writes

Compulsory voting laws … civic life. Further,

**Contention 4:** Hispanics are severely underrepresented and discouraged from voting. **Pew Center:**

“**Hispanics continue to …** million in 2012.”

Furthermore, participation is key to allowing citizens to make choices about their lives. Without participation, individuals are restricted. **Moon,**

Voting Counts: Participation in the Measurement of Democracy, SCID 15 April 2006, Bruce E. Moon, Jennifer Harvey Birdsall, Sylvia Ciesluk, Lauren M. Garlett, Joshua J. Hermias, Elizabeth Mendenhall, Patrick D. Schmid, and Wai Hong Wong, Department of International Relations Lehigh University

Ballot box power … affected by it (Parry, Moyser and Day, 1992).8

A compulsory voting system would be able to solve the turnout problem and solve other problems of participation and state neglect. **Hill 2**, 2006

[http://jtp.sagepub.com/content/18/2/207.full.pdf+html](http://jtp.sagepub.com/content/18/2/207.full.pdf%2Bhtml)

“**Compulsory ‘voting’** can’t … with campaign ﬁnance.”

1. Lisa Hill Compulsory Voting Laws and Turnout: Efficacy and Appropriateness [↑](#footnote-ref-1)