



Figurative framing in political communication | Conclusions

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- Political metaphors
- Political discourse
- Some other relevant constructions

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Political metaphor?

SOURCE: CONCRETE CONCEPT

JOURNEY

TARGET: ABSTRACT POLITICAL CONCEPT

POLITICS

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Political metaphor?

SOURCE: CONCRETE CONCEPT

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POLITICS, LIFE

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Political metaphor?

SOURCE: CONCRETE CONCEPT

BUILDING

TARGET: ABSTRACT POLITICAL CONCEPT

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Political metaphor?

SOURCE: POLITICAL SITUAION

TARGET: LOVE

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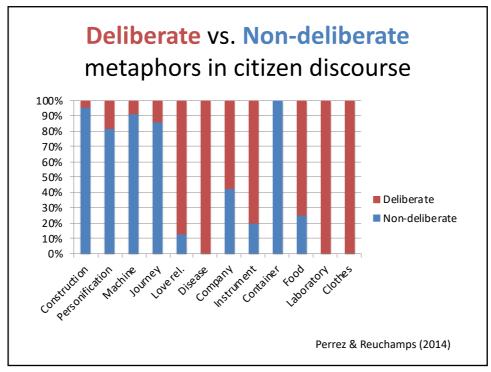
- Political metaphor?
 - A metaphor with a given political function in communication?
 - Produced by a politician in order to convince an audience
 - Producede by a journalist in order to present a given political issue

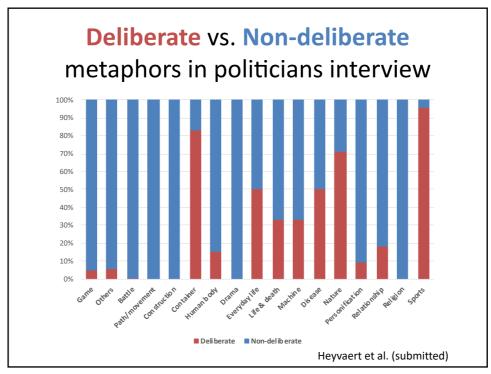


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- Political metaphor?
 - Communicative function
 - // Deliberate Metaphor Theory

Deliberate metaphors are "meant to change the addressee's perspective on the referent or topic that is the target of the metaphor, by making the addressee look at it from a different conceptual domain or space, which functions as a conceptual source (Steen 2008: 222)





Non-deliberate metaphors

Fr. "Mais, ce que je voudrais, si on doit encore **aménager** cette fois ci le fédéralisme tel qu'il a été **construit** progressivement, c'est qu'à un moment donné, on se dise que ça s'arrête, c'est fini." (PBF, D8, 3897-3898)

En. "if we have to **rearrange** federalism as it has progressively been **built up**"

Deliberate metaphors

Du. "Normale partijen die een staatshervorming willen enzovoort die willen eigenlijke hetzelfde als we zo zeggen een ernstige **LAT relatie** in dit land." (PBN, M5, 3130-3131)

En. 'Normal parties that want a state reform and so on, they want in fact the same as <u>let's say</u> a serious **LAT relationship** in this country.

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- Political metaphor?
 - Communicative function
 - // Deliberate Metaphor Theory
 - · Non-deliberate metaphors
 - To speak about politics
 - Deliberate metaphors
 - To convey political meaning | opinion
 - Problems
 - Identification procedure

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- Some other relevant constructions

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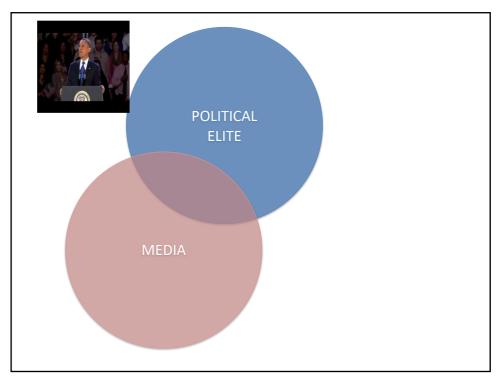
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POLITICAL DISCOURSE?

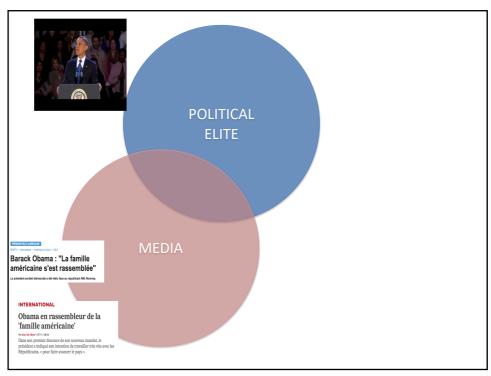


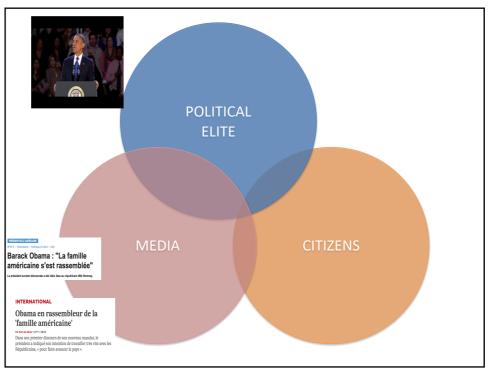
...from the depths of despair to the great heights of hope.

The belief that while each of us will pursue our own individual dreams, we are an American family and we rise or fall together as one nation and as one people.

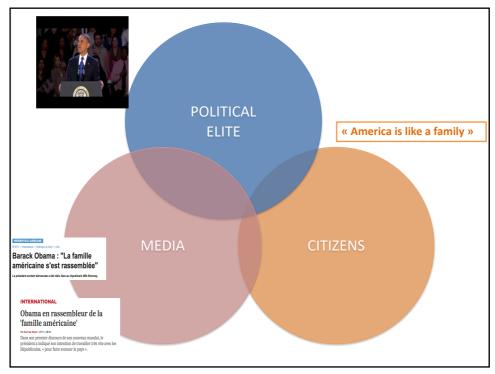


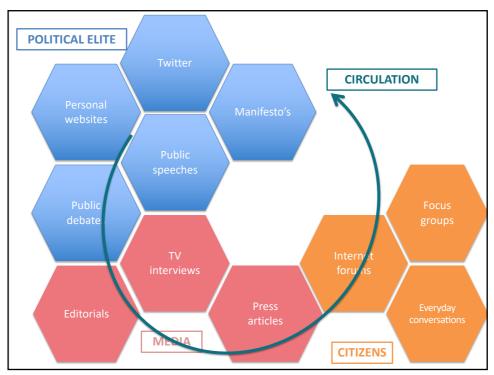












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- Political metaphors
- Political discourse
- Some other relevant constructions
 - Hyperbole
 - Irony
 - Stereotypes
 - Deictics
 - Creative nominalizations

De Wever: il faut éviter la "wallonisation" de l'économie (28/10/2012)

Cette nouvelle sortie du leader de la N-VA a fait réagir sur les réseaux sociaux

BRUXELLES Le président de la N-VA Bart De Wever a fait sienne dimanche une métaphore peu flatteuse pour la Wallonie, qui fleurit ces derniers temps dans certaines sphères au nord du pays. En évoquant sur la VRT la "wallonisation" de l'économie belge, il a suscité le bonheur des communicants sur les réseaux sociaux. S'attirant les foudres d'un ancien syndicaliste flamand à la SNCB, Jos Digneffe, qui a vu dans son propos un caractère raciste, Bart De Wever s'est empressé de réagir auprès de l'agence Belga. Il



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 - Comparisons

Statut unique: «C'est le BHV du dialogue social», estime Magnette

Patricia Labar Mis en ligne il v a 1 heure

Pour le PS Paul Magnette, « la distinction des statuts entre ouvriers et employés n'a plus lieu d'être mais c'est une réforme difficile ».

De Wever: "L'Europe devient un peu la Belgique: qui paie n'a rien à y dire" (09/07/2012)

A ses yeux, la Flandre n'est plus au sommet en raison de faiblesses internes

BRUXELLES "L'idée que l'Europe devient un peu un modèle belge en plus grand prend de l'ampleur. Personne ne peut reprocher aux Allemands de ne pas avoir envie de devenir les Flamands de l'Europe", a affirmé lundi soir le président de la N-VA, Bart De Wever, dans une allocution prononcée avant l'heure à l'occasion de la Fête de la Communauté flamande.

Pour Bart De Wever, celui qui paie doit avoir son mot à dire, et ce n'est ni le cas en Europe, ni en Belgique.



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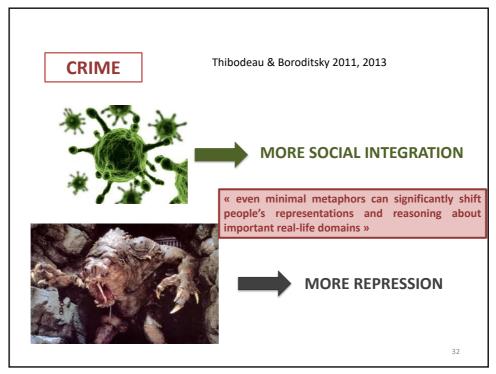
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- Effects of political metaphors on political representations and behaviours
 - Different levels
 - Conceptual alignment => inclination towards repetition of a metaphorical frame?
 - Change one's perspective on a given political topic?
 - Change one's political behaviour?

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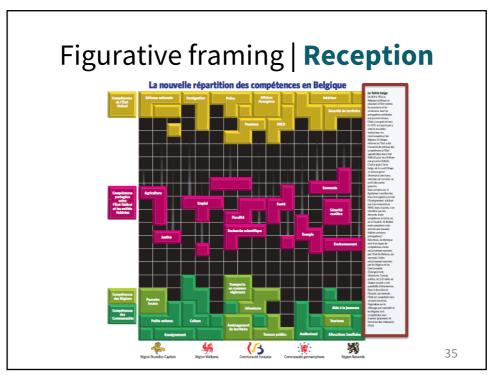
- Steen, Reijnierse & Burgers 2014; Reijnierse, Burgers, Krenmayr & Steen (2015)
 - Reading about crime increases people's overall preference for enforcement, regardless of the metaphorical frame
 - => Under which circumstances do metaphors influence reasoning?

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- Several experiments aiming at measuring the influence of political metaphors
 - Tetris 1.0 | 2.0 | 3.0
 - Basic Income 1.0



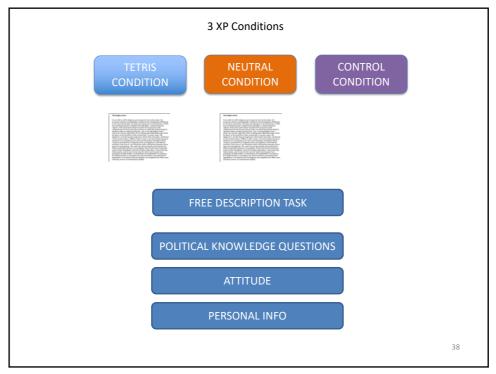
The Belgian tetris

From 1831 to 1970, Belgium came down to the central state, the provinces and the municipalities. Except for the prerogatives devolved to the local authorities, the State took care of everything. In 1970, the constituent power created new institutions: communities and regions. And every state reform has been the occasion to take competences from the state (from there on called the federal state) to redistribute them to federal authorities. This is the big Belgian Tetris, where we see the upper floor that is falling apart (decomposing), block by block, at the benefit of other authorities. In certain cases, the legislator is transferring homogeneous blocks (like education, handed over to the communities in 1989). In other cases, what is involved is just transferring some elements of a competence (it's the case of the tax system: the federal state remains competent but assigned certain prerogatives to the federal entities). From now on, we therefore make a distinction between three types of competences. The ones that are exclusively exercised by the federal state (like Defense, for example). The ones that are exclusively exercised by the Regions and Communities (Education, Town planning, Public works, and so on). An the ones for which each power has some possibility of intervention. In the area of employment, for instance, the (federal) State is competent for certain domains (unemployment legislation, for instance) and the Regions are in charge of other ones (training courses of unemployed people).

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- Several experiments aiming at measuring the influence of political metaphors
 - No direct impact of metaphorical condition
 - Impact of the text
 - // Steen et al. 2014, Reijnierse et al. 2015
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- Mediating / moderatinf effect of other variables
 - Deliberateness? (Reijnierse et al. 2015)?
 - Deliberate metaphors greater impact?
 - Or just not?
 - Non-deliberate metaphors do not offer any alternative (//)
 - Extendedness? (Reinierse et al. 2015)
 - Several linguistic realizations of one mapping?
 - Aptness? (Thibodeau & Durgin 2011)
 - Degree of exposure?

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 - Political knowledge?

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Attitude towards regional autonomy?

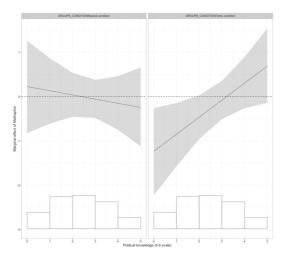
"To what extent do you think that federal entities should care for everything?"

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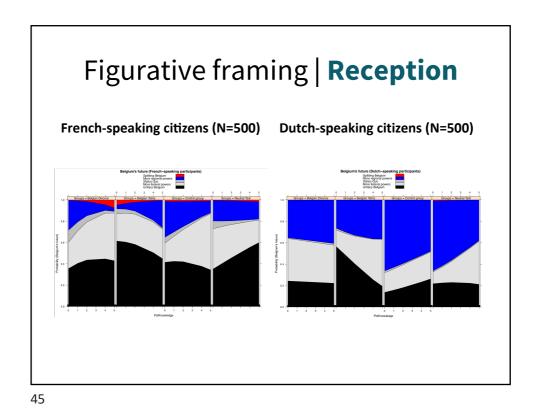
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- Mediating / moderating effect of other variables
 - Political knowledge?
 - Cultural variation?



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Summary

- Production
 - Political metaphors and beyond
 - Various forms of political discourse
- Reception
 - What does it mean for a metaphor to have an impact?
 - Parameters which might interact with the framing effect of metaphors

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Thank you for your attention!